

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 22:15-21

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

What bears God's image

In the first of three 'conflict stories', we read today that the Pharisees are looking to Jesus for advice on their taxes. They try to flatter him first, ironically by speaking the truth about him, but the tone is still disrespectful. This is a dangerous situation because in an unlikely alliance, the Pharisees have brought along the Herodians with them. The Herodians were great supporters of the Roman Empire, so tensions here would have been high. If Jesus answers 'no' to their question about paying taxes to Caesar he risks being reported to the Roman authorities as a revolutionary; if he says 'yes' then he may be accused of colluding with the occupying Empire and abandoning the people. Jesus sees through their 'malice' and speaks truth to power. He invites us to explore another way, a third way, one that is not a revolt but neither does it lie down and submit to oppression. Yes, do your civic duty, but do not forget what belongs to God; this overrides any political power. This is how one truly advocates for the Kingdom of Heaven in the here and now.

In 2018 and again in 2019, Pope Francis met the CEOs of the world's major fossil fuel companies at the Vatican. He reminded them that today's ecological crisis threatens the very future of the human family and our common home. He told them that 'a radical energy transition was needed to save our common home' and that while 'civilisation requires energy ... energy use must not destroy civilisation.' Pope Francis is not afraid to speak truth to power, urging these powerful corporations to go beyond merely exploring what needs to be done and actually concentrating on what needs to be done. Embarking on this new path will generate new jobs, reduce inequality and improve the quality of life for all. Being a follower of Jesus means that we prioritise the values that Jesus teaches so that we can be co-creators of this wild and wonderful Kingdom of Heaven here on earth.

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"There is no time to lose: We received the earth as a garden-home from the creator; let us not pass it on to future generations as a wilderness.

---- Pope Francis

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

21st & 22nd October, 2023

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Recent Death: Jim Doyle, Hacketstown and formerly Ballybit.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

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

Sat/Sun, 28th & 29th October

Marian Cassells, Knocklishen

Margaret Ready, Nurney

James Doyle, Haroldstown

James Meegan, Castleblayney

Sheila O'Neill, Slaney View

Bridget & Michael Byrne, Knockroe

Harry & Mary Byrne, Slaney View

Harry Byrne, Jnr., Slaney View

Maureen & James Byrne, Slaney View

Jane Kelly, 504 Carrigeen

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday from 4 – 6.50 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

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

Reader: Nigel Byrne.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 29th October – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Joe O'Brien.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 14th & 15th October

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €197.88

Envelopes €467.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €56.40

Envelopes €180.10

SACRAMENTS 2024

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

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

Results for 18th October, 2023 No Jackpot winner of €11,000.

Numbers: 04 – 08 – 16 – 31. 27 Match 3 numbers and get €38.00 each.

No local winners this week.

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

On **Wednesday, 25th October the Jackpot is €12,000.** Tickets €2.

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

OCTOBER – MISSION MONTH

This weekend parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. The kindness shown will help overseas missionaries to continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable people. Thank you for supporting in whatever way you can, and please remember it is more than an appeal for financial help. Missionaries also need spiritual support. On World Mission Sunday missionaries take great strength in knowing that the faithful of the world are keeping them in their thoughts and prayers. Help right now. Donate €4 by texting the word Mission' to 50300. Visit www.missio.ie or call 01 4972035.

Mission Envelopes available in the Church.

SYNOD NEWS

The first session of the Synodal Assembly has begun in Rome. It began with an ecumenical prayer vigil on 30 September and concludes with Mass on 29 October. The work of this synod assembly is in continuity with the Spirit led conversations that took place in parishes, dioceses, countries and continents across the world. You can find out more about the Synodal journey so far and what is happening at the Universal phase of the Synod from the Vatican Synod webpage at www.synod.va/en and the webpage for the Irish Synodal pathway at www.synod.ie as well as at the dedicated page on www.Kandle.ie

Is your parish interested in finding out how to become an eco-parish?

Find out more at this Eco-Congregation Ireland online gathering for all friends in the Leinster region! Date and Time: Saturday 11 November 2023, 10.00– 11.00am This event is open to those in Leinster who are interested in learning how to start their church's eco journey, work towards their ECI Award and develop their work into the future. We will hear from faith communities who have received their ECI Award. They will tell us how they began their journey and how they have continued their work for God's creation. There will be an opportunity for discussion, questions and ideas sharing.

If you would like to attend, drop a line to info@ecocongregationireland.com to book a place and you will be sent the zoom link closer to the time.

VOLUNTEERS INVITED TO HELP IN THE PARISH

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

NOVEMBER - ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD – Sheets available in the Church.

RATHVILLY TENNIS CLUB

We are having an American Tournament this Sunday, 22nd October at 2.00 p.m.

Past and present members are invited to the unveiling of a plaque in the memory of Mrs. Eithne Condon, our esteemed member who gave great service to her beloved club. We welcome Mary Condon who will be in attendance. Refreshments will be served. Please make a special effort to come along on Sunday.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 1-7-9-26

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Anne Rooney Rathoe On Line winner

Liz Sibbald Woodgrove On Line winner

Fr. John McEvoy Rathvilly On Line winner

Eugene Brennan Ballyoliver Eithne Brennan

Sue Molloy Rathvilly Collette Kelly

Next draw 24 Oct. 2023 **Jackpot €5,000**

Date for your diary: Our annual Christmas Fair and Fireworks display takes place on Saturday 2nd December.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 7 - 10 – 26 – 27

Bridget Whelan, Michael Collins Park 7-10-11-27 Bridget Whelan

Faye c/o Paula Byrne, Phelan Street 7-10-14-27 Gabriel Deering

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Michael Kehoe, Rathvilly Post Office.

Next draw 24th 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.

LIFE, LOVE, LOSS

A beautiful online afternoon Retreat with Martina Lehane Sheehan and special guest Fr. Ronald Rolheiser OMI on Sunday, 5th November 3 – 6 p.m. This creative retreat offers a deep experience for anyone who knows what it is like to have wrestled with broken dreams, shaken faith and yet seek to rise again.

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