

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 18:15-20* **Our common home*

Matthew chapter 18 is concerned with how the early Christians community might live together in harmony. It reminds us that the Church should be a place where the least are considered the greatest and the last first, where we look out for the most vulnerable, where we are accountable to one another and forgive each other. In today's text, Jesus sets out a vision for his followers concerning disputes within the community. The process he lays out is a respectful one, and it is also realistic, because some people will not respond to this advice. The teaching reminds us that as Church, we belong to one another, sisters and brothers, one body (1 Cor 12).

As we enter the beautiful Season of Creation, this is an appropriate text, for it invites us to reflect on how we are called to live in harmony. The realities of the ecological crisis our world faces today highlights the great *disharmony* that exists between humanity and God's creation. We are not living in right-relationship with the natural world nor with our sisters and brothers who are suffering the most from the climate and biodiversity crisis. We are not living in right-relationship with young people who are now growing up for 'we may well be leaving to coming generations, debris, desolation and filth' (*Laudato Si'*, 161). Pope Francis calls the destruction of nature an ecological sin. This is not easy to hear, for it makes demands on us. The Good News is that there is a cure. *Laudato Si'* calls us to a profound interior conversion where our relationship with nature is concerned. Today's Gospel reminds us that there are moments when we must speak the truth in for the greater good. The Season of Creation presents us with such a moment, where we can create awareness across our communities so that together we can discern how to care more deeply for God's creation. For this is our common home, the home we all share. We are not alone, Christ is with us on this journey; 'For where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them. Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett, 2022. *The Deep End. A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew.*

"The climate crisis is a deeply spiritual crisis ... Our faith offers us a wonderful vision to rekindle these relationships, to renew a childlike sense of awe, wonder and beauty and thus set out in living the first commandment God gave to us, to be guardians and protectors of this beautiful world, not its polluters and destroyers.

- Archbishop Dermot Farrell

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

9th & 10th September, 2023

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

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**The Assumption
Tynock**

Recent Deaths: Fr Sean Smith, St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan
John Keogh, USA and Portarlinton, brother of Ann Byrne, New Rd, Ballyoliver

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 9th & 10th September

Constance Bray	Pat & Margaret Osborne, Rathvilly
Deirdre & Gordon Riddiford	Joe & Maureen Deering, Patrickswell
Joseph Plant, Rahill	Edward & Ellen Carson, Rathmore
Seamie Doyle, Rathdaniel & Mansfield	Camillus Kenny, Tallaght
Joan Sibbald, Ballyoliver & deceased family members	Joe Kelly, Knockboy

Sat/Sun, 16th & 17th September

Terry O'Brien, Collins Park	Sean Kehoe, Mount Lucas
Jim Breen, Knockboy	Peter Kelly, Waterstown
Pa Cole, Rathdaniel	Katie Bulmer, Waterstown
Elizabeth Haberlin, Ballyhackett	Bob & Kathleen Myers, Bough
Myles, Elizabeth & Ann Keating, Ballyhackett & deceased family members	

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Tuesday – Communion Service at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday from 4 – 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 10th September – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Muireann Gartland.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

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

Reader: Siobhan Doyle.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 2nd & 3rd September

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

Rathvilly: Offertory € 369.04

Envelopes €401.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €64.90

Envelopes €244.45

Priests Harvest Collection due at this time. Use your envelope from your weekly envelopes or one with your name and address on it – Thank you.

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

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

Results for 6th September, 2023 Numbers: 06 – 25 – 26 – 28.

4 Match 3 numbers and get €250.00 each. No local winners –

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

On **Wednesday, 13th September** the **Jackpot is €19,000**. Tickets €2.

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

The Totus Tuus Men for Christ Conference 2023 - a Catholic Conference for Men will be LIVE & EXCLUSIVE on Radio Maria Ireland Saturday 16th September from 2pm. Speakers for this years Conference are Fr. Billy Swan, Fr. Chris Hayden, Anthony Crossey & Fr. John Harris OP

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.

Trip to Roscommon – Sunday, 1st October for 4 nights. For details contact Duffy's Coach Hire – 087 2543235 or 059 6471681

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 1-3-4-19

Match 3 win or share €150

Michelle Moore Carlow 3-4-8-19 On Line winner

Nancy Doody Baltinglass 3-4-8-19 Bingo winner

Next draw 12 Sept. 2023 **Jackpot €4,400**.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 2 – 15 – 18 -23

Trish McCall c/o Breda Keogh 2-9-15-23 Breda Keogh

John Halligan, Station Road 8-15-18-23 Gabriel Deering

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

Next draw 12th. September 2023 **Jackpot €20,000**. Thank you for your support.

WHIST DRIVE

Whist Drive in St. Peter's Parish Centre, Kiltegan on FRIDAY 15th Sept. @ 8pm and going forward every 3rd Friday of the month @ 8pm. Looking forward to

MYSHALL PARISH – Quarantore Celebration – "40 Hours Devotion"

Our Quarantore – "40 Hours Devotion" will take place on the weekend of the 15th/16th/17th of September.

Friday 15th September – Opening Mass at 7:30 pm, with special blessing for all married couples especially those celebrating major milestones, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 pm. (Confession during this hour)

Saturday 16th September – Mass at 12 Noon with blessing of the sick, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 4:45 pm, concluding with Benediction. (Confession available from 1 pm - 2 pm)

Sunday 17th September – Mass at 10 am, followed by Procession, Rosary and Benediction. This Mass is especially for all our young people. *All welcome!*

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.

Carlow Adult Learning Service: 059 913 5544

NALA free phone number: 1800 202 065

ALL-IRELAND POLLINATOR PLAN

There are over 2 million domestic gardens in this country. Just imagine the difference it could make if 2 million gardens became biodiversity friendly! Gardening for Biodiversity also has advantages for human health and wellbeing. For gardens to be good for pollinators, they need to provide food in the form of flowers, shelter for nesting and safety from chemicals.

pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

THE IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER - €3 in Rathvilly Church

Some of the articles covered in this week's Irish Catholic:

TACKLE ANTI-CHRISTIAN HARASSMENT IN JERUSALEM, TÁNAISTE TELLS ISRAELI PM

Israel has an obligation to tackle the harassment of the tiny Christian minority in Jerusalem, Tánaiste Micheál Martin has warned Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Mr Martin also called on the Palestinian Authority to ensure that the rights of Christians are protected in the West Bank

IRISH PRIEST-SCIENTIST HONOURED IN MET ÉIREANN STORM NAMES

The work of an Irish priest-scientist Fr Nicholas Callan is to be recognised by inclusion on Met Éireann's list of storm names for the 2023-2024 season

WHAT CENSUS 2022 REVEALS ABOUT THE IRISH FAMILY

Depending on your point of view, the Irish family is either becoming more 'diverse', which is apparently a good thing, or instead we have more family breakdown, which is obviously a bad thing, generally speaking