

3rd Sunday of Lent Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

John 2:13-25

“Zeal for your house will consume me”

In a rare occurrence, we hear of Jesus’ anger in today’s scripture as he loses his cool with those selling goods in the most sacred place of worship, the Jerusalem Temple. The goods sold in the Temple markets were used in sacrifices so that the people could be considered ritually clean in order to be closer to God. It was a model of religion that was exploitative and needed challenging. Jesus is overcome with righteous anger because of the injustice he sees before him; this sacred place (*hieros*) is now a marketplace. What sacred places have we turned into marketplaces today? Our economic systems are driven by profit at the expense of our environment and at the expense of the world’s poorest people. Mother Earth cries out to us to stop making this household a marketplace.

In January 2013, in the North Rhine Westphalia region of Germany, protestors made a last stand against a coal-mining company that wanted to expand an open-cast lignite mine. The expansion of the mine had over the years resulted in the destruction of twenty villages in this area – houses, farmland and schools. A Catholic Cathedral built in 1891 was deconsecrated and destroyed to make way for the extraction of millions of tonnes of lignite that lay beneath the villages. The people were relocated. The 2015 Paris Climate Accord signed by 195 countries, was clear that 80 per cent of the fossil fuels that exist need to remain below the surface of the earth if our world is to be habitable for coming generations. The stand-off at Lutetia ended in January 2023 with the eviction of hundreds of climate activists from trees, rooftops, even tunnels under the ground, and the arrest of many protesters, including Greta Thunberg. The campaign for climate justice continues around the world, for the dream of clean energy and the restoration of this sacred place, our common home. Let us pray this week that ‘zeal for your house will consume’ us and that we will take the necessary steps to ensure a liveable world for all. Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellet, 2023. *The Deep End: A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Mark*. (Dublin: Messenger Publications 2023)

‘May God bless us with anger at injustice May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.
– **Franciscan Prayer**

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid’s
Talbotstown**

Sat/Sun, 2nd & 3rd March, 2024

**St. Patrick’s
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Third Sunday of Lent

Months Mind Mass: Eta Moore nee Healy this Saturday, 2nd March

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 2nd & 3rd March

Nan Sibbald, Phelan Street & deceased family members

William Fox, Coppenagh

Jim Smith, Coole & London

Jenna Chadwick, Durban, South Africa

Peter Carroll, Knocklishen & deceased family members

Sat/Sun, 9th & 10th March

James O’Toole, Bough

Paddy Doyle, Foxcover

Joseph O’Brien, Knocklishen

Una & Sheila O’Brien who died in England during the past year

Mick & Dan Abbott, Ballyoliver and deceased family members

Annie & Johnnie Dempsey, Ricketstown

Hilda Nolan, Collins Park

Anne Byrne, Knocklishen

William Smith, Coole

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – each Friday at 7.00 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Adoration each Friday from 3.00 – 6.00 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 3rd March – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Lucilla Brophy.

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 10th March – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Furlong Family.

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH HOUSEBOUND

March Visit - Kiltegan Area on Wednesday, 6th March 2 - 5 p.m.

Rathvilly Area on Friday, 8th March 2 - 5 p.m.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 24th & 25th February

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €333.27

Envelopes €452.11

Kiltegan: Offertory €84.84

Envelopes €249.80

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

Results for 28th February, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €12,000.

Numbers: 04 – 09 – 17 – 26. 20 Match 3 numbers and get €50.00 each.

One local match three winner this week.

Winner – Breda Reilly. Promoter – Breda Reilly.

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

On **Wednesday, 6th March** the **Jackpot is €13,000**. Tickets €2.

Thank you to all our parishioners who support the Lotto each week.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked every Catholic Parish in the world to take up a collection on Good Friday to support the needs of Christians in the Holy Land.

This year the needs are massive and the plight of the Christians in the Holy Land is desperate. The exhortation to support the Saints in Jerusalem was first made by St Paul in many of his letters. The Church has always supported this call and I ask you to be as generous as you can this Good Friday.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Full Religious programme operated by Marian Pilgrimages Medjugorje Team.

For more information please contact Fr John O'Brien 086 2403787.

MILLIONS FACING STARVATION IN ETHIOPIA

All are encouraged to please pray for the people of Tigray in Ethiopia, where drought and civil war have left many in crisis and in danger of starvation. *Mary's Meals* feeds tens of thousands of children one meal in school each day in the region. If you feel called to support our mission, and to help us reach more children, please visit marysmeals.ie or contact 01 853 5163.

Mary's Meals feeds more than 2.4 million children in 18 countries. The average cost to feed a child with Mary's Meals for a whole school year is just €22. *Mary's Meals Ireland* is a Registered Charity: 20061920 CHY16897. Thank you.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 10-11-13-14

Match 3 win or share €150

Noel Doyle Knockavagh 10-13-14-26

On Line winner

Next draw 5 March 2024

Jackpot €6,900

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 1 – 6 – 9 – 24

Katie Wall, Monavothé 1-2-6-9

Online Winner

Martin Curran, Fr. Cullen Terrace 1-4-6-9

Martin Curran

Paul Kelly, Rathvilly 6-9-14-24

Peg Kehoe

Gemma Doyle c/o Laura Kavanagh 6-9-10-24

Laura Kavanagh

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Clive Byrne, Fr. Cullen Terrace, Rathvilly.

Next draw 5th March 2024 **Jackpot €20,000**. Thank you for all your support.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Chrism Mass: Monday 25th March, Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow - 7.30pm

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 2nd June 2024

DIRECTOR OF PARISH DEVELOPMENT

Kildare and Leighlin Diocese is inviting applications for the full time position of Director of Parish Development. A job description and information on how to apply can be found on www.kandle.ie. Closing date for applications is 25 March 2024.

This is a very important appointment for our diocese, and we ask your prayers that our search to fill this position will be successful.

A DAY FOR CHOIRS, MUSICIANS & CANTORS

A Day for Choirs, Musicians & Cantors at the Dominican College, Newbridge Saturday 16 April, 10am to 7pm. Presented by a Dominican friar from Poland, Australian soprano and liturgical music expert, an Irish Dominican friar.

Content: New liturgical music from Poland, good liturgical practice, filling gaps in your repertoire, launch of a new hymnal, record music for Irish Dominicans' 800 years in Ireland. €32 including three-course lunch.

Book: DominicanDayChoirs2024.eventbrite.com

RATHVILLY COMMUNITY/TEXT ALERT

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Monday 29th April in the Harp Bar at 8pm. We would appreciate a good attendance as we have speakers arranged and we can take questions if anyone wishes to have information about our group.

We now have an email address rathvillycommunityalert@gmail.com for anyone wishing to contact us for any information.

THE SCHOOL HOUSE COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Rathvilly Community Centre Committee presents the "The Celtic Brothers" in St.Patrick's Church Rathvilly on the 28th April 2024 at 7pm (Doors open 5.30pm) Tickets are €25 and are available online or hard copy in Brennans Centra, The Post Office, The Pharmacy, The Parish Office, and members of the committee.

Graigecullen Bingo - Tuesday 5th March, St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 50 numbers €2390 Double number €320 Lotto €650

Monster Easter Bingo Sunday 24th March @ 3pm. Easter eggs left & right.

DRIVE AND DROP

In the Askea Parish Church car park on Sunday 10th March, they will be organising 'Drive & Drop' donation day. This event is vital to allow them to continue to provide practical support to vulnerable families.

Community Connect volunteers will be there in the car park from 3-5pm with their car boot open, to collect practical items. They are asking for NEW ITEMS ONLY, including things such as nappies, baby vests & babygros, baby blankets, baby bottles. Unopened gift items for mother: hand cream, body wash, fluffy socks or slippers. All donations will be gratefully received!