

Feast of Christ the King

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 25:31-46 Namaste

We have arrived at the final Sunday in the Liturgical Calendar and this Feast of Christ the King brings our journey with Matthew's Gospel to a close, for now. Instead of palaces or trappings, today we have Christ the King found dwelling with those who are on the fringes of society: prisoners, the hungry, the naked. How transformative it would be to really see God present in each other and in those that society considers the 'least'. There is a beautiful practice in India of using the phrase 'Namaste' when you greet someone, which literally means, the Divine in me greets the Divine in you. Usually this greeting is accompanied by a deep bow towards the other person. Words are one thing, but can we live this? At the heart of the mystery of today's Gospel is the radical call to *be* Christ to others and to *see* Christ in others.

Acts of love, mercy and compassion towards the 'least' in the community are a summary of Jesus' ministry in Matthew's Gospel, keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus is never afraid to call out good and evil, and while this might make us uncomfortable, it presents us with the opportunity to go deeper, to recognise the weeds and the wheat, the sheep and the goats in our world but also within ourselves. We are called to him by giving our lives in service to those around, recognising Christ in those we meet and within ourselves. All are sacred. This is 'Good News', even the righteous in the parable today are surprised to be recognised (v. 37). The call is to contemplative action, and there should be no half measure as we have seen in the previous parables: stay alert, use our gifts and talents, keep the lamps lit.

To really live this, to love God who dwells within, through loving our neighbour who is Christ to us; is to be true to the greatest commandment.

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"We need not worry about the timing of the 'second coming'. Christ is in our midst now and comes to us again and again – unexpectedly – in the form of the person in need. --- Anna Case-Winters

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's

Talbotstown

25th & 26th November 2023

St. Patrick's

Rathvilly

The Assumption

Tynock

Feast of Christ the King

Recent Deaths: Brigid Reilly, Collins Park, Rathvilly

Brian Keogh, Portarlington, brother of Anne Byrne, New Road, Ballyoliver

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 25th & 26th November

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

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

Ann Byrne, Sunnyside

John Colgan, Rathdaniel

Seamus Williams, Coolmanagh

George Gahan, Kevin Barry Road

Jim Johnson & the Johnson family, Phelan Street

The Cummins Family, Ballintrain

The Nolan Family, Weavers Square, Baltinglass

Liam McCarney, Monaghan

Michael Curry, Ballybit

Michael Loughnane

Christopher Doyle, Knockavagh

Sat/Sun, 2nd & 3rd December

Miley & Alice Carson, Raheendaw

Matthew & Christina Hanly, Williamstown

Matt & Rita Hanly

Joe Dempsey, Rathvilly

Cora Cullen, Knockavagh

Anna & Michéal McEvoy

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

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

Reader: Fiona Kane.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 3rd December – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Mary Byrne.

PARISH AUDIT OF MASSES

At the request of Bishop Denis Nulty, a Parish Audit of Masses is to take place in all parishes on 25th & 26th November and 2nd & 3rd December. This audit will inform the reduction of Mass schedules in the New Year.

HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR DECEMBER

Rathvilly Area – Friday, 1st December 2 – 5 p.m.

Kiltegan Area – Friday, 8th December 2 – 4 p.m.

SACRAMENTS

Special Mass for First Holy Communion & Confirmation Classes take place on Sunday, 3rd December. Tynock Church at 9.30 a.m. Rathvilly Church at 11.00 a.m.

TALBOTSTOWN & TYNOCK SCHOOL MASSES FOR ADVENT

Monday, 4th December in Talbotstown Church at 9.45 a.m.

Monday, 11th December in Tynock Church at 9.45 a.m.

Monday, 18th December in Talbotstown Church at 9.45 a.m.

RATHVILLY/BALTINGLASS PARISH CLUSTER

CANDLELIGHT PRAYER FOR PEACE

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of the 'Prince of Peace' while we live in a world that is far from peaceful.

This Advent the parishes of Rathvilly and Baltinglass will come together to pray for peace especially in the Middle East and Ukraine at 7.30pm as follows.

Rathvilly: Wed. 13th & Friday 22nd. Baltinglass: Wednesday 6th & 20th Dec.

More details next week.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 18th & 19th November

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

Rathvilly: Offertory € 352.14

Envelopes € 366.50

Kiltegan: Offertory €93.36

Envelopes €225.00

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

Results for 22nd November, 2023 No Jackpot winner of €16,000.

Numbers: 08 – 19 – 27 – 28. 14 Match 3 numbers and get €72.00 each.

One local winner - Winner - Cheryl Donovan. Promoter – Tommy Donovan.

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

On **Wednesday, 29th November** the **Jackpot is €17,000**. Tickets €2.

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

YOUTH 2000 IRELAND

Annual Christmas retreat in Dominican College, Newbridge, Co Kildare on the 8th -10th of December for ages 16-35. This promises to be a special retreat!! Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!!

There are free buses leaving from all over the country to the retreat. Donation only.

Find out more and register now on www.youth2000.ie

VOLUNTEERS INVITED TO HELP IN THE PARISH

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

TOTUS TUUS MAGAZINE is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7th year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across Totus Tuus Magazine and would like a free copy please contact Fiona Kiely on 086 8760058.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results. No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 2-5-13-24

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Florrie Gibbons Station Rd.

On Line winner

Peadar Doyle Knockavagh

On Line winner

Andrew Sibbald Rathvilly

On Line winner

Gladys Lawless Woodgrove

Mick Kehoe

John Plant Rahill

Sean Leonard

Next draw 28 Nov, 2023 **Jackpot €5,500**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 5 – 8 – 10 – 27

Claire Delmar 5-6-8-10

Online Winner

Marie Coogan, Knockfield 5-8-10-15

Breda Keogh

Sean Clarke, Waterstown, Rathvilly 5-8-10-18

Declan Clarke

Maeve Clarke, Waterstown, Rathvilly 5-10-21-27

Declan Clarke

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Mary Darcy, Knocklishen

Next draw 28th. November 2023 **Jackpot €20,000**. Thank you for all your support

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

contact 086-4113989 or email paulfitz1000@hotmail.com

RATHVILLY & CASTLEDERMOT GARDEN & FLOWER CLUB

host Diane Gallagher in Teach Diarmada, Castledermot on Thursday 30th

November at 7.30 pm. Diane will do some Festive Flower arrangements, all of

which will be raffled on the night. There will be tea, cakes & chat afterwards.

Entry €5 & Raffle also €5. All welcome, bring a friend or two.

SYNOD NEWS

For those who couldn't make Bishop Brendan Leahy's talk in Mount St Anne's on Saturday morning you can get a flavour of his experience at the synod in his interview for iCatholic. This and a wealth of other excellent interviews on the Synod are available to watch at iCatholic.ie.

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO Tuesday 28th Nov. St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 40 numbers €700 Double number €600 Lotto €3100