

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 22:1-14

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Invite everyone you find

The parable we hear today is the third of three parables that Jesus aims at the chief priests and the elders about the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a great wedding banquet and this is symbolic of God's relationship with God's people. When invitations to this feast are rejected, we are told that the king sends troops to destroy the city. It's a rather fierce reaction when we consider the king represents God. The context here is important, as Matthew's community would have been trying to make sense of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans (AD 70) including the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple, the holiest of places in Judaism. Some probably saw it as punishment from God for Jesus' death. The judgement sound harsh, but the criticism here is directed at some of the religious leaders and how they have interpreted the Law for ordinary people, often in extremely oppressive ways. If God is portrayed as a tyrant in this parable, it is because some of the religious elite have inflicted this image of God on the people. If the parable challenges us to do anything, it is to critique certain interpretations of how God operates in the world. In Jesus' teaching, the Kingdom is opened wide and new guests are invited from the 'main streets'; he says: 'invite everyone you find'. The invitation to the banquet is not restricted to the social elite and powerful; it is wide open to those considered unwanted and the hall is 'filled with guests'.

Matthew's addition to this parable about the wedding robe seems harsh; how could this poor man be expected to find wedding robes at such short notice? There was a tradition in the early Christian community that 'putting on' a new robe was symbolic of a new way of life, 'cloth yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience ... cloth yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony' (Col 3:12, 14). These are attitudes that the Christian community are to wear so that everyone can attend this mighty feast.

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"The Church is not a select circle of the immaculate, but a home where the outcast may come in... a hospital where the broken-hearted may be healed, and where all the weary and troubled may find rest. ----- James H. Aughey

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

14th & 15th October, 2023

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 14th & 15th October

Frank Fitzpatrick, Mount Kelly
Mary Coady, St. Patrick's Park
Martin Coady, St. Patrick's Park

Sat/Sun, 21st & 22nd October

Maureen Condon & Michael Sheedy & family
Edward (Ned) & Kathleen Kelly, Rathmore
Cyril Steward, Woodgrove Ave.
Thomas Donovan, Rathdangan
Josephine Donovan, Tallaght
Frankie Dowling, Knocklishen & deceased family members

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

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

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 15th October – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Breedh Murphy.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 22nd October – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Nigel Byrne.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 7th & 8th October

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €276.84 Envelopes €566.50

Kiltegan: Offertory €165.54 Envelopes €239.30

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

Results for 11th October, 2023 No Jackpot winner of €10,000.

Numbers: 02 – 14 – 16 – 26. 12 Match 3 numbers and get €84.00 each.

One local winner this week.

Winner – Claire Halligan. Promoter – Angela Byrne.

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

On Wednesday, 18th October the Jackpot is €11,000. Tickets €2.

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

SACRAMENTS 2024

Enrolment for First Holy Communion and Confirmation takes place on Sunday, 22nd October in Tynock Church at 9.30 a.m. and Rathvilly Church at 11 a.m.

OCTOBER – MISSION MONTH

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue.

World Mission Sunday collections take place in every single parish where the Church is present. This includes not only Ireland and Europe, but also in poorer parishes in developing countries. It is a moment of universal solidarity when each member of the Church family, regardless of location or background, play their part in supporting each other. This is what makes it such a special celebration.

Mission Envelopes available in the Church. Please take one and return it next weekend- Thank you.

Second book of writings of the late Fr John Cummins

Following the 'runaway success' of the first book, the family of Fr John Cummins have issued a second publication in his memory. This new book, also named "My Life in Your Hands", contains more sermons of Fr. John's.

The new publication is an accompaniment to the initial book which contained the sermons for Sundays in Year A of the 3-year liturgical calendar. This second volume contains Fr. John's sermons for Year B and Year C of the church cycle. It also contains reflections for secondary school students, tributes by friends and numerous photographs.

The late Fr. Cummins was known for his good humour and easy manner as well as his preaching skills. As a young priest, he spent five years in Rome studying for his doctorate in Celtic Spirituality. Fr. John spent most of his priestly ministry in Carlow town where he was chaplain in the then Regional College and Administrator in the Cathedral. A native of Newbridge, he earlier served in Naas. He became PP of Abbeyleix and Ballyroan only 18 months before his death.

The homilies of Fr. John are rooted not only in scripture, but also in the everyday issues of contemporary Ireland. They will be useful for personal reflection at any time and will be valued by anyone with an interest in religion and spirituality.

"My Life in Your Hands" retails at 15 euro and all proceeds after printing costs will be donated to the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin. It is available in parish offices throughout the diocese and Woodbine Books Kilcullen and Farrell & Nephew, Newbridge. For further information please see <https://www.kandle.ie/my-life-in-your-hands-sermons-of-the-late-fr-john-cummins/>

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

St. Mary's are holding a Sale in D'Israeli School, Bough on Saturday, 21st October from 2 – 5 p.m. Usual stalls – cakes, jams, plants, books, bric-a-brac, etc. There will be a raffle and of course afternoon tea and treats will be served. All welcome.

RATHVILLY TIDY TOWNS

Congratulations to the Tidy Towns committee on the 2023 Tidy Towns Results. Rathvilly received 327 points this year an increase of 7 points from last year.

RETRouvaille - A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Unable to communicate effectively? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next VIRTUAL programme commences 19th – 22nd October, 2023. Contact Mike- 087 2526812 /Anne - 087 6874658 or send an enquiry to info.retrouvaille2020@gmail.com or see www.retrouvaille.ie - Confidential.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 7-12-13-20

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Annette Heydon Rathvilly

On Line winner

Aoife Hayden Carlow

On Line winner

Ian Curran Rathvilly

On Line winner

Martina Byrne Monavothe

Mick Kehoe

John Kehoe Station Rd.

Helen Deering

Next draw 17 Oct. 2023 **Jackpot €4,900**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 9 – 12 – 18 – 25

Ger and Laura Kavanagh, Ballybit 2-9-12-25

Laura Kavanagh

Sharon Byrne, 5 Bramble Court, Tullow 9-12-22-25

Clive Byrne

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Martin Curran.

Next draw 17th. October 2023 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support.

BALTINGLASS BINGO

Back with €5,000 Jackpot!!!!!!

Bingo will resume in Fatima Hall, Baltinglass on Bank Holiday Monday,

30th October at 3pm and continue every Monday at 8pm.

We look forward to welcoming you back after a long absence.

CARLOW COUNTY MUSEUM

Visit Carlow County Museum and see our recently unveiled Carlow GAA trophy display featuring the famed Haughney Cup and the Conlon Cup. Also see objects of national and international importance. Open Monday to Saturday, Free Admission. Carlow County Museum & Carlow Tourist Office, College Street, Carlow Town. Tel: 059-9131554, www.carlowmuseum.ie.

VOLUNTEERS INVITED TO HELP IN THE PARISH

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

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