

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 13:44-52

Hidden treasure

“Have you understood all this?” Jesus asks his disciples. Over the past few Sundays, we have heard Jesus speaking in parables to the crowds and explaining them privately to the disciples. The disciples are confident they understand everything he has said about the mysteries of the Kingdom. We, the readers, are also privy to this ‘insider’ view. Do we understand?

The three short parables in today’s Gospel – comparing the Kingdom of Heaven to treasure, a pearl and a fishing net – are unique to Matthew’s Gospel, and they are addressed only to the disciples. So what does Matthew want followers of Jesus to know about the Kingdom? It is precious – so precious that its discovery requires us to put aside everything else in order to immerse ourselves wholeheartedly in it. We are called to set aside all selfishness and self-interest, all judgement, all our certainties and superior attitudes, and to live the Kingdom values of humility, openness and compassion. Jesus emphasizes that ‘Kingdom people’ “bring out of their treasure what is new and what is old”. This would have resonated with Matthew’s community, a melting pot of Jew and Gentiles who were discerning the parameters of this ‘new’ movement.

Perhaps the fishing parable, the last in this series of parables, holds the key. It echoes the tone of the parable of the weeds among the wheat – everything is gathered in, a variety, ‘good’ and ‘bad’ alike. As he addresses his disciples, Jesus is aware that they are not perfect. Like us all, they have flaws and weaknesses. Yet we are called to this wide-open vision of Jesus, where all are gathered and none are excluded, and the hidden treasure of the Kingdom are revealed.

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“God’s dragnet gathers all kinds. The diversity of the in-gathering is borne out in the unlikely swirl of peoples around Jesus: sinners and tax collectors, a Roman centurion, people with leprosy and all kinds of diseases, a Gentile woman, people possessed by demons, a little child, a disciple who betrays Jesus, a disciple who denies him, Pharisees who plot his death. **All are drawn in.** - Anna Case-Winters

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www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid’s
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick’s
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

29th & 30th July, 2023

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Recent Death: Tom Doyle, Kill, Tullow

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 29th & 30th July

Josephine Doyle, Slaney Bank

Brendan O’Grady, Rathmore

Michael & Mary Doyle, Ballyhackett

James Doyle, Rathdaniel

Kitty Nolan, Rathmore

Sat/Sun, 5th & 6th August

Months Mind Mass for Peter Byrne, Knocklishen Beg on Saturday, 5th August

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Joe & Bridget Keogh, St. Patrick’s Park

Paddy Kelly, Ballyhackett

Mary Doyle, Knockavagh

Bridget Gahan, Lisnavagh

Rose & Hugh Foley, St. Patrick’s Park

Kevin & Margaret Curry, New Road, Ballyoliver

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Tuesday & Friday – Mass at 9.30 a.m. **Wednesday – Mass at 9.00 a.m.**

Thursday – Communion Service at 9.30 a.m.

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

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 30th July – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Byrne Family

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 6th August – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Breedh Murphy.

RATHVILLY CEMETERY MASS 2023

Mass will take place in St. Patrick’s Cemetery, Rathvilly on Sunday, 6th August at 11.00 a.m. (weather permitting). Please bring a chair or stool.

HOUSEBOUND

Housebound visit for August: Friday, 4th August from 2 – 6 p.m.

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

Results for 26th July, 2023 Numbers: 02 – 20 – 22 – 27.

No Jackpot winner of €12,000.

9 match 3s get €112.00 each – Three local winners this week.

Claire Deering – Promoter – Kitty Kennedy.

Eddie Kelly – Promoter – Rathvilly Post Office.

B & M Reilly – Promoter – Breda Reilly.

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

On **Wednesday, 2nd August** the **Jackpot is €13,000**. Tickets €2.

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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 22nd & 23rd July

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €236.96

Envelopes €359.50

Kiltegan: Offertory €36.80

Envelopes €248.05

INVESTITURE AS KNIGHT

Congratulations to Rathvilly Kiltegan parishioner, Joseph Kane who was admitted as a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem by Cardinal Sean Brady at a ceremony in Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth last weekend.

UISCE FOR TANZANIA

The trustees Michael O'Brien and Jim Kavanagh and the Committee wish to thank everyone for their generous donation of €1,500. Every euro will go directly to the purchase of equipment needed to bring water to the most needy people in rural villages of Mbulu Diocese in Tanzania.

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 – Please note change of Date

Public Realm Plan Briefing, Tuesday, 1st August 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.

DONOUGHMORE SUMMER FETE

Bank Holiday Monday, 7th August 2 – 5 p.m. Fun for all the family! Cakes – Plants Novelty Races – Toys – Mini Auction – Monster Raffle. Adult €3 Children Free.

DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF SAFEGUARDING

The Roman Catholic Dioceses of Kildare and Leighlin and Ossory are jointly seeking to recruit a **Diocesan Director of Safeguarding** with responsibility for children and vulnerable adults. This post will be based between Carlow Town and Kilkenny City and will require travel around both dioceses with parishes in all of counties Carlow & Kilkenny as well as parts of counties Kildare, Offaly, Laois, Wexford & Wicklow giving a combined total of 98 parishes. As this role will also require delivery of training the successful candidate may be required to attend and deliver training during evenings and weekends.

How to Apply:

Applications must take the form of a letter of application addressed to: Aisling Brennan, Bishop's House, Carlow the application must include stated reasons for the application and one's suitability to perform the role of Director of Safeguarding along with a Curriculum Vitae. These items should be emailed to aisling@kandle.ie or posted to Aisling Brennan, Bishop's House, Old Dublin Road, Carlow, R93 F6D5. **Informal enquiries can be made to:** Rev Dr Dermot Ryan: dermotryan@ossory.ie; 056 7721086 **Closing Date: 11th August at 5 p.m.** Full Job description available on our Parish Website or www.kandle.ie

TULLOW CREDIT UNION

Tullow Credit Union are looking for Volunteers to help run this vital community institution. Maybe you could join a committee & maybe eventually become a Director. Free training provided & educational opportunities. Please contact the Manager with your details.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 10-13-15-18

Match 3 win or share €150

George Botis, Rathvilly 10-13-16-18

Borza Takeaway

Next draw 1 Aug. 2023 **Jackpot €3,800**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 2 – 3 – 16 – 20

Mike Foley, Hillview, Kiltegan 2-3-16-29

Online Winner

Ciara and Conor O'Neill c/o 2-3-11-20

Chrissie Deering

Mary and Molly, Knocklishen 2-3-20-23

Brennan's Centra

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Fergal Harmon, Kiltegan.

Next draw 1st. August 2023 **Jackpot €20,000**. Thank you for all your support.

CARLOW COUNTY MUSEUM

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