

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 25:14-30 Enter into joy

The slaves in today's parable have been entrusted with their master's property, 'each according to his ability'. The 'talent' was an unreal sum of money to be responsible for as one 'talent' was equivalent to fifteen year's wages. The slaves are not all expected to have the same outcomes, but their master does expect some progress. While the first two slaves make great returns, the third slave buries his talent. This was one way of keeping money safe in the ancient world (13:44), but it also removed liability from the person who buried it. This poor slave is afraid of failure and appears a bit lazy; he does nothing with his talent and so loses everything. While the word 'talent' comes from this very parable, it is about more than our gifts. It points towards a bigger picture: how will Jesus' followers *be* in this world following his death?

We have no idea when the 'end-times' will come, but we do know that each of us has a limited amount of time at our disposal; we will all, eventually, run out of time! The parable asks Matthew's community, and us, how we might live responsibly, using the opportunities that are given to us for the good of the world and the glory of God. Digging a hole and hiding our gifts, and in doing so hiding ourselves, is certainly not the way to go. Everything is moving towards fulfilment, our very lives and all of creation. So the challenge put before us here is, what will we do with the time that has been given to us? The parable encourages us to use our time and gifts creatively, embracing adventure, being curious about what possibilities might come if we take a chance. Jesus call us to the fullness of life so that we can *enter into joy*.

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"It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking... We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. ---- Marianne Williamson

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

18th & 19th November 2023

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

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**The Assumption
Tynock**

Recent Deaths: John Byrne, formerly Barraderry, Kiltegan
Mark Pierce, Kelsha, Kiltegan

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 18th & 19th November

Ciaran Dunne, Rathmore

Liam McGrath, Knockroe

Kathleen Keegan, Ballyoliver

Denis Nolan, Collins Park

Msgr John Delany former Parish Priest

Catherine O'Leary, Williamstown

Ann Moore, Williamstown

Mary & Laurence Dowling, Rathmore

Elizabeth Larkin nee Kavanagh

Sat/Sun, 25th & 26th November

Months Mind Mass for LV Conway, Straboe on Sat/Sun, 25th/26th November

Joe Byrne, late of Fr. Cullen Tce & Bristol – 1st Anniversary

Ann Byrne, Sunnyside

John Colgan, Rathdaniel

Seamus Williams, Coolmanagh

Liam McCarney, Monaghan

Michael Curry, Ballybit

Michael Loughnane

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.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

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

Reader: Lucilla Brophy.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 26th November – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Fiona Kane.

CONFIRMATION

Special Mass for all Confirmation candidates takes place this weekend –

Sunday, 19th November – Tynock Church 9.30 a.m. Rathvilly Church 11.00 a.m.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 11th & 12th November

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €528.24

Envelopes €670.25

Kiltegan: Offertory €139.60

Envelopes €352.59

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.**

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

Results for 15th November, 2023 No Jackpot winner of €15,000.

Numbers: 01 – 14 – 27 – 28. 10 Match 3 numbers and get €100.00 each.

No local winners this week.

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

On **Wednesday, 22nd November** the **Jackpot is €16,000.** Tickets €2.

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

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

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.

RATHMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL.

The staff of Rathmore NS would like to sincerely thank Monsignor McEvoy, Rathvilly Parish, Cllr Brian O'Donoghue and Cllr William Patton for their very generous donations over the past weeks which allowed our Junior Room to reopen. We are extremely grateful for their assistance. The staff and children truly appreciate all that they have done for us.

SYNOD NEWS – Bishop Brendan Leahy and his experience at the Synod

Bishop Denis is delighted to announce that Bishop Brendan Leahy will give an account of his experience as a delegate at the recent synod assembly in Rome. Bishop Brendan will join us on Saturday morning, 25 November from 11-12.30 in Mount St Anne's, Killenard, County Laois. Anyone who would like to hear from Bishop Brendan is very welcome to join us for this free event, hosted by the diocese.

2024 PIONEER CALENDAR

The 2024 Pioneer calendar is available from Pioneer centres and from Central Office (01 805 4226). The calendar is designed to offer spiritual support and encouragement to families which are being impacted by alcohol and addiction. The calendar is priced at €5. www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar

VOLUNTEERS INVITED TO HELP IN THE PARISH

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

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

The Catholic Communications Office edits and publishes a five-story weekly ezine Sharing the Good News. The ezine is an accessible news report on the work of bishops' subscribe to this resource by visiting <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/>

RATHVILLY COMMUNITY ALERT

A Community Safety Forum is being hosted by Superintendent Anthony Farrell of Carlow Garda Station in the Function Room in Lawlor's Public House on Friday 24th November 2023 at 12 noon, and offers an opportunity for parishioners to meet with Superintendent Farrell and Garda Members attached to Carlow District area, and to receive community feedback. Refreshments will be served on your arrival.

BUDGIE FOUND

A budgie was found in Williamstown on Monday, 6th November. The budgie is obviously someone’s pet as it is very tame. Owner can contact the Parish office.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 8-14-18-24

Match 3 win or share €150

Cathy Purdy Fitzgerald Kevin Barry Rd. 8-14-22-24 Online winner

Sue Molloy Rathvilly 8-12-18-24 Collette Kelly

Next draw 21 Nov. 2023 **Jackpot €5,400**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 10 - 17 - 21 - 25

Marie O Connor 4-17-21-25 Online Winner

Kennedy Grandchildren c/o K. Kennedy 5-10-17-25 Michael Kehoe

Mag Lawlor c/o Martin Curran 2-10-17-21 Martin Curran

John Lawler c/o The Harp, Rathvilly 3-10-17-21 The Harp Bar

Francis Ivory, Tynock, Kiltegan 10-17-21-24 Breda Keogh

Promoter’s prize €20 was won by Breda Keogh

Next draw 21st. November 2023 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support

CHRISTMAS MARKET

St. Mary’s Church Baltinglass and Church of the Ascension Ballynure

The market will be held on Saturday, 25th November at Stratford Lodge School and Old School, Churchlane from 4 – 8 p.m.

Graigucullen MONSTER CHRISTMAS Bingo.

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

CARLOW UNION OF PARISHES ADVENT TALKS 2023

Taking place in St Mary's, Haymarket, Carlow on the following dates:

Thursday 30th November, Fr Peter McVerry

Thursday 7th December, Leona O'Callaghan, abuse survivor

Thursday 14th Dec. Carlow Community Choir with Director Mary Amond O'Brien

Sunday 17th November, Bernard Lynch, LGBTQ+ advocate

All talks take place at 7.30pm, admission is free. For more information please

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