

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 20:1-16

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Unequal opportunities

The parables of Jesus challenge our certainties about the world. Today, we hear the story of the landowner who pays the same wages to all the workers. Although they receive the promised wage, the ‘early birds’ feel hard done by. Perhaps we can relate. Our individualistic culture tells us that only some people deserve a decent standard of living. But this narrative ignores the reality that people do not have equal opportunities or privileges in life. In this Season of Creation, we are mindful in particular of those who suffer as a result of environmental damage caused by the comfortable lifestyle of others. One example of this is the palm oil industry. A popular ingredient in foods and cosmetic products, the production of palm oil contributes to the large-scale destruction of tropical forests, loss of habitat for endangered species, soil erosion and loss of livelihood.

Earth is our common home. Like the labourers, every person on Earth deserves equal dignity and the means to flourish. It is deeply unjust that a large percentage of the world’s population suffers from poverty, simply by virtue of being born in a particular place. In today’s parable, Jesus subverts expectations: everyone is to be treated equally, regardless of their opportunities or productivity. Instead of self-interest, we are called to deep concern for the *Common Good*. Jesus concludes with the refrain: “the last will be first, and the first will be last”. Not only is there no discrimination in the Kingdom, but we are to go beyond what might appear fair and give preferential treatment to those who are without privilege. In *Laudato Si’*, Pope Francis summons us to a “*preferential option for the poor*” referring to the trend throughout the Scriptures of God siding with the most vulnerable and powerless people. Solidarity with the world’s poorest involves an honest examination of our attitudes and lifestyles, making choices that propel us forward into a world where “the last will be first”. Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett, 2022. *The Deep End. A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew*.

“The rejection of every form of self-centeredness and self-absorption are essential if we truly wish to care for our brothers and sisters and for the natural environment. These attitudes also attune us to the moral imperative of assessing the impact of our every action and personal decision on the world around us. - *Pope Francis*

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid’s
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick’s
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

23rd & 24th September, 2023

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Recent Death: Christian Chevalier, Fourchambault, France

Months Mind Mass: George Faulkner, Rathdaniel this Saturday, 23rd September

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 23rd & 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
Anthony Meehan, Slaney Bank
Michael & Kathleen Moore, Knocklishen

Sat/Sun, 30th Sept/1st Oct

Margaret O’Leary, Williamstown	Edward Drea, Rathmore
John Byrne, 22 Fr. Cullen Tce.	Patrick Deering, Ballybit
Frank McArdle, Glenlodge, Ricketstown	Kathleen Deering, Ballybit
Patrick & Nellie Keegan, Ballyoliver	Siobhan Farrell, Haroldstown

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Tuesday & Thursday– Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday– Rathvilly National School – Start of new year Mass at 9.45 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.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

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

Reader: Mary Byrne.

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 1st October – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Fiona Kane.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 16th & 17th September

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €241.46

Envelopes €204.90

Kiltegan: Offertory €147.97

Envelopes €246.90

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

Results for 20th September, 2023 No Jackpot winner. Numbers: 11 – 16 – 17 – 25.
11 Match 3 numbers and get €91.00 each. No local winners –
The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.
On **Wednesday, 27th 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 evenings in Bigstone. 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.

POOR CLARES MONASTERY, GRAIGUECULLEN, CARLOW

Poor Clares in Carlow invite women from age 22 to 40 years for a cuppa and a chat to find out more about our way of life. If interested please contact us before the event poorclaresvoc@gmail.com Saturday, 30th September from 2.30 – 4.30 p.m.

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.

IRISH ASSOCIATION OF CARDIAC REHABILITATION – PODCAST

Experienced a cardiac event? 'It's Cardiac Rehab!' – a podcast series for you developed by the Irish Association of Cardiac Rehabilitation and Irish Heart Foundation to support your recovery. Its all about getting you better than before <https://irishheart.ie/services-for-you/its-cardiac-rehab-podcast/>

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 2-4-16-26
Match 3 win or share €150
Caroline Kelly Ballon 2-4-14-26 On Line winner
Next draw 26 Sept. 2023 **Jackpot €4,600**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 6 – 7 – 8 – 9
Adam Lawlor, Michael Collins Park 6-8-9-29 Online Winner
Linda Armstrong, Stratford on Slaney 3-7-8-9 Online Winner
Mark Curran, Woodgrove Avenue 7-8-9-20 Martin Timmons
Eddie Kelly, Ballyhackett, Tullow 2-6-8-9 Michael Kehoe
Joe Lawlor, Woodgrove Avenue 5-7-8-9 Michael Kehoe
Ciara Watkins c/o Kitty Kennedy, Ballybit 6-8-9-20 Michael Kehoe
Promoter's prize €20 was won by Laura Kavanagh.
Next draw 26th. September 2023 **Jackpot €20,000**. Thank you for 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 six days a week, Free Admission. Carlow County Museum & Carlow Tourist Office, College Street, Carlow Town.
Tel: 059-9131554, www.carlowmuseum.ie.

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO

Tuesday 26th Sept St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm Jackpot on 50 numbers €3040
Double number €810 Lotto €2600

ADULT LITERACY FOR LIFE

Do you know in Ireland that almost 1 in 5 adults have difficulty with reading and writing? 1 in 4 have difficulty with maths and 1 in 2 have difficulty using digital devices? If you or an adult family member would like support, please contact your local ETB. This service is FREE and CONFIDENTIAL.
Contacts for services: Carlow Adult Learning Service: 059 9135544 or NALA free phone number: 1800 202 065

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

Some of the topics covered in this week's issue -
Parishioners to take on leading funeral rites
Church leaders are hopeful that more and more parishioners will step up and preside at funerals to ease the burden on overworked priests, with two dioceses already commissioning laypeople to take charge where there is no priest. . .
Key focus must be on sustaining faith in families
When we speak of the vocations crisis, we shouldn't speak of it in isolation from the wider crisis of faith that we are currently experiencing in Ireland and large parts of the western world. Healthy and committed vocations only come from healthy and committed communities which can only be formed by healthy and committed families....

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