

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 25:1-13

Keep the lamps lit

As we approach the end of the Church year, the Gospel for the next few Sundays turn their focus to talk of end times. The early Christians expected Jesus to return quite quickly and Matthew's community must have been wondering what was taking so long. So, as Matthew prepares them for a long wait, these parables are all concerned with how the Christian community should live in the meantime.

This parable of the bridesmaids is unique to Matthew. In first-century Palestine it was custom for the bridegroom to be escorted to the home of the bride by the bridesmaids. Then the bridesmaids would escort the couple to the house where the wedding and the party would take place. We hear of the different levels of preparedness of the bridesmaids, those who took extra oil for the lamps and those who 'took no oil with them'. We can speculate as to what the oil in the lamps represents, and perhaps it is different for each of us: the inner wisdom we know we should trust but are afraid to, that deep awareness of God's indwelling presence, a sense of fulfilment that we experience from doing acts of justice and mercy (5:20; 7:21-27), loving God and neighbour (22:37-38). The 'foolish' were lacking in evidence of such deeds and so, the Lord does not know them. But to hear that they were then 'shut out' is horrifying; the disappointment, anxiety and regret can be felt off the page.

Sometimes, we too find ourselves in this 'foolish' position, and when that happens the challenge is not to let ourselves close down. It is during such times we have the opportunity for conversion and through that the grace of gaining some insight or wisdom. We learn much from these experiences, unpleasant though they may be. If this parable leaves us confused, appalled, with tons of questions even a bit shaken, then, good! This is the parable doing its thing, Jesus was certainly not a boring teacher and at this stage of the Gospel, as he is about to be arrested, it is not surprising that he is warning those around him to have enough oil for their lamps.

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"Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. Wisdom. 6:12

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

11th & 12th November 2023

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Recent Deaths: Christy Nolan, Castledermot and late of Ballyoliver
Fr. John O'Brien, St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 11th & 12th November

Norah (Nonie) Doyle, Bough – 1st Anniversary

Mary Kelly, Haroldstown

Eamon Dunne, Tankardstown

Tom Doyle, Morning Star & Rathaniel

Doyle Family, Bigstone

John O'Toole, late of Knocklishen

The Kearns Family, Rathvilly and deceased family members

William Burke, Bough and deceased family members

Sarah & John Doyle, Bough and deceased family members

Elizabeth & James Joyce, Knockavagh and deceased family members

Attracta Doyle, Raheendaw

Joseph Elliott, Monavothe

Gretta Bolger, Rathvilly

Pat Leonard, Rahill

Denis Nolan, Collins Park

Sat/Sun, 18th & 19th November

Ciaran Dunne, Rathmore

Liam McGrath, Knockroe

Kathleen Keegan, Ballyoliver

Catherine O'Leary, Williamstown

Ann Moore, Williamstown

Mary & Laurence Dowling, Rathmore

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday from 4.00 – 7.00 p.m.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Saturday, 11th November – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Mary Kelly, Feddan.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 19th November – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Lucilla Brophy.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Special Mass for all First Holy Communion candidates takes place this weekend.

Saturday, 11th November - Talbotstown Church at 6.00 p.m.

Sunday, 12th November - Rathvilly Church at 11.00 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Special Mass for all Confirmation candidates takes place next weekend – Sunday, 19th November – Tynock Church 9.30 a.m. Rathvilly Church 11.00 a.m.

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 – 4th & 5th November

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €368.65

Envelopes €408.20

Kiltegan: Offertory €331.30

Envelopes €403.50

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

Results for 8th November, 2023 No Jackpot winner of €14,000.

Numbers: 04 – 07 – 20 – 26. 22 Match 3 numbers and get €46.00 each.

No local winners this week.

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

On **Wednesday, 15th November** the **Jackpot is €15,000.** Tickets €2.

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

NEW CANON IN LOCALITY

Congratulations to Reverend Máirt Hanley, Rector of the Baltinglass Group of Parishes on his recent appointment as a Canon in the Chapter of St. Canice’s Cathedral Kilkenny. He continues to serve in the present Group of Parishes. He founded the St Brendan the Navigator group – to promote an appreciation of early Irish Christianity and is keen on the pilgrim paths being developed as well as being a Camino walker to Santiago di Campostella.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2023 - Sunday, 19th November

Pope Francis calls on all Christians to “acknowledge every poor person and every form of poverty, abandoning the indifference and the banal excuses” we make to protect own well-being. The theme for World Day of the Poor 2023 is from the Book of Tobit. “Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor.”(Tob 4:7) When we encounter a poor person, we cannot look away, for that would prevent us from encountering the face of the Lord Jesus, Pope Francis wrote.

Pope Francis also called for a “serious and effective commitment on the part of political leaders and legislators” to defend the rights enjoyed by all people to food, clothing, shelter, medical care, rest, and social services as outlined in St. John XXIII’s 1963 encyclical “Pacem in Terris” (Peace on Earth).

Carlow County Museum

Visit Carlow County Museum & Tourist Office, College Street, Carlow. Open Monday to Saturday, Free Admission. Tel: 059-9131554, www.carlowmuseum.ie.

RADIO MARIA IRELAND

Totus Tuus Scripture Conference 2023 is live on Radio Maria Ireland on Saturday 18th November from 2pm

Speakers include Fr. John Ryan (Cloyne Diocese), Fr. Luke Demasi (home of the mother), Fr. John McEaney (Waterford & Lismore Diocese), Frances Hogan (scripture scholar). Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland app, saorview channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 5-8-10-11

Match 3 win or share €150

Margaret McNamara Fr. Flood Ave 4-8-10-11

On Line winner

Next draw 14 Nov. 2023 **Jackpot €5,300**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 1, 9, 21 and 24

Trish Murphy, Haroldstown, Tullow 9-18-21-24

Online Winner

Promoter’s prize €20 was won by Fergal Harmon, Kiltegan

Next draw 14th. October 2023 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support

VOLUNTEERS INVITED TO HELP IN THE PARISH

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

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO Tuesday 14th Nov. St. Fiacc’s Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 46 numbers €1480 Double number €390 Lotto €2950

Graiguecullen MONSTER CHRISTMAS Bingo.

Sunday 19th November 2023 @ 3pm in St. Fiacc’s Hall (R93PO30).

Great prizes to be won. Chocolates left and right of the winner.

In-house Lotto draw for Turkey & Ham, plus 3 books. Great prizes, Bring a friend.

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, 25th 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.

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