

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne

*Matthew 15:21-28***As you wish**

Following an altercation with the religious leaders Jesus 'left that place' and went to the area of Tyre and Sidon. The geography in today's text is important because these areas were a no-go for a respectable Jew. Canaanites were despised by the people of Israel. They were exiled so that Israelites could take control of the land. Relations between these two groups were extremely hostile. By approaching Jesus, the Canaanite woman in the Gospel crosses the boundary of ethnicity as well as gender. This is a narrative on the extreme margins, in unfamiliar territory. The Canaanite woman is the first woman to speak in Matthew's Gospel. She not only speaks, she shouts at Jesus: "Lord help me!"

The response of Jesus that follows has disturbed biblical scholars forever. Was he joking? Was it the test of a good teacher to see how the disciples and this woman would react? We just don't know. But 'is it possible that Jesus learned from this encounter with this remarkable woman and gained a larger vision of his calling?' What we do know is that this incident is of huge importance for the community that Matthew writes for as it concerns the expansion of Jesus' mission to the Gentiles. The circle is broadened from this point onward, reaching out beyond the boundaries set by the 'House of Israel'. The disciples want to 'send her away'. The woman is an inconvenience to them, and they are unable to handle her. But she will not be silenced. This brave woman claims her place at the table. This dialogue between Jesus and the woman is one that can only happen in a space of honesty and acceptance. Through her persistence she stands up for all those who are dismissed, and in doing so is praised for her 'great faith', and her daughter is healed. Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett 2022. The Deep End. A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew

"My voice, my debate with Jesus shapes a new tradition. The release of my daughter from bondage symbolizes the release of our daughters' daughters down through the ages from all that binds them, physically, socially, culturally, psychologically, racially, and religiously - *Elaine Wainwright*."

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO**www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam Radio 104.3 fm****ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, Rathvilly/Kiltegan - 083 1494412****Parish Office – Mon-Fri: 10 am – 1 pm - 059 9161114****Email: office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie Website: www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie****Registered Charity Number 20015848****Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie Parish Radio 104.3 fm****Local Safeguarding Reps: Mary Phelan Elizabeth Austin David Carton****Diocesan Director of Safeguarding: Ms Kathleen Sherry Email: safeguarding@kandle.ie****RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH****NEWSLETTER****St. Brigid's****Talbotstown****19th & 20th August, 2023****St. Patrick's****Rathvilly****20th Sunday in Ordinary Time****The Assumption****Tynock****Recent Death: Fr Sean Cullen, St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan****ANNIVERSARY MASSES****Sat/Sun, 19th & 20th August**

Michael & Ellen Tobin, Rathmore

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Bridie Tobin, Rathmore

Sat/Sun, 26th & 27th August**Months Mind Mass for Tom Doyle, Kill on Saturday, 26th August at 7.30 p.m.****ANNIVERSARY MASSES**Fr Bernard Ryan - 30th Anniversary

Marie Doyle, The Moate

Patrick & Kathleen Merrigan

Andrew & Robert Merrigan

Mary Hanlon, Fr. Cullen Tce.

Peter Mullin, Rathdangan

Brian & Laura O'Donoghue, Williamstown

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday – Mass 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.**ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN**Sunday, 20th August – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Fiona Kane.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCKSunday, 27th August – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Lucilla Brophy.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 12th & 13th August

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €247.40

Envelopes €272.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €14.25

Envelopes €211.00

CARLOW ROSE – Caoimhe Deering

Best wishes to Caoimhe Deering, Ballybit who is representing Carlow in the Rose of Tralee Festival. She is doing her family, the parish and the community of Rathvilly proud. You can tune in and see the festival live on Monday and Tuesday night. Everyone in the parish of Rathvilly wishes her well and hope she brings home the crown.

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

Results for 16th August, 2023 Numbers: 03 – 12 – 17 – 30.

15 Match 3 numbers and get €67.00 each. One local winner –

Winner - Mary O’Neill. Promoter – Trish Leonard.

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

On **Wednesday, 23rd August the Jackpot is €16,000.** Tickets €2.

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

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. 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 5-11-18-27

Match 3 win or share €150

G. Bennett Dunlavin 5-11-18-25

Bingo Winner

Tom Deering Knockavagh 5-11-14-18

Helen Deering

Next draw 22 Aug. 2023 **Jackpot €4,100**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 6 - 7- 23 – 27

Trish Harmon, Kiltegan

Fergal Harmon

Anne Marie Kavanagh, Rathdangan

Online Winner

Michael Conroy, Tullamore, Co. Offaly

Online Winner

Promoter’s prize €20 was won by The Harp Bar, Rathvilly.

Next draw 22nd. August 2023 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for your support.

TREASURE IRELAND

A new video series launched recently by the Irish Dominicans is an ambitious project that will take the friars to every county in Ireland, filming roughly ten videos in each county, highlighting the many and varied stories that make up the history of Irish Christianity.

The series is currently focused on the counties which overlap with the territory of the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin: Laois, Kildare, Carlow, and (soon!) Kilkenny.

Some of the sites visited include Timahoe, the Rock of Dunamase, and the Brownshill Dolmen. The story of Jesuit photographer, Fr Frank Browne, is told in a video recorded in Emo Court, and that of pioneering scientist, Fr Nicholas Callan, in a video from Maynooth. The stories of the great saints of these counties feature prominently: there are videos on St Brigid, St Mochua, St Moling, St Fergal of Aghaboe, and the Dominican martyr, Blessed Peter O’Higgins. There’ll soon be added to that list the stories of two great bishops of Kildare and Leighlin: Daniel Delany (d. 1814) and James Doyle (d. 1834), also known as J.K.L. (‘James of Kildare and Leighlin’). All of these stories are told in a way designed to interest believers and non-believers alike, showing, bit by bit, that the Gospel is woven inseparably into the fabric of Irish history.

The videos can be viewed on <https://www.kandle.ie/treasure-ireland/> and <https://www.youtube.com/irishdominicans>

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

Some of the items covered in this week’s issue –

Ireland urged to ‘dream big’ to host World Youth Day

Chai Brady and Jason Osborne Ireland hosting a major international Catholic event like World Youth Day could be a key moment in renewing and reforming the Church here, bishops have told The Irish Catholic. A dozen Irish bishops have just returned from the global youth event in Lisbon where more than 1.5 million young Catholics...

Migrants are a ‘resource’ for Church in Ireland’s future

Catholic migrant communities have higher levels of religiosity than ‘indigenous Irish’ and should be seen as a “resource for the future” of the Church, a University College Dublin (UCD) academic has said. Professor of Migration and Social Policy Bryan Fanning of UCD told The Irish Catholic that religion in Irish society should not be viewed...

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