

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne

***Matthew 18:21-35* Turning around**

We continue to read from Matthew 18 on the virtues that are essential for the Christian community, and today's parable deals with forgiveness. Peter is told to forgive seventy times seven, a number which represents infinity, that is, endless forgiveness. God's grace and mercy is abundant, and we are called to extend that grace and mercy to others. The vision which is unfolding in Matthew's Gospel emphasises restoring relationships and wholeness within the community and this usually involves a change in perspective. As Christian communities today, we are certainly faced with a new question: what does restoration and wholeness look like in an era of ecological breakdown?

During this Season of Creation can we admit to ourselves that our relationship with God's creation is fractured? Coming into this awareness is a painful process. It means awakening to the realities of the loss of biodiversity, the fact that we are spewing millions of tons of harmful greenhouse gases into the thin shell of our atmosphere, the destruction of the great forests, the pollution of our oceans and rivers with plastic, the degradation of the soil and wetlands, our 'throwaway culture'. All of these things cause us great distress, and we feel it on a level that we are not even aware of. Our *turning around* begins by sitting in this painful awareness of what is and, like the slaves in the parable today who 'saw what had happened' and 'were greatly distressed', we are called to respond to what we see. Beginning to *see* the need for reconciliation with God, with our sisters and brothers who are suffering, and with creation which cries out to us is the first step on this journey of ecological conversion. "For we know that things can change" (*Laudato Si'*, 13).

Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett, 2022. *The Deep End. A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew.*

CARLOW COUNTY MUSEUM

Visit Carlow County Museum and get a snapshot of our great history and see objects of national and international importance. Open seven days a week.

Free Admission. Tel: 059-9131554, www.carlowmuseum.ie.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, Rathvilly/Kiltegan - 083 1494412

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam Radio 104.3 fm

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

16th & 17th September, 2023

St. Patrick's

Rathvilly

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Assumption

Tynock

Months Mind Mass for George Faulkner, Rathdaniel on Saturday, 23rd September

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 16th & 17th September

Terry O'Brien, Collins Park

Jim Breen, Knockboy

Pa Cole, Rathdaniel

Elizabeth Haberin, Ballyhackett

Myles, Elizabeth & Ann Keating, Ballyhackett & deceased family members

Sean Kehoe, Mount Lucas

Peter Kelly, Waterstown

Katie Bulmer, Waterstown

Bob & Kathleen Myers, Bough

Sat/Sun, 23th & 24th September

James & Agnes Byrne, Ballybit

Jenny Curran, St. Patrick's Park

Peter Gahan, Kevin Barry Road

George Gahan, Kevin Barry Road

James O'Leary, Bray

Padraig Coady, St. Patrick's Park

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

Friday – Adoration will conclude at 6.50 p.m. followed by Benediction and Rosary and Mass at 7.15 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday from 4 – 6.50 p.m.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Saturday, 16th September – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Siobhan Doyle.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 24th September – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Mary Byrne.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 9th & 10th September

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

Rathvilly: Offertory € 342.18

Envelopes €535.10

Kiltegan: Offertory €77.56

Envelopes €105.55

CHURCH FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the recent collection for Flowers for the Church. A total of €497.00 was raised.

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

Results for 13th September, 2023 Numbers: 02 – 11 – 15 – 22.

21 Match 3 numbers and get €48.00 each. No local winners –

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

On **Wednesday, 20th September** the **Jackpot is €20,000**. Tickets €2.

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

FORÓIGE

Foróige restarts for both Seniors and Junior Clubs on Friday, 22nd September.

Seniors is for secondary school students only and Junior Club is for 5th & 6th Class

from National School. Contact Mary Cunningham on 086 3626543 for Senior Club

and new leaders are welcome to join. Contact Catherine Carroll on 087 3301199 for

Junior Club. Looking forward to another fun packed year at Bigstone Hall.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland a

special Weekend has been scheduled for the 10th -12th November 2023.

Venue: The Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Eircode W91 XR23

This Weekend is available to all married couples at no fixed charge beyond the

deposit of €50 per couple and a voluntary donation. To book

visit www.marriageencounter.ie

SAFETALK – Become Suicide Alert!

Saturday, 14th October from 10 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. at the Lalor Centre, Baltinglass.

SafeTALK suicide alertness for everyone prepares participants to identify persons

with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources.

This training is suitable for anyone over the age of 18. Training is free of charge.

Booking is essential – admin@breakingthrough.org or 016060858 or

www.nosp.ie/training Book by the 6th October.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 4-8-14-19

Match 3 win or share €150

Michelle Moore Carlow 3-4-8-19

On Line winner

Aidan McDermott Ricketstown 4-6-8-14

On Line winner

Rebecca Carass 4-14-19-21

On Line winner

Nancy Doody Baltinglass 3-4-8-19

Bingo winner

Anthony Ryan Monavoth 4-8-19-22

Mick Kehoe

Next draw 19 Sept 2023 **Jackpot €4,500**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 12 – 19 – 26 – 27

Mick O Sullivan

Online Winner

Ger O Boyle, 12 Kevin Barry Road

Michael Kehoe

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Breda Keogh.

Next draw 19th September 2023 **Jackpot €20,000**. Thank you for your support.

Go Deeper Season of Creation

The Ignatian Ecological Examen is a wonderful (and challenging) tool to help us discern a way forward. Find a quiet place this week and see if these questions aid reflection:

- ❖ Begin in gratitude: giving thanks to God for creation. Notice where you felt God's presence in creation today.
- ❖ Come into awareness: ask for the grace to see creation as God does – in all its splendour and in all suffering. Do you see the beauty of creation and hear the cry of the earth and the poor?
- ❖ Ask for the gift of conversion: where have I fallen short in caring for creation? Ask for the grace of a conversion of the heart.
- ❖ Reconciliation: how might I reconcile this relationship with God, creation and humanity? Can I stand in solidarity through my action and make choices consistent with my desire for reconciliation with creation?
- ❖ Offer a closing prayer for the earth and those now suffering the effects of climate change and biodiversity loss.

Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett, 2022. *The Deep End. A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew*

CLIMATE ACTION AT CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Carlow County Council has recently appointed a Community Climate Action Officer to roll out a funding stream to Community Groups under the Community Climate Action Programme. The aim of this programme is to support and empower local groups build low carbon communities in a planned way and contribute to national climate and energy targets. Funding supports will be targeted at a range of different projects, from small projects under €20,000 up to a maximum of €100,000 for large projects. The funding offered will cover 100% of the costs up to the maximum level of the funding support available. Any group interested in finding out more should contact Áine Byrne to discuss their potential idea, and to receive advice on the application process on byrne@carlowcoco.ie

Carlow County Council has also published its Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 and the plan is now opened for public consultation. Submissions / Observations are welcome in writing from 13th September 2023 – 25th October 2023 at 4pm.

The Climate Action Co-Ordinator and Community Climate Action officer will host a drop-in clinic for anyone interested in finding out more about the Community Climate Action Programme or the Carlow County Council Climate Action Plan in library branches on the following dates:

Tullow Library Wednesday 20th September from 5 – 7 pm

Carlow Library Thursday 21st September from 5 – 7pm

TRIP TO ROSCOMMON – Sunday, 1st October for 4 nights. Contact Duffy's Coach Hire on 087 2543235 or 059 6471681.