

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Season of Creation 4 *Matthew 21:28-32* Walking the talk

Jesus and the disciples have entered Jerusalem and the conflict that has been building with the religious leaders is reaching its climax. Jesus has cleared the moneychangers out of the Temple; healed people inside the Temple, the children are crying out 'hosanna to the Son of David', and this chaotic scene is just all too much for the chief priests. Who does this guy think he is? Then, Jesus teaches the parable of the two sons, which is a lesson for the religious leaders against hypocrisy. This parable, unique to Matthew, reaffirms a great upheaval; those considered to be on the fringes of society are the ones who respond to Jesus' message, yet those who say the right thing do not walk-the-talk.

In *Laudato Si'* Pope Francis criticises the failure of global summits to take the urgent action that is needed on the environmental crisis. He says, "recent World Summits on the environment have not lived up to expectations because, due to lack of political will, they were unable to reach truly meaningful and effective global agreements on the environment." (*Laudato Si'*, 166). This is in spite of devastating climate and biodiversity disasters worldwide and annual UN scientific reports that continue to sound the alarm bells and call our present situation a "code red for humanity".

While world leaders are not walking-the-talk, it is clear that there is a swelling of grassroots activists who speak truth to power and who are taking action on the environmental crisis in their own backyards and local communities. One such person is Dr Rajwant Singh, who funded Eco-Sikh, an organisation in India aiming to plant one million trees by 2030. They are already half way to their target simply by asking each Sikh community in their region to plant 550 trees per community, a very doable task. Millions of people around the world are walking-the-talk at the grassroots, helping to heal our common home, cleansing this Temple. With over 220,000 Catholic parishes in the world, imagine what we could achieve if each parish community put their mind to it.

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"Jesus Christ did not wait for the Roman Emperor; he just got on with it. So, let's get on with it - *Dr Rajwant Singh*.

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**

30th September & 1st October, 2023

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES

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
James Doyle, Tankardstown	
Rosanna & Patrick Finnegan, Raheendaw & deceased family members	

Sat/Sun, 7th & 8th October

Peter Ralph, Delacy Abbey and deceased family members	
Michéal Keogh, Williamstown	Rita Paisley, Rathvilly
Bernie Williams, Coolmanagh	Tom Nolan, Rathmore
Gerald & Annie Cullen, Knockavagh	Jim Nolan, Rathmore

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Tuesday & Thursday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday – Start of year School Mass at 9.45 a.m.

Friday – Adoration 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

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

Reader: Fiona Kane.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Saturday, 7th October – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 23rd & 24th September

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

Rathvilly: Offertory € 277.60

Envelopes €368.90

Kiltegan: Offertory €54.80

Envelopes €260.60

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI – (4th October)

BLESSING OF PETS - Sunday, 1st October at 12.15 p.m. in the grounds of St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly. St. Francis was a lover of nature and things of creation. It is tradition to bless pets on this day.

HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR OCTOBER – Friday, 6th October 2 – 6 p.m.

SACRAMENTS 2024

Talbotstown & Tynock NS

FIRST PENANCE on Wednesday, 13th March at 7 p.m. in Tynock Church
Rathvilly NS

FIRST PENANCE on Thursday, 14th March at 7 p.m. in Rathvilly Church

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Talbotstown & Tynock NS – Saturday, 11th May at 11 a.m. in Talbotstown Church

Rathvilly NS – Saturday, 18th May at 11 a.m. in Rathvilly Church

CONFIRMATION 2024

Rathvilly, Talbotstown, Tynock & Kiltegan NS

St Patrick's Church, Rathvilly – Thursday, 18th April at 11 a.m.

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

Results for 27th September, 2023 No Jackpot winner. Numbers: 02 – 23 – 26 – 32.

6 Match 3 numbers and get €167.00 each. No local winners this week.

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

On **Wednesday, 4th October** the **Jackpot is €20,000**. Tickets €2.

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

VOLUNTEERS INVITED TO HELP IN THE PARISH

We are inviting volunteers to give a little of their time and talents to our Parish.

If you feel that you can help, there are forms available in each Church –

Would you like to become a Reader, a Minister of the Eucharist, a Collector at Mass, a Member of our Church Choirs, a Member of the Baptism Team, Buy a ticket for the Parish Lotto or sell a book of tickets to family or friends, Help clean the Church, Distribute the Parish Envelopes in your locality, etc.

Please fill out the form and return it to the Parish Office – Thank you.

PASTORAL AREAS AND PARISH CLUSTERS IN OUR DIOCESE

A Meeting was held on Monday 25 Sept between priests and representative groups of lay people from the six parishes in our Tullow Pastoral Area (Tullow, Ballon, Clonmore, Hacketstown, Rathvilly and Baltinglass). Within the Pastoral Area three pairs of parishes form Parish Clusters. Rathvilly is paired with Baltinglass.

Jim Deeds is assisting our Diocese with the current phase of planning for the future and he workshopped the meeting. He has attended seven such meetings all over the diocese. Bishop Denis is in attendance at each Parish Area meeting too.

We have been over-dependent on the clergy in our past way of conducting parish life. We need lay people to become part of the process in planning for the future.

Together as baptised people, we need to take responsibility for how the parish develops in the near and more distant future. The meeting considered areas for Constructive Cluster Life, ways in which we can usefully co-operate between parishes. Please watch out for further notices in relation to future developments.

Watch this space.

OCTOBER – MISSION MONTH

The world is in crisis, in many poorer parishes in Africa, Asia and Latin America it is overseas missionaries who are on the front line. Show them your support. Donate or call Missio Ireland on 01 4972035. To learn more go to www.missio.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.

RADIO MARIA IRELAND

Hail Holy Queen Conference 2023 is live on Radio Maria Ireland from 2pm on

Saturday 7th October. Speakers include Fr. Seán Maguire, Fr. Colum Power,

Catherine McGowan, Fr. Freddy Warner. Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to

by downloading the radio Maria Ireland app, saorview channel 210 or listen live

at (01)4373277

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 2-13-24-28

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Caroline Kelly Ballon & Mai Hayes

On Line winners

Carol Doyle Kerry, Martin Doyle & Ciarán Howe Baltinglass

Bingo winners

Next draw 3 Oct. 2023 **Jackpot €4,700**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 5 – 20 – 23 – 30

Mike Foley, Kiltegan

Online Winner

Michael Byrne, Rathdangan

Laura Kavanagh

Kevin Byrne, Woodgrove Avenue

Kevin Byrne

Promoter's prize €20 was won by The Harp Bar.

Next draw 3rd. October 2023 **Jackpot €20,000**. Thank you for all your support.

CARLOW MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION are delighted to announce their annual mental Health Festival in Carlow.

The festival called Mensana Fest, runs from the 5th – 10th October and is filled with free events such as an evening With Davy Fitzgerald, a talk from Bodywhys on eating disorders and singing for wellness in Carlow Library just to mention a few.

Brochures are available at your local Library and in shops around the County. You can see the full line up of events on <http://carlowmentalhealth.ie/> or on their social media channels. You can also email carlowmentalhealth@hotmail.com for more information.

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