

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 16:21-27**Selfless love**

The narrative today marks a turning point in Matthew's Gospel as we hear the first of three predictions in the Gospel concerning Jesus' death and resurrection (17:22-23; 17-19). Given the political climate at the time, and the fate of prophets and leaders before him, it is not a stretch to say that Jesus is fully aware of the consequences he faces. But this would be too much for the disciples, incomprehensible that the long-awaited Messiah could be crucified and die. Peter is understandably upset by this thought, he probably still had notions of a political Messiah who would reign as a mighty king and overthrow the Roman occupiers. Peter has gone in a few short verses from being the 'rock' with divinely inspired insights, to being a 'stumbling block' on Jesus' path. Following Jesus means following a path that world will not understand.

Jesus died because if you love in the way that Jesus loved and loves, the world will most certainly try to crush you. This is 'agape' love, a selfless love for people regardless of who they are or their circumstances. We remember today those who have followed Jesus' path, speaking out against oppressive systems, seeking justice for those on the margins, often when it is dangerous to do so. On example is St Oscar Romero, the former Archbishop of El Salvador, who was assassinated in 1980 for speaking out against the Human Rights violations in his country. He famously said, "I do not believe in death without resurrection. If they do kill me, I will rise again in the people of El Salvador." People like Archbishop Romero put on 'the mind of Christ', selflessly giving of themselves for their communities, pouring out love, demanding truth and justice for those who are helpless. The Cross is a symbol of much suffering in our world, but it is also a symbol of liberation, because it is through the Cross that restoration and healing comes. This is what Peter, and the disciples, and Matthew's readers will eventually learn. Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett, 2022. *The Deep End. A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew.*

"[Jesus] crosses all boundaries and frontiers and is occupied by only the wisdom and freedom of those who have suffered and come out the other side – not destroyed, but larger and stronger and wiser.
- Richard Rohr.

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****2nd & 3rd September, 2023****St. Patrick's
Rathvilly****22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time****The Assumption
Tynock****Recent Deaths:**

George Faulkner, Rathdaniel, Sr. May Sibbald, Toronto & Phelan St. Rathvilly

Memorial Mass for Sr. May Sibbald this Sunday, 3rd September at 11 a.m.**ANNIVERSARY MASSES****Sat/Sun, 2nd & 3rd September**Declan O'Toole, Bough – 1st Anniversary**Sat/Sun, 9th & 10th September**

Constance Bray

Deirdre & Gordon Riddiford

Joseph Plant, Rahill

Joan Sibbald, Ballyoliver & deceased family members

Pat & Margaret Osborne, Rathvilly

Joe & Maureen Deering, Patrickswell

Edward & Ellen Carson, Rathmore

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday – Mass 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.

Friday, 8th September is the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We celebrate the birthday of Our Lady who brought the dawn of hope and salvation to the world. She is the true ark of the Covenant, the temple of God, because her body received the one Mediator.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday from 4 – 7 p.m.**ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN**Sunday, 3rd September – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Mary Kelly, Feddan.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCKSunday, 10th September – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Muireann Gartland.

HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR SEPTEMBER – Friday, 8th Sept. 2 – 6 p.m.**WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 26th & 27th August**

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

Rathvilly: Offertory € 271.49

Envelopes €542.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €61.30

Envelopes €145.50

VISIT TO OUR LADY'S ISLAND

Friday, 8th September leaving Baltinglass at 2.45 p.m. travelling through Kiltegan, Hacketstown, Rathvilly and Tullow. For details contact Duffy's Coach Hire – 087 2543235 or 059 6471681

Trip to Roscommon – Sunday, 1st October for 4 nights. Contact Duffy's Coach Hire on the above phone numbers.

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

Results for 30th August, 2023 Numbers: 03 – 07 – 23 – 27.

35 Match 3 numbers and get €29.00 each. Two local winners –

Winner – The Leonard Bros. Promoter – Philip Kirwan.

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

On **Wednesday, 6th September the Jackpot is €18,000.** Tickets €2.

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

SEASON OF CREATION

Season of Creation 2023 which runs from September 1st (the World Day of Prayer for Creation) to October 4th (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). This Season is a wonderful opportunity to respond to the call of Pope Francis to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. As the ecological crisis worsens our newsfeeds are filled with stories of devastation, particularly in the most vulnerable parts of the world. Creation cries out as forests burn, animals flee, lives are lost and people are forced to migrate.

The theme for this year's Season is inspired by the Prophet Amos who cries out:

“Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream.” (Amos 5: 24). The symbol is that of a ‘mighty river’: *“Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.”* (Isaiah 43:19). As we join the river of justice and peace with others then **hope** is created instead of despair, “for we know that things can change!” (Laudato Si’, 13).

TULLOW RFC

Rugby World Cup Preview at The Blackgates

Guests - Sean O'Brien, Bernard Jackman, Alison Miller - MC Paddy Browne

Thursday 14th September 2023 at 8.00 p.m. Tickets €20.00 plus booking fee

available on Eventbrite or 086 8134995 / 087 6237758

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.

TULLOW SINGERS

Wed 8.00-9.30pm Tullow Parish Centre Choir rehearsal and tea break.

Relaxed environment. Members wanted. Ability to sight read non-essential.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 7-16-17-18

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Derina Keogh Williamstown

On Line winner

Shane Carroll Knocklishen

On Line winner

Sue Molloy Rathvilly

Colllette Kelly

Jerry O' Sullivan

Bingo Winner

Tom Deering Knockavagh

Helen Deering

Next draw 5 Sept. 2023 **Jackpot €4,300**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 5 – 14 – 22 – 30

Mark Kelly, 26 Whitehall, Baltinglass 6-14-22-30 Online Winner

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Declan Clarke, Waterstown, Rathvilly.

Next draw 5th. September 2023 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for your support.

COUNTY CARLOW ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK

County Carlow Environmental Network are hosting an eatlocal evening on Thursday 7th September from 7pm – 9.30pm in An Gairdin Beo, Carlow Town R93 E1HF. The event will explore how to create a thriving and resilient food system in Co. Carlow. You will have a chance to hear from some local food producers as well as view a screening of the short documentary "Seeds of Freedom".

Tickets are free and can be booked on Eventbrite - Search: Eat Local - An Introduction to Carlow Food Growers.

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 focussed on the counties which overlap with the territory of the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin: Laois, Kildare, Carlow, and Kilkenny.

Some of the sites visited include Timahoe, the Rock of Dunamase, and the Brownhill 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>