

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

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

### **Season of Creation 5 *Matthew 21:33-43* The fruits of the Kingdom**

Jesus is in the Temple, addressing the chief priests and elders who are questioning his authority. With his parable of the wicked tenants, he issues a rebuke and a challenge to these religious leaders who believe they alone have authority. The tenants in the parable are not fulfilling their responsibilities: instead of tending the vineyard entrusted to them, they are only looking after themselves. If we think of the vineyard as our world, this parable jumps into the modern age. Humanity has been entrusted with this beautiful and bountiful world, but instead of caring for it and sharing its fruits, those in power exploit it for their own benefit. The parable is critical of the entitled attitude of those who take, but refuse to offer anything in return. Jesus ends with a warning that the precious vineyard will be leased to better tenants - 'a people that produce the fruits of the Kingdom'. We've heard this language before in the Beatitudes, when Jesus says the Kingdom belongs to the meek, pure in heart, just, merciful. These are the carers our earth needs.

Sr Dorothy Stang was a missionary in Brazil where she dedicated her ministry to farmers and was an outspoken critic of illegal logging in the Amazonian region. Frustrated at the destruction of the rainforest for financial gain, Sr Dorothy campaigned tirelessly for the protection of the people and natural resources of the region. This made her a target am

ong the power brokers of the area. On 2 February 2005, two hired gunmen fired six shots and killed Sr Dorothy as she was walking on a rural road. As the killers approached, she took out her Bible and began to read from the Beatitudes. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness..." Following Sr Dorothy's death, the Brazilian president placed 20,000 square miles of the Amazon under federal environment protection. The dream of this brave woman lives on, even though illegal logging continues elsewhere in Brazil and other places today. Sr Dorothy was a Kingdom person, a 'tenant' dedicated to preserving the Earth for the good of all. Copyright ©Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett. *The Deep End: A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew* (Messenger Publications, 2022). 144.

"We can no longer let people in power decide what is politically possible. We can no longer let the people in power decide what hope is. Hope is not passive. Hope is telling the truth. Hope is taking action. And hope always comes from the people. ---  
- Greta Thunberg.

### **ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO**

**[www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam](http://www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam) Radio 104.3 fm**

**Parish Office – Mon-Fri: 10 am – 1 pm - 059 9161114**

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## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's  
Talbotstown**

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2023**

**St. Patrick's  
Rathvilly**

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

**The Assumption  
Tynock**

### **ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

#### **Sat/Sun, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> October**

Dan Foley, Bough – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Peter Ralph, Delacy Abbey and deceased family members

Michéal Keogh, Williamstown

Bernie Williams, Coolmanagh

Gerald & Annie Cullen, Knockavagh

Rita Paisley, Rathvilly

Tom Nolan, Rathmore

Jim Nolan, Rathmore

#### **Sat/Sun, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October**

Frank Fitzpatrick, Mount Kelly

Mary Coady, St. Patrick's Park

Martin Coady, St. Patrick's Park

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

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday – Mass at 9.30 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.

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

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

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

Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Fiona Kane.

### **WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 30<sup>th</sup> Sept/1<sup>st</sup> Oct**

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €290.82

Envelopes €431.70

Kiltegan: Offertory €81.80

Envelopes €316.90

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

Results for 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 One Jackpot winner of €20,000. – Joseph O'Connor, Newbridge Parish. Numbers: 07 – 16 – 22 – 29.

17 Match 3 numbers and get €59.00 each. Two local winners this week.

Winner - Aoibhinn, Orlaith & Sean McEvoy. Promoter – Fr. John McEvoy.

Winner - Kinsella Family. Promoter – Mary Manley.

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

On **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October** the **Jackpot is €10,000**. 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.**

### **OCTOBER – MISSION MONTH**

October and World Mission Sunday is a time for the faithful of the world to show their appreciation towards the work of overseas missionaries. The generosity offered will be used to support missionary activities in over 1,100 struggling dioceses; mostly in Africa, Asia and Latin America. You can help right now. Please donate €4.00 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively donate at [www.missio.ie](http://www.missio.ie) or call Missio Ireland on 01 497 2035. To learn more go to [www.missio.ie](http://www.missio.ie)

### **SAFETALK – Become Suicide Alert!**

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **BAPTISMS DATES – NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2023**

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> November – Talbotstown Church at 3.00 p.m.  
Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> November – Rathvilly Church at 12 Noon.  
Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> December – Tynock Church at 3.00 p.m.  
Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December – Rathvilly Church at 12 Noon.  
Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> December – Rathvilly Church at 2.00 p.m.  
Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> December – Rathvilly Church at 12 Noon.  
Families can choose any of the three Churches for their Baptisms.

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

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner Numbers drawn 8-10-14-29  
Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips  
Mgt. McNamara Fr. Flood Ave. On Line winner  
Annette Heydon Rathvilly On Line winner  
Jim Hughes Coole On Line winner  
Betty Conway Barnhill Ed. Brennan  
Joan Sibbald Rathvilly Mick Kehoe  
Next draw 10 Oct. 2023 **Jackpot €4,800**

**Graiguecullen Bingo** on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October in St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 41 numbers €830 Double number €950 Lotto €2700

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

St. Mary's are holding a Sale in D'Israeli School, Bough on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **RATHCOYLE NATIONAL SCHOOL**

Rathcoyle NS are seeking applications for the position of School Secretary - Part Time. If interested in the position please apply by post to - The Chairperson, Rathcoyle NS, Rathcoyle, Rathdangan, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow W91PN26. Envelopes should be clearly marked Secretary Application.

Closing date is 3pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

For further information please contact Niall Neville – 083 1508991

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

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 1 – 7 – 18 - 19  
Dominic Byrne. Carlow 1-7-19-21 Online Winner  
Kelsey Purcell, Tuckmill, Baltinglass 1-12-18-19 Online Winner  
Promoter's prize €20 was Kevin Byrne, Woodgrove Avenue  
Next draw 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support

### **FORÓIGE**

Foróige restarts for both Seniors and Junior Clubs on Friday evenings in Bigstone. Seniors is for secondary school students only and Junior Club is for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class from National School. Contact Mary Cunningham on 086 3626543 for Senior Club and new leaders are welcome to join. Contact Catherine Carroll on 087 3301199 for Junior Club. Looking forward to another fun packed year at Bigstone Hall.

### **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/](http://pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)

### **PRO LIFE CAMPAIGN NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

The Pro Life Campaign National Conference 2023 takes place on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October in the RDS Concert Hall in Dublin, featuring top pro-life speakers from home and abroad. It's a terrific opportunity to meet with other pro-life supporters from across Ireland and there will be lots of interesting stands and workshops at the event. Conference runs from 12:00 - 3:30pm (workshops from 11am). Entry is free of charge (but donations most welcome on the day if you are in a position to donate). Register to attend at [www.prolifecampaign.ie](http://www.prolifecampaign.ie) or phone 01-662 9275.

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