

## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

*Matthew 22:34-40*

**The lens of love**

The religious elite continue their attempts to discredit Jesus as he teaches in the Temple; they try to trick him by asking which of the laws of Judaism are the most important. Jesus responds by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18: 'love the Lord your God ... love your neighbour as yourself'. All other laws 'hang' on these two; they are the lens through which all else is to be interpreted. This Wisdom saying can sometimes be dismissed as sentimentality, but here Jesus is speaking a deep truth. Both commandments are interconnected, 'like' one another, and their foundation is to love God with our entire being, 'heart ... soul and ... mind'. That means sitting with the truth that God is love and dwells within each person; this is our true self (1Cor 3:16). This brings the question, can we cope with this? Are we able to open our hearts in awareness to this love, to tap into this divine indwelling? Then we can truly love our neighbour as ourselves – not *as much* as ourselves, but as a complete continuation of our very being. Thomas Keating once said, 'We're all like localised vibrations of the infinite goodness of God's presence. So love is our very nature. Love is our first, middle, and last name.'

In Matthew chapter 18, we read what this love of neighbour involves: bringing restoration to the community, solving disputes, forgiving one another ... serving others. This is a lifelong task, and we cannot do it alone. Cultivating a deep awareness of the Source of this love that dwells within, in turn allows this love to flow outward. This love invites us to open our hearts fully to the Divine, to reject individualism and embrace a radical solidarity with our fellow human beings and with all creation. The religious leaders dare not ask Jesus any more questions (22:46); they have been 'amazed' (v. 22), 'astounded' (v. 33) and 'silenced' (v. 34).

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"How do we put on the mind of Christ? How do we see through his eyes? How do we feel through his heart? How do we learn to respond to the world with that same wholeness and healing heart? That's what Christian orthodoxy is all about. It's not about right belief; it's about right practice. --- Cynthia Bourgeault

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## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's**

**Talbotstown**

**28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2023**

**St. Patrick's**

**Rathvilly**

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Assumption**

**Tynock**

**Recent Deaths:** LV Conway, Straboe, Anne Hanks, Slaney Bank, Rathvilly  
Maureen Curtin nee Loughlin, Straboe who died recently in Coventry  
Carmel McGarrity who died recently in Canada

### **ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

#### **Sat/Sun, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> October**

Marian Cassells, Knocklishen	Bridget & Michael Byrne, Knockroe
Margaret Ready, Nurney	Harry & Mary Byrne, Slaney View
James Doyle, Haroldstown	Harry Byrne, Jnr., Slaney View
James Meegan, Castleblayney	Maureen & James Byrne, Slaney View
Sheila O'Neill, Slaney View	Ann Kelly
Jane Kelly, 504 Carrigeen	Charlie Rice

#### **Sat/Sun, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> November**

Trish Ryan, Knockroe – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary	Sheila Dempsey, Collins Park
Bridget Carroll, Rathvilly	Maureen Byrne, 16 Kevin Barry Road

### **ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY**

Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October – Vigil Mass for the Holy Day at 7.30 p.m.

**Holy Day of Obligation** – All Saints - Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November – Mass at 11 a.m.  
Thursday & Friday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

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

### **ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN**

Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> October – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Joe O'Brien.

**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Feast of All Saints – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

### **CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK**

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Lucilla Brophy.

**KEVIN BARRY** A Memorial Mass for Kevin Barry will take place in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00 a.m.

### **NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASS**

**Sun, 5<sup>th</sup> Nov.** – We remember all those who have died in our Parish especially those who have died in the last 12 months and whose Funerals took place in our Parish Churches. Candles will be lighting in memory of the recently deceased.

