

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 11:25-30 'Come to me'

Matthew's Gospel is written in the context of a patriarchal society where men counted, and women and children did not. The social reality was that children had no voice. They were invisible. Yet, children are given high visibility in Matthew, and in today's text Jesus puts 'infants' center stage as the ones who are great examples of humility and wisdom (18:3-5; 19:13-15; 21:15). Jesus praises God for the grace of openness and humility he sees around him, for revealing 'these things' to 'infants'. There is a satisfying reversal of expectations here.

You can search online for nuggets of wisdom from children and the results will warm your heart:

- 'I like wind because it makes everything dance.'
- 'As we walked on the beach for the first time my four-year-old yelled: "I love being in this world."'
- 'I asked my five-year-old how his day was, and he said, "It was awesome". I asked him why, and he replied, "Because I wanted it to be!"

The challenge for each of us today is to rekindle a childlike sense of awe and wonder for our world, not to let our hearts become hardened like those of the 'wise' in the Gospel. For Jesus, God's grace is found in the humble, in those who are open to new possibilities, in those whose hearts are open. We are invited to grow in greater awareness by seeing through the eyes of a child, rather than through the eyes of those who claim to have all the answers.

Jesus desires freedom for each of us so that we can find rest in his love and tenderness and a wisdom for which the soul yearns. In times when we feel exhausted or in despair the final lines of today's Gospel is worth spending time with:

"Come to me, all you that are weary ... I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

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"Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I will not lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly. - *The Massage*"

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

8th & 9th July, 2023

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Recent Deaths: Jason Hickey, Tynock & Tullow Peter Byrne, Knocklishen Beg

Sat/Sun, 8th & 9th July

James & Bernadette Fanning, Williamstown

Eamon Byrne, 16 Collins Park

Cicely Hanford, Ballyoliver

Joe Lawlor, Phelan Street

Michael O'Neill, Slaney View

Funeral Mass for the Ashes of Maura & Jack Farrell will take place this Saturday, 8th July at 12 Noon in St. Patrick's Church and will be followed by burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Rathvilly.

Sat/Sun, 15th & 16th July

Eithne Molloy, Rathvilly

Jim Haberlin, Ballybit Big

Michael & Bríd Moloney, Bough

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

Sunday, 9th July – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Siobhan Doyle.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 16th July – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Nigel Byrne.

CEMETERY MASSES 2023

At 9.30 a.m. Mass this Sunday, 9th July in Talbotstown Church we will remember all who are interred in Kilranelagh Cemetery and other Cemeteries in the Kiltegan area.

Tynaclash Cemetery Mass – this Sunday, 9th July at 7 p.m.

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

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.

UISCE FOR TANZANIA

This is a charity in support of the work of providing clean water supplies to villages in Northern Tanzania. The Trustees of the Charity meet in the Parochial House, Hacketstown and Rathdangan-born Jim Kavanagh is a key worker involved in delivering projects in Tanzania. We can help by assisting in the funding of the projects. The plan for 2023-2024 involves trying to raise in the region of €40,000 to cover a number of projects. Each water project can provide clean water for around 5,000 people living in villages. Jim will speak at Masses in Rathvilly Church next weekend, 8th/9th July. Further information www.uiscefortanzania.ie.

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

Results for 5th July, 2023 Numbers: 21 – 23 – 26 – 27.
One Jackpot winner of €19,000 – Anonymous from Raheen Parish.
8 match 3s get €125.00 each – Two local winners -
Winner - Brigid Reilly – Promoter – Breda Reilly.
Winner – The Leonard Brothers – Promoter – Philip Kirwan.
The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.
On **Wednesday, 12th July the Jackpot is €10,000.** Tickets €2.
Thank you for supporting the lotto each week. New promoters welcome.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 1st & 2nd July

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections.
Rathvilly: Offertory €253.15 Envelopes €562.68
Kiltegan: Offertory €59.10 Envelopes €171.50

CHILDRENS SUMMER CAMP

Designer Minds have 2 upcoming Summer Camps running in Carlow. Choose a Science Design & Technology Camp OR Art Camp (or try out both and receive a discount). For all boys & girls currently in Senior Infants up to 6th Class. Check Dates and Register online at www.designerminds.ie or call 087 631 0411

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 next 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 9-16-20-30
Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips
May Hayes Bough On Line winner
Brigid Keogh Ladystown On Line winner
Cormac & Sean Leonard Rahill Sean Leonard
D J Gahan Slaney Meadows Bingo winner
Mary Donegan Mountneill Mick Kehoe
Next draw 11 July 2023 **Jackpot €3,500**

TRACTOR RUN

St. Mary's Church, Rathvilly – TRACTOR RUN at Bough Old School in aid of St. Mary's Church and The Lalor Centre, Baltinglass this Sunday, 9th July at 2 p.m.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 15 – 18 - 23 - 27
John Halligan, Station Road 8-15-18-23 Gabriel Deering
Promoter's prize €20 was won by Breda Keogh, Parkmore, Baltinglass.
Next draw 11 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.

'UNDER MARY'S MANTLE'

Under Mary's Mantle is a conference on faith and culture for young adults (18-35) with talks, prayer, Mass, Confession, workshops, food and social in the historic All Hallows campus, DCU, Dublin. A chance to build your faith in friendship with young men and women from across the country. The talks and workshops range widely from poetry to reading the Bible, vocations and Mary in the Liturgical Year! Mass and Confessions take place both days. The conference takes place Saturday and Sunday, with a discounted ticket available for both days. If you're free for one, single day tickets are also available. Two day Saturday & Sunday – €60 Day rates – Sat €40; Sun €30 STUDENTS get 10% discount – deusetpatria@gmail.com for discount code. There is a limited amount of accommodation available in DCU, contact deusetpatria@gmail.com or call 085 1442423 for rates and information.