

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Mark 1:14-20 Come on, after me

One of Mark's main concerns in his Gospel is to answer the question of what it really means to be a disciple of Jesus. In today's text we get a sense of what is involved as Andrew, Simon, James and John respond 'immediately' to Jesus, follow him and bond with him. The Greek word that Mark uses, *akoluthéo* (to follow), expresses the fact that in order to 'follow' a commitment of some kind is required, as is personal relationship with the one you follow; to 'follow' is an invitation to do as Jesus does. James and John leave their father Zebedee in the boat with their hired servants (1:20); this family were not so poor, they were small business owners with assets and employees. Laying down their day-to-day lives, their jobs, leaving their families and their plans, they follow the one who announces a new way.

Who leaves everything like this to follow a wandering preacher? These four disciples may have been unhappy with society in the first-century Palestine, perhaps they were unfulfilled in their own lives and longed for something more. Jesus proclaims that things do not have to remain as they are and the time has come (*kairos*) for a change of heart (*metanoia*), a turning around of one's life. Jesus announces an alternative, the last shall be first (9:35; 10:42-44). Anyone who follows Jesus longs for freedom to move away from what is and move towards a more grace-filled way of being in the world. Living with this type of intentionality has the power to bring about personal transformation and communal transformation.

Many people in our world opt to live differently, either choosing religious life, living in intentional community, or in seemingly ordinary actions such as joining a movement, volunteering to make a difference, standing up for those who suffer, taking some days on a retreat. It is through personal commitment, everyday choices, actions and ways of being in the world, that the inbreaking Kingdom of God can be seen. As readers, we know that it is downhill from here for the disciples in Mark. But today, let us admire their courage and intentions and ask ourselves how might we embrace this same intentionality and commit more fully to 'following' Jesus in our own lives.

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'Discipleship is living the reality that change is possible, although, as Gandhian teaching goes, the first call is to become the change we envision. - - - Bonnie B. Thurston

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's	St. Patrick's	The Assumption
Talbotstown	Rathvilly	Tynock
Sat/Sun, 20th & 21st January, 2024	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	

Recent Death: Mary Faulkner, Raheen Baltinglass.

Sat/Sun, 20th & 21st January

Months Mind Mass for Kevin Barry, Tombeagh this Sunday, 21st January at 11 a.m.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

James Kearns, Rathvilly – 1 st Anniversary	Kathleen Doyle, Bough
Vera Lawlor, Rathvilly – 1 st Anniversary	Mike Kane, Bough
Christopher Lawlor, Rathvilly	Joe & Sheila Kirwan, Mount Kelly
Noel Smith, Coole	John St. Ledger, Waterstown
Billy Keegan, Ballyoliver & deceased family members	
The Fox family, Castlemore	The Ayres Family, Kellistown
Michael Hayden, Coventry	Cindy Garside, St. Patrick's Park
William Gahan, 18 Collins Park & deceased family members	
Maura & Jack Farrell, formerly Station Road, Rathvilly	

Sat/Sun, 27th & 28th January

Months Mind Mass for Evelyn Wall on Saturday, 27th January at 11 a.m.

Months Mind Mass for Brenda Malone on Saturday, 27th January at 7.30 p.m.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sean Bolger, Rathvilly
Thomas Keegan, Ballyoliver & deceased family members

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

Thursday – Grandparents Mass at 12.30 p.m. School children will attend.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Adoration each Friday from 3.00 – 6.00 p.m. Please note change of time.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 21st January – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Mary Byrne.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 28th January – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Fiona Kane.

VOLUNTEERS INVITED TO HELP IN THE PARISH

If you feel that you can help, please contact the Parish Office – 059 9161114.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2004 - Communities of Service

Catholic Schools Week takes place from Sunday 21 to Saturday 27 January 2024 on the theme of Catholic Schools as **Communities of Service**.

Monday – Service in our Community of Friends

Tuesday – Service in our School Community

Wednesday – Service in our Family Community (Grandparents' Day)

Thursday – Service in our Local Community

Friday – Service in our Faith Community

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 13th & 14th January

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €326.66

Envelopes €471.30

Kiltegan: Offertory €103.19

Envelopes €130.00

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

Results for 17th January, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €15,000.

Numbers: 09 – 17 – 18 – 27. 18 Match 3 numbers and get €56.00 each.

No local winners this week.

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

On **Wednesday, 24th January** the **Jackpot is €16,000**. Tickets €2.

CATHEDRAL EVENING PRAYER FOR ST BRIGID

February 1st marks the opening of a national year commemorating St Brigid, patron of our diocese and secondary patron of Ireland, 1500 years since her death. Bishop Denis invites people from across the diocese to join him for a special evening prayer in the Cathedral of the Assumption on February 1st at 7:30 pm. Music will be led by Fr Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir.

ST BRIGID'S CAMINO WALK, MONASTEREVIN PARISH

Takes place on Monday 5th February starting at St Brigid's Shrine, Mountrice at 11am, led by Bishop Denis. The walk will journey to Umeras, reputed birthplace of St Brigid, continue along the new canal Blueway and finish in Sts Peter & Paul Church, Monasterevin with a service of light at 12.30pm. For more details please contact Monasterevin Parish Office 045-525346

RATHMORE NS

Enrolment for new pupils into Junior Infants in Rathmore NS is now open.

Applications will be accepted until January 26th 2024. The Admissions Notice, Enrolment Policy and Application Forms are available from the school website (<https://rathmorens.webador.ie>) or by contacting the school office on 0599161375 or rathmorens.ias@gmail.com

QUIZ NIGHT IN AID OF RATHMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL

Saturday, 20th January in Lawlor's Rathvilly at 7 p.m. Team of 4 €40.

Prizes and Raffle. Light refreshments on the night.

Contact Emma 085 1419446 or Ciera 087 2986013

RATHVILLY TIDY TOWNS EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

to fill the roles of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary

Venue: Lawlors Bar, 7:30pm, Tuesday 23rd January 2024

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 6-9-18-27

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Mary Byrne Knocklishen

On Line winner

Kate Murphy Slaney Bank

On Line winner

Cathy Purdy Fitzgerald Kevin Barry Rd.

On Line winner

Harry Dunne Roscommon

Helen Deering

Conor Doyle Knockavagh

Anthony Doyle

Next draw 23 Jan. 2024 **Jackpot €6,300**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 8 – 17 – 18 – 27

Marie Coogan, Knockfield, Rathvilly

Breda Keogh

Liz Nolan c/o Chrissie Deering

Chrissie Deering

Tom Whyte, Rathvilly

Joe Curran

Mrs. C. Gahan, Rathoe

Martin Curran

Majella Gahan, Fr. Cullen Terrace

Martin Curran

Promoter's prize €20 was won Michael Kehoe, Rathvilly Post Office.

Next draw 23rd. January 2024 **Jackpot €20,000**. Thank you for all your support

BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL open evening will take place on Thursday 25th January from 7 to 8pm. Prospective parents and their children are invited to come along to visit our school and meet our wonderful students and teachers. If you are interested in enrolling your child in Bigstone National School but cannot attend on the 25th please contact the school on 059-9161171 or 085-2120952 or by email at office@bigstonens.ie for an application form. Further information and application forms may also be found on our website: **www.bigstonens.ie**.

SCOIL PHÁDRAIG NAOFA, RATHVILLY

Annual Admission Notice for 2024/2025 School year.

Applications will be accepted until 2nd February. Contact the School for a copy of the Admission Policy and the Application Form for Admission - www.rathvillyns.com or email: rathvilly.ns@gmail.com or by writing to the School.

6 Week Draw starts on Tuesday, 23rd January in aid of School Funds

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 25th February 2024.

€799.00 pps. Price includes 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch/Snack on 2 days. Afternoon Tea at Ashford Castle. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Cong. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 094 9006426 or 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.