

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 23:1-12

Wake-up call

We are familiar with the expression, ‘Do as I say, not as I do.’ According to one definition, it is ‘an expression used to call out hypocrites, including “environmentalists” with private jets, politicians who send their children to private schools while opposing measures to give other children the same chance, or those who accuse others of racism while not hiring minorities’. Another example is politicians who publicly advocate social distancing and mask wearing during the COVID-19 pandemic while doing the opposite in private gatherings. Jesus makes a similar accusation about the scribes and Pharisees: ‘do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do’. He criticises them for placing heavy burdens on people and for making themselves look important in order to attract attention.

The Pharisees were part of a reform movement concerned with the laws of purity, piety and Sabbath observance. They were well-intentioned, wishing to cement Jewish identity in the face of surrounding cultures and threats. It is easy today to denounce the abuses that Jesus highlights here and place ourselves at the opposite end of the spectrum. But if we take the opportunity to examine our own lives and faith practice, how might we fare? If we are overly concerned with religious duties and displays of piety, we miss the call to humility and service. How would our Church stand up to criticisms of Jesus? Jesus’ vision is of a community that is sincere, egalitarian and humble. It is a community that learns and grows: ‘you are all students’, he reminds them. The use of titles such as ‘rabbi’, ‘father’ and ‘instructor’ remove the focus from God and lure their holders into a sense of superiority that is damaging to the community. Again, we have a topsy-turvy saying of Jesus to drive home the point: ‘All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.’ These are strong words, and a wake-up call for the Christian community.

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“My abiding concern is about the loss of the reassuring invitation of a beckoning God, as revealed so unambiguously in the life of Jesus. Jesus was so good at simply walking with people without judging them, liberating people without making them dependent, forgiving people unconditionally while saving their embarrassment. He set out only to bless people with their own divine power. -- Daniel O’Leary

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid’s
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick’s
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

4th & 5th November 2023

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Recent Death: Fr James Gahan, PE Clonmore

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 4th & 5th November

Trish Ryan, Knockroe – 1st Anniversary
Bridget Carroll, Rathvilly

Sheila Dempsey, Collins Park
Maureen Byrne, 16 Kevin Barry Road

Sat/Sun, 11th & 12th November

Norah (Nonie) Doyle, Bough – 1st Anniversary

Mary Kelly, Haroldstown

Eamon Dunne, Tankardstown

Tom Doyle, Morning Star & Rathdaniel

Doyle Family, Bigstone

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

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday from 4 – 7.00 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 5th November – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Nigel Byrne.

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

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

Reader: Mary Kelly, Feddan.

KEVIN BARRY A Memorial Mass for Kevin Barry will take place in St. Patrick’s Church, Rathvilly this Sunday, 5th November at 11.00 a.m.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASS

Sun, 5th 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.

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 – 28th & 29th October

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

Rathvilly: Offertory € 336.25

Envelopes €546.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €96.82

Envelopes €192.75

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

Results for 1st November, 2023 No Jackpot winner of €13,000.

Numbers: 02 – 03 – 16 – 31. 12 Match 3 numbers and get €84.00 each.

No local winners this week.

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

On **Wednesday, 8th November the Jackpot is €14,000.** Tickets €2.

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

SYNOD NEWS

The first part of the Synod Assembly has concluded in Rome. A Synod Report was agreed on the last day of the month long assembly. In the coming months this report will be considered by Catholics here in Ireland and across the world, ahead of the second part of the Assembly in October 2024. This report and a summary of it, prepared by Vatican News, can be viewed on the dedicated Synod page on Kandle.ie.

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/>

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/

Pioneer Pledge for the month of the Holy Souls

A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Further information from the Pioneers on 01 805 4226 or via www.pioneers.ie/pray

Carlow County Museum

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

RATHVILLY TIDY TOWNS

Rathvilly Tidy Towns committee are delighted to have been placed 4th in our category from 5th last year. The judges were impressed with every aspect and provided an extremely positive view from the perspective of a visitor to our village. Although lengthy, it is worth pointing out the achievements we, and other contributors, have made to the village this year as pointed out in their report. Please see separate sheet or visit our parish website for full report.

THE MISCARRIAGE ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

Annual Service of Remembrance on Sunday, 12th November at 3 p.m. in St. Teresa’s Church, Donore Avenue, Dublin 8. www.donoreavenueparish.ie
All parents, siblings, grandparents and others affected by the loss of a baby are very welcome to attend, whether that loss was recent or long ago.

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.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 7-15-23-26

Match 3 win or share €150

Shane Carroll Knocklishen 7-15-20-23

On Line winner

John Plant Rahill 7-15-23-30

Sean Leonard

Next draw 7 Nov. 2023 **Jackpot €5,200** Thank you for your continued support.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 4 – 20 – 23 - 30

Mick Foley, Hillview, Kiltegan 10-20-23-30

Online Winner

Michael Byrne, Rathdangan, Kiltegan 17-20-23-30

Laura Kavanagh

Tom Foley, Kiltegan 4-12-20-23

Michael Kehoe

Timmy Kelly, Fr. Cullen Terrace 4-6-20-23

Peg Kehoe

Promoter’s prize €20 was won by Brian Curran, Woodgrove Avenue, Rathvilly.

Next draw 7th. November 2023 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support.

Well done To Kallan McCabe on his standout performance for Slaney U14’s at Hanover Harps recently, which earned him ‘player of the match’

VOLUNTEERS INVITED TO HELP IN THE PARISH

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

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