

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 14:22-33* **Storms ahead*

Jesus had been hit by one of life's great traumas, losing John to a violent death. He makes a second attempt to withdraw from the crowds and this time succeeds in finding a place (up a mountain) to be alone and pray. He must also be reflecting on how his fate will mirror that of John. We are reminded that Jesus understands the depths of human emotions such as loss, fear and uncertainty. He is fresh from this experience when confronted with Peter's vulnerability. In the moment that Jesus calls him, Peter is all faith, stepping out of the boat in his rush to get to Jesus. This mirrors his enthusiasm and bravado elsewhere, such as when he confidently affirms "You are the Messiah" (Mt 16:16). But as soon as he realises conditions are challenging, he starts to sink, prefiguring some of his less commendable moments, where he fails to understand (16:22) and even abandons Jesus (26:69-75). Peter, the model disciple, is a complex mix of faith and fear. The Good News is that when Peter falters, Jesus reaches out to steady him and draw him close. And we hear some of his most consoling words: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

The early readers of Matthew's Gospel were living through a period of uncertainty. The community was navigating its way through storms of insecurity and division. Our Christian community today is dealing with its own storms and divisions, fearful of losing its way. There is a narrative in the Western world that the Church is on the way out, irrelevant, sinking. Many Christians are saddened by the loss of the Church's solid place in society. Many more feel the structures of the past must be dismantled or reformed in order for a new Church to emerge. We are in need of reassurance that it is not our imperfect efforts that matter so much as the knowledge that, even in the storm, Jesus is with us, calling us to Him, catching us, urging us 'not to be afraid', calming the storm.

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"Courage allows the successful woman to fail – and to learn powerful lessons from failure – so that in the end, she didn't fail at all. -
Maya Angelou.

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

12th & 13th August, 2023

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 12th & 13th August

Peter Blake, Garretstown

Josie & Peter Doyle, Knockroe

Lena Watt nee McGuirk, Melbourne & Ricketstown

Fr. Christopher O'Brien, Haroldstown - Mass on Monday at 7.30 p.m.

Sat/Sun, 19th & 20th August

Michael & Ellen Tobin, Rathmore

Michael Tobin, Rathmore

Bridie Tobin, Rathmore

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

HOLY DAY - FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION – Tuesday, 15th August

Vigil Mass on Monday, 14th August at 7.30 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, 15th Aug at 11 a.m.

Wednesday & Thursday – Communion Service at 9.30 a.m.

Friday – Benediction & Rosary at 7 p.m. **Mass at 7.30 p.m.**

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

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Saturday, 12th August – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Muireann Gartland.

HOLY DAY - Tuesday, 15th August – Feast of the Assumption – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 20th August – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Fiona Kane.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 5th & 6th August

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €1,275.32

Envelopes €1,413.20

Kiltegan: Offertory €48.72

Envelopes €154.32

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

Results for 9th August, 2023 Numbers: 05 – 11 – 20 – 28.

21 Match 3 numbers and get €48.00 each. One local winner –

Winner - Ena Byrne. Promoter – Anna Mae Byrne.

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

On **Wednesday, 16th August the Jackpot is €15,000.** Tickets €2.

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

LOTTO FREE DRAW FOR LOCAL PARTICIPANTS – MARCH – JULY

Winner	Promoter
€50 – Laurence Byrne	Rathvilly Post Office
€50 – David Brennan	Kitty Kennedy
€25 – Cheryl Donovan	Tommy Donovan
€25 – Robert Conway	Philip Kirwan
€25 – Ann Connors	Maria Doyle
€25 – Mary Manley	Mary Manley
€25 – Anne Marie Molloy	Tommy Donovan
€25 – Seamus Cunningham	Mary Cunningham
€25 – Promoters Prize – Breda Reilly	

THANK YOU FROM BISHOP DENIS

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all those who attended and who organised the Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday evening Aug 6th to mark the 10th anniversary of my Episcopal Ordination. Thanks also for the good wishes expressed in so many ways. I deeply appreciate all your support during the last ten years, let us continue to 'Serve the Lord with gladness'. +Denis

HURLING FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Davy Russell's Best V Jim Bolger's Stars

The Hurling for Cancer Research charity match, run annually by the legendary racehorse trainer Jim Bolger and the two-time National Hunt champion jockey Davy Russell, has raised more than €1m for the Irish Cancer Society's vital cancer research in its 8-year history. The good news is that you will still get your chance to rub shoulders with celebrities from sports and entertainment all whilst making a difference and helping support vital cancer research with Hurling For Cancer Research to be held on Monday 21 August 2023 from 6pm at Netwatch Cullen Park in Carlow. Purchase your individual (€10) or family* (€15) ticket online or make a donation direct to Hurling for Cancer Research and help support a great cause. All funds from the sale of tickets and donations will go directly towards funding vital cancer research, bringing us closer to a future free from cancer.

For any questions regarding Hurling For Cancer Research please contact Emma at ehayden@irishcancer.ie.

*A family ticket covers two adults and up to three children under 15.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 7-25-27-29

Match 3 win or share €150

John Kehoe Station Rd. 7-14-25-27 Helen Deering

Next draw 15 Aug. 2023 **Jackpot €4,000**

Drive-in Bingo continues every Monday night @ 8.30pm sharp

Thank you for your continued support.

BAPTISMS DATES – SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2023

Saturday, 9th September – Talbotstown Church at 3.00 p.m.

Sunday, 10th September – Rathvilly Church at 12 Noon.

Saturday, 14th October – Tynock Church at 3.00 p.m.

Sunday, 15th October – Rathvilly Church at 12 Noon.

Saturday, 11th November – Talbotstown Church at 3.00 p.m.

Sunday, 12th November – Rathvilly Church at 12 Noon.

Saturday, 9th December – Tynock Church at 3.00 p.m.

Sunday, 10th December – Rathvilly Church at 12 Noon.

Families can choose any of the three Churches for their Baptisms.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 17 – 24 – 25 – 26

Trish Harmon, Kiltegan

Jason Byrne, 5 Bramble Court, Tullow

Martin Timmons, Woodgrove Avenue

Declan Clarke, Waterstown

Leo Foley, Woodgrove Avenue

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Jenny Donegan, Collins Park.

Next draw 15th. August 2023 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support.

Fergal Harmon

Clive Byrne

Brian Curran

Declan Clarke

Michael Kehoe

HERITAGE WEEK 2023 LECTURE

Carlow County Museum and Carlow GAA present a Free Lecture by Dr Siobhan Doyle, author, of 'A History of the GAA in 100 Objects and the Carlow Connections' on Thursday August 17th at 8.00pm in the Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow Town. On display will be a selection of Carlow GAA memorabilia from our clubs. All Welcome.

IRISH CATHOLIC – available in Rathvilly Church each week - €3

Some of the items covered in this week's issue -

Irish youth urged to invite friends back to Church . . .

Cenacolo co-worker pays tribute to founder Mother Elvira . . .

Vandalism reawakens desire to see Little Nellie's grave moved . . .

ALL-IRELAND POLLINATOR PLAN

Avoid using insecticides, fungicides and herbicides These potent chemical cocktails are designed to kill various organisms. Herbicides kill the 'weeds' that provide them with important food. www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

PRAYER FOR FINE WEATHER

All-powerful and ever-living God, we find security in your care and love for us.

Give us the fine weather we pray for and now badly need.

Bless the hard work and efforts of so many of our people that their labours may come to fruition.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen**