

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 13:1-23

Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne

Blessed are your ears

Today and in the coming Sundays we will hear the parables from Matthew 13. Parables are more of an experience than just a story with a hidden meaning, they are the great wisdom teachings of Jesus. They demand an alertness from us, speaking to our hearts through what is said, and often through what is left unsaid. Parables do not end once we are finished hearing them. They stay with us, often leaving us with unanswered questions that invite us to ponder and reflect on our own experiences; parables awaken our senses.

Today's Gospel is in three parts: the parable Jesus taught, an explanation on why Jesus teaches in parables (probably added later), and an explanation of the parable of the sower (definitely added later). The parable itself is well known and concerns seeds, where they land and what happens to them. We might take note of the seeds as representing God's Word and the effects it has, or does not have, on us. What makes the difference in the parable is the type of soil the seed lands on and how suitable it is for growth to take place. Let us consider our hearts the soil for a moment: how open are we to receiving seeds that may be planted there? Any decent gardener will know that good soil is key in order to cultivate anything. Soil is basically rock that has been broken down by various forces such as wind, rain, freezing and thawing. It can be too acidic, or it can be too alkaline. Good soil needs lots of air and water and some manure; it needs to be tended to and prepared. We too are weathered down by various forces in our lives, which can either close us down and harden our hearts or can open us up and help us to grow into greater awareness. How ready are our hearts for sowing? The disciple is one who hears the word and understands it, and it bears fruit. Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett, 2022. *The Deep End. A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew.*

“The soil is the great connector of lives, the source and destination of all. It is the healer and restorer and resurrector, by which disease passes into health, age into youth, death to life. Without proper care for it we can have no community, because without proper care for it we can have no life. - *Wendell Berry*

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

15th & 16th July, 2023

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

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**The Assumption
Tynock**

Sat/Sun, 15th & 16th July

Eithne Molloy, Rathvilly

Michael & Bríd Moloney, Bough

Christopher Lawlor, Slaney Bank

Jim Haberlin, Ballybit Big

Jean Donegan, Collins Park

Martin Folan, Dublin

Sat/Sun, 22nd & 23rd July

David & Mary Byrne, Patrickswell

Kathleen Burke, Bough and deceased family members

Harry & Elizabeth Donohoe, 2 St. Patrick's Park

James & Mary Smith, Coole

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday from 4 – 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 16th July – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Catherine Carroll.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Saturday, 22nd July – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Mary Kelly, Feddan

CEMETERY MASS 2023

Rathvilly Cemetery Mass – Sunday, 6th August at 11 a.m.

PARISH LOTTO (Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Draw)

Results for 12th July, 2023

Numbers: 05 – 10 – 14 – 28.

No Jackpot winner of €10,000.

21 match 3s get €48.00 each – Two local winners -

Winner – Carla & Leah McEvoy.

Promoter – Fr. McEvoy.

Winner – E.T.B. Leonard.

Promoter – Trish Leonard.

The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.

On **Wednesday, 19th July** the **Jackpot is €11,000.** Tickets €2.

Thank you for supporting the lotto each week. New promoters welcome.

UISCE FOR TANZANIA

Thank you to all who contributed to the recent collection. To date €765.25 was collected. If you would like to give a donation, you can leave it in the Parish Office or Fr. McEvoy's letterbox.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 8th & 9th July

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections.

Rathvilly: Offertory €168.02

Envelopes €541.25

Kiltegan: Offertory €37.52

Envelopes €433.60

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE 2023

World Day for Grandparents & Elderly takes place on Sunday, July 23rd. The National Grandparents Pilgrimage celebrating this day in Knock Shrine will be led by Bishop Denis. The anointing of the sick is at 2.30pm with Mass at 3pm. **Music at the Mass:** The combined Choirs of Knock Parish directed by Una Nolan, director of Music at Knock Shrine. **Dana** will sing the pilgrimage favourite **Lady of Knock** as well as her new hymn **Light the Flame**.

Children's Prayer Appeal: inviting all children to write a prayer for their grandparents and send it to Knock Shrine Museum.

Those unable to attend in person can view online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch

10th Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Nulty

On Friday 4th August Bishop Denis will celebrate the 10th anniversary of his ordination as Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin. People, Religious and Clergy are invited to participate in the 7pm Mass on Sunday 6th August in Carlow Cathedral to mark this occasion and to acknowledge Bishop Denis' dedicated service to the diocese since coming to us in 2013.

VISION RATHVILLY 2040

Public Realm Plan Briefing 31st July at 7.30 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly. Vision Rathvilly 2040 – public Realm Plan is a plan designed to provide a pathway for potential investment in the public realm of Rathvilly. By attending the briefing, individuals can learn about the vision and goals of the plan, the proposed strategies, and interventions, and how it will address current and future challenges.

Queries: email to enterprise@carlowcoco.ie or call Tara McGrath 059 9129783.

RETRACING THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST BRIGID AND ST CONLETH

An 8km walk on the Curragh Plains led by Bishop Nulty takes place on Saturday 29th July. The walk begins at St Anne's School, The Curragh at 12noon and concludes with a Prayer Service in St Brigid's Church, Kildare at 4pm. Refreshments will be available and all are welcome to join. To register for the walk please contact Aras Bhride on 045-521352 or email kildareparish@gmail.com

YOUTH 2000

Join young people between 16 and 35 this August at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from Thursday 10th August to Sunday 13th August 2023. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. Donation only and we have buses going from all over Ireland. For more information and to book your place go to www.youth2000.ie

PIONEER PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Annual Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock will take place this Sunday 16 July. Mass at 3pm with Anointing of the Sick beforehand at 2:30pm. Newsletters & Emblems available at PTAA stand in St John's Rest & Care Centre or via www.pioneers.ie

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 4-19-20-30

Match 3 win or share €150

Mark Doyle Collins Pk. 3-19-20-30 On Line winner

Next draw 18 July 2023 **Jackpot €3,600**

Drive - in bingo continues every Monday night at 8pm sharp

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 3 – 8 – 18 – 29

Laurence Kelly, Garretstown 3-18-20-29

Online Winner

Peter O`Neill, 5 Slaney Bank 8-12-18-29

Michael Kehoe

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Michael Kehoe, Rathvilly Post Office.

Next draw 18 April. 2023 **Jackpot €20,000**. Thank you for all your support.

CARLOW COUNTY MUSEUM

Visit Carlow County Museum and get a snapshot of our great history and see objects of national and international importance. Undertake our children's Museum Detective challenge! Open seven days a week, Free Admission. Carlow County Museum & Carlow Tourist Office, College Street, Carlow Town. Tel: 059-9131554, www.carlowmuseum.ie.

CARLOW ARTS FESTIVAL – CYCLES – JULY WORKSHOPS

Cycles is an arts participation project happening across Hacketstown, Rathvilly, Graiguecullen and Tullow, exploring language, history, landscape and cycling led by artists Michelle Browne and Eszter Némethi. Cycles will culminate in a large outdoor cycling and performance event in September 2023.

This month we have a series of free workshops happening across the county for all ages! No booking is required.

Writing the Landscape - Collective writing and storytelling workshop. We will explore the names and languages of Carlow and write its collective future.

Changing the Landscape - Collage workshop (text and images) exploring the human impact on the landscape.

Being the Landscape - A somatic workshop exploring the landscape through the senses (smell, taste, touch, movement, sound).

Writing the Landscape: Tuesday, 18th July, 4pm, Lawlor's Bar

Changing the Landscape: Tuesday, 25th July, 4pm, Lawlor's Bar

Being the Landscape: Thursday, 27th July, 4pm, Lawlor's Bar

More workshops to come in August!

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO on Tuesday 18th July St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 48 numbers €1740 Double number €320 Lotto €2100