

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 13:24-43 Let it be

In today's Gospel we have three 'Kingdom' parables, each beginning "The Kingdom of Heaven is like ..." The first of these, the parable of the weeds among the wheat, continues the theme of the different reactions to Jesus' message. When weeds are discovered among the healthy crop, the natural reaction is to extract the offending weeds. But the owner's response is clear: let them be. Leave them to grow, side by side. The Kingdom grows and spreads as it will, gradually and unpredictably. It expands outside of our judgement and our narrow ways of thinking. Society might like to separate people into categories, to judge who is valuable or not, but Jesus is clear that this is not our place: leave the field as it is. This approach lines up with the peaceful principles of the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus calls us not to judge, to be at peace with others, to love our enemies. The parable begs the question: which am I? The grain-bearing wheat or the weeds? But for any of us, the answer is unlikely to be clear-cut. Are we not a mixture of both? 'Belief and unbelief, like the wheat and the weeds in the parable, are mixed together in each one of us.' There is good and bad, and everything in between, in each of us, in society and in the Church. Fortunately, Jesus allows for growth and change.

The parable of the mustard seed and the yeast, too, speak of the mysterious and hidden growth of the Kingdom. These parables remind us that we don't yet fully understand; there is room for mystery. The smallest of seeds can grow into the most majestic of plants, far beyond our experience. It is not our place to judge or to place limits on the wild and immeasurable Kingdom of Heaven.

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"To see the world, to understand that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed, requires a people who refuse to be hurried ... The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed or yeast because to be drawn into the Kingdom of Heaven is to participate in God's patience towards creation. Jesus is teaching us to see the significance of the insignificant. - Stanley Hauerwas

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

22nd & 23rd July, 2023

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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
Joseph (JoJo) Dunne, Rathmore
Colm Coleman, The Green, Hacketstown

Sat/Sun, 29th & 30th July

Josephine Doyle, Slaney Bank
Brendan O'Grady, Rathmore
Michael & Mary Doyle, Ballyhackett
James Doyle, Rathdaniel

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

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

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

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

Reader: Mary Kelly, Feddan

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 30th July – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Byrne Family

CEMETERY MASS 2023

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

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

Results for 19th July, 2023 Numbers: 07 – 18 – 21 – 25.

No Jackpot winner of €11,000.

14 match 3s get €72.00 each – No local winners this week.

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

On **Wednesday, 26th July** the **Jackpot is €12,000**. Tickets €2.

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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 15th & 16th July

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €382.85

Envelopes €279.45

Kiltegan: Offertory €72.61

Envelopes €181.00

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE 2023

World Day for Grandparents & Elderly takes place this 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. You can view the Mass 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.

PARISH TAX RECLAIM FORMS

Parishioners who pay income tax can use their tax to help the parish financially. The scheme helps to recognise the support that people give to the parish. Each parishioner's donation is treated with the utmost confidence. The CHY3 forms have been sent out to parishioners who has contributed €250 or more to the parish. CHY3 Form is valid for a period of five years. The parish can claim a refund from the Revenue Commissioners on these contributions. The parish will not receive any information on any individual's circumstances. If you wish the parish to claim the refund, sign the form and return it to the parish office. If you are no longer liable for tax, let us know so that we can update our records.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

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. For more information and to book your place go to www.youth2000.ie

HAIR LOUNGE BARBERS

The Hair Lounge Barbers, Main Street Rathvilly – Opening Hours: Thursday & Friday 9.30 a.m. – 6.00 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Late Evening by Appointment only – Phone 059 9128534

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 9-14-26-30

Match 3 win or share €150

Patrick Keegan Arklow On Line winner

Next draw 25 July 2023 **Jackpot €3,700**

Thank you for your continued support.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 1 - 5 - 17 - 18
Kennedy Grandchildren - K. Kennedy, Ballybit 1-5-8-17 Michael Kehoe
Promoter's prize €20 was won by Michael Kehoe, Rathvilly Post Office.
Next draw 25 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.

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).

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

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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Catholic Marriage Encounter is a Weekend experience for any Sacramentally married couple. Every relationship is a journey, and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This is a space for you and your spouse to pause, reflect, and reconnect privately. Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th November 2023. At "The Cork International Hotel" Cork. To book, visit our website: www.marriageencounter.ie Tel. 087-2162436