

The Baptism of the Lord Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 *Signposts*

John the Baptist must have been a very dynamic and inspiring preacher. He probably seemed a bit quirky, roaming around in the wilderness, calling people to change their ways. The crowds speculated ‘in their hearts’ if John was the one they had been waiting for, but he used all of this attention and popularity for one purpose only: to point people to Jesus. There are many people in our own lives who have pointed us towards Jesus, perhaps by an invitation to an event or sharing with us a new insight at just the right time: teachers, grandparents, religious inspirational speakers, friends ... In them we see something special that makes us *wonder* so that our hearts are moved to *seek* a little further. They are the John the Baptist in our lives, signposts along the way.

Luke tells us little about Jesus’ actual baptism except that he is baptised alongside ‘all the people’. The account is centered on a powerful experience of the Spirit that occurs while Jesus is at prayer, and it marks the starting point of his ministry. The experience of being led by the Spirit is central to Luke’s Gospel. So far, the ministry of Mary, Elizabeth, John the Baptist and others flow from an experience of the Spirit. The divine words experienced by Jesus tells us who he is, but they also invite us to remember who we are, beloved daughters and sons of a tender, loving God. God delights in us. God’s love is not something we have to earn; it is given because it is in the very nature of God to love. We are called to be ever aware of this dignity which is ours, to grow in awareness of our true selves.

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“The descent into the waters of our spirit, is a journey into the presence of divinity. Through immersion in waters of life there comes a realization that to be a child of the earth is to be a child of God ... All human beings are children of God, but not all live in the awareness that there is ‘that of God’ within them. – **W. L. Wallace**

JUBILEE 2025 – Prayer Cards available in each Church.

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid’s **St. Patrick’s** **The Assumption**
Talbotstown **Rathvilly** **Tynock**
Sat/Sun, 11th & 12th January 2025 **The Baptism of the Lord**

Months Mind Mass: Theresa Curran, Collins Park this Saturday, 11th January

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 11th & 12th January

Kathleen Doyle, Bough
Michael Kane, Bough
Peter Smith, 6 St. Patrick’s Park
Patrick & Mary McNevin, Raheendaw
William Smith, Monavothe
Deceased members of Rathvilly GAA Club

Sat/Sun, 18th & 19th January

Mary Faulkner, Raheen, Baltinglass – 1st Anniversary
Bill Gahan, 18 Collins Park and deceased family members
Frances Faulkner, Collins Park
Joe & Sheila Kirwan, Mount Kelly
John St. Ledger, Waterstown
James Kearns, Rathvilly

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Adoration each Friday 3 – 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Saturday, 11th January – Mass at 6.00 p.m. Reader: Conor O’Leary.

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 19th January – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader – Siobhan Doyle.

CHRISTMAS CRIB

To date the Crib has raised €404.59. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. The Crib will remain open until 2nd February, The Presentation of the Lord. We welcome donations for Homeless Charities.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This Sunday, 12th January is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. At Mass we will remember all the children baptised during 2024. There will be a special blessing for the children. Baptismal Certificates will be available after Mass.

DIOCESAN CHANGES

Diocesan changes announced on Monday by Bishop Nulty include the establishment of a Kiltegan Missionary group in Baltinglass. Three Priests, one Irish, one Kenyan and one Nigerian. Full details are available on the Diocesan Website www.kandle.ie

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 4th & 5th January

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €203.94

Envelopes €752.50

Kiltegan: Offertory €46.00

Envelopes €129.00

WEEKLY ENVELOPES 2025

Weekly Envelopes Boxes have been distributed to families in the Parish. If you do not receive a box and would like to contribute to our Parish, there are boxes available in the Church or contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your support.

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

Results from 8th January, 2025 No Jackpot winner of €20,000

Numbers: 03-14-19-21. 24 Match 3 numbers and get €42 each.

One local match three winner this week.

Winner – Niall Donovan. Promoter – Thomas Donovan.

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

Thank you to all our parishioners for supporting the Lotto.

Tickets available in the Post Office, Parish Office, Lotto promoters and also in Rathvilly, Tynock & Talbotstown Churches after Mass in the Sacristy.