**Mass in Tynock Church at 9.30 a.m.    Mass in Rathvilly Church at 11 a.m.**

## **HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR NOVEMBER – Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2 – 6 p.m.**

**IN MEMORY OF OUR BEREAVED** 9 Novena Masses for the Dead will be offered during the month of November.

**ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD** Names can be written on the sheets provided or in the “Altar List of the Dead” Book in the Church. November offerings go towards the support of our Clergy. **There is a Large Cross placed in front of Our Lady’s Altar on which to light a candle for a loved one. Candles cost €1 each.**

## **WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

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

Rathvilly: Offertory € 264.10

Envelopes €409.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €107.17

Envelopes €425.40

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

Results for 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 No Jackpot winner of €11,000.

Numbers: 10 – 30 – 31 – 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, 1<sup>st</sup> November the Jackpot is €13,000.** Tickets €2.

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

## **SYNOD NEWS – HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SYNOD**

The first session of the Synod draws to a close on October 29. Synod delegates have been discussing throughout this week the assembly's final document, which is set to be voted on in the evening of Oct. 28. They are also due to vote on the publication of a separate, brief "Letter to the People of God" that is meant to convey the general experience of the synod process. Both documents are expected to provide a framework for further areas of reflection and engagement with the local levels of the church, ahead of the second session of the synod in October 2024.

Highlights from the Synod are available at [www.synod.va](http://www.synod.va)

## **WOOD YOU BELIEVE**

*Getting the Past out of the Present*      *Bringing Healing to our Lives*  
*The Practice of Forgiveness*      *Moving beyond Loss Trauma and Victimhood*  
Workshop Facilitated by Fr. Jim Cogley. Director of Pilgrimage at Our Lady’s Island, Wexford at Slí an Chroí Centre for Spirituality, Ecology & Wellbeing, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow.

Jim uses his amazing wood carvings to explore core human issues – if you have not yet experienced his unique healing workshops, do not miss this opportunity.

He is a psychotherapist whose special interest is exploring how the past that is unacknowledged can still influence the present both at personal and ancestral level.

Dates: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> November. Time: 7.30 – 10 p.m. inclusive of tea/coffee break. Cost: Suggested donation €20 per night. Concessions available.

To book your place, please contact 089 4690508.

## **RATHVILLY TENNIS CLUB**

We had a wonderful turnout for the unveiling of the commemorative plaque in the memory of our esteemed member Mrs Eithne Condon. Ms Mary Condon travelled from her home in Canada and paid tribute to the Tennis Club for the great honour.

We thank the GAA club for the use of the clubhouse where we enjoyed refreshments and chat. We had an American Tournament which was a great success. Eventual winners were Mary Cunningham and David Nolan with Ed Brennan and Denis Nolan runners up. The club officers wish to thank Msgr. Mc Evoy and all who attended on Sunday & made the day a very memorable one.

## **CHRISTMAS MARKET**

**St. Mary’s Church Baltinglass and Church of the Ascension Ballynure** Churchland Christmas Market Committee are delighted to announce the return of our Christmas Market this year 2023. The market will be held on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November at Stratford Lodge School and Old School, Churchlane from 4 – 8 p.m. We have over 30 stall holders with the huge variety of different products, from food, Handbags to jewellery, Crafts, Candles and much more. There will also be lots of lovely home baking and hot chocolate, always a favourite. Santa is also visiting and would be delighted to see as many boys and girls as possible.

## **VOLUNTEERS INVITED TO HELP IN THE PARISH**

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

## **RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB**

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 5-9-11-14

Match 3 win or share €150

J J Smith Tobinstown 5-9-11-20

On Line winner

John Smith Haroldstown 2-5-9-11

On Line winner

Tom Deering Knockavagh 5-11-14-18

Helen Deering

Next draw 31 Oct. 2023 **Jackpot €5,100**

## **SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.**

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 5, 21, 23 and 26.

Mary Keogh, Talbotstown, Kiltegan 11-21-23-26

Online Winner

Zowie Fanning, Slaney Meadows, Rathvilly 2-5-23-26

Online Winner

Promoter’s prize €20 was won by The Harp Bar, Rathvilly

Next draw 31<sup>st</sup> 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, 30<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm and continue every Monday at 8pm.

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

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