

Corpus Christi – Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Gospel: Luke 9:11-17 Gift of love

In today's Gospel, we meet Jesus who is with people who are in need. The crowds have followed him to a deserted place, and it is now nearing nightfall. If Jesus is to send them away, as the disciples recommend, the people will likely go hungry as they make their way to find shelter for the night. Instead, he directs the disciples to '*give them something to eat*'. When they object that they have only meagre provisions, Jesus uses what they have to pull off a remarkable feat – a feast for the crowd.

This passage recalls several Old Testament stories about God providing for his people. We remember, for instance, how the Israelites were fed in the desert (Ex 16:1-18), and how Elisha fed a crowd in time of famine (2Kg 4:42-44). Today, it brings to mind the situation of [all who seek refuge from violence and conflict], migrants, and asylum seekers across the world, people who experience hardship and often mistreatment at our borders. The Gospel leaves no doubt about our obligation to protect them, just as Jesus provided for the hungry crowds. Today's Gospel also