SPECIAL MASSES FOR THE SACRAMENTS

Sunday, 26th January – Tynock Church at 9.30 a.m. & Rathvilly Church at 11.00 a.m.
Holy Communion & Confirmation children to attend.

Sunday, 16th February – Talbotstown Church at 9.30 a.m. & Rathvilly Church at 11.00 a.m.
Holy Communion & Confirmation children to attend.

Sunday, 9th March – Tynock Church at 9.30 a.m. & Rathvilly Church at 11.00 a.m.
Holy Communion & Confirmation children to attend.

FIRST PENANCE FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Wed. 19th March in Rathvilly Church at 7 p.m. for Rathmore & Rathvilly Schools.

Thurs. 20th March in Talbotstown Church at 7 p.m. for Talbotstown & Tynock Schools.

PENANCE SERVICE & CEREMONY OF LIGHT FOR CONFIRMATION

Thursday, 27th March in Rathvilly Church for children attending Rathmore & Rathvilly Schools.

Rehearsal for Confirmation on Thursday, 3rd April at 7.30 p.m. in Rathvilly Church.

Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 5th April at 11 a.m. in Rathvilly Church.

Sunday, 13th April – Talbotstown Church at 9.30 a.m. & Rathvilly Church at 11 a.m.
Holy Communion children to attend.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Rathmore NS & Rathvilly NS – Saturday, 10th May at 11 a.m. in Rathvilly Church.

Talbotstown NS & Tynock NS – Saturday, 17th May at 11 a.m. in Tynock Church.

PARISH RE-DEVELOPMENT GROUP

All parishioners are invited to an Open Meeting with Deacon Patrick Roche on Tuesday, 21st January in the Parish Meeting Room.

Dana's Cross & Cloak Concert – Abbeyleix Co Laois

Dana's Cross & Cloak Concert in aid of the All-Ireland Sacred Heart Crusade, takes place on Sunday 2nd February 2025 in The Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix, Co Laois R32 VE24 (featuring local artists). Ticket €25.00 (Book on Eventbrite.ie).

For more information, contact Antoinette- 086 0803047.

St. Brigid's Camino Walk – Monasterevin Parish

St. Brigid is reputed to have born in the Townsland of Umeras, just outside Monasterevin, Co. Kildare. To commemorate St. Brigid, Monasterevin Parish have organised a Camino Walk in her honour. Starting at St. Brigid's Shrine at Mountrice (W34 X529) at 11am on Monday 3rd February 2025 (walk is approximately 6km/car parking provided at Mountrice Cross).

The walk will be led by the Bishop and will journey via Umeras, then along the Canal Blueway, finishing in Saints Peter & Paul Church Monasterevin with a Service of Light at 12.30 pm.

A bus will leave the Parish Church Monasterevin at 10.30 am to Mountrice and return at 2pm. For those who wish to avail of this service, payment on the bus.

All those who participate will be issued with a special St. Brigid Camina Passport.

St. Brigid's Crosses and refreshments will be provided on the day.

For more information, please contact Monasterevin Parish Office – 045 525346.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 13 - 17 - 25 - 30

Marion Hand, Ballybit, Tullow 5-13-25-30

Online Winner

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Joe Curran, Woodgrove Ave., Rathvilly.

Next draw 14th. Jan. 2025 Jackpot €12,800. Thank you for all your support.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Numbers drawn 5-10-15-17

Match 3 win or share €150

Aoife O'Dwyer Rathvilly 5-7-15-17

On Line winner

Aisling Hanks Slaney Bank 5-15-17-30

On Line winner

Dawn Keogh Fr. Cullen Tce. 5-10-15-18

Post Office

Next Draw 14 Jan 2025 **Jackpot €11,400**

Diocesan Pilgrimage for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Coinciding with the Jubilee for Teenagers, during the Jubilee Year of Hope, the Diocese is travelling for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlow Carlo Acutis

25th - 29th April. This pilgrimage includes a day trip to Assisi, trips to the pilgrims' sites of Rome and of course the Mass on Sunday in St. Peter's Square when Blessed Carlo will be declared the first 'Millennial Saint.' Bishop Denis will join us for the pilgrimage as well as Fr. David Vard. Places are limited and can be booked through Marian Pilgrimages or forms, itinerary can be collected in Portlaoise Parish Centre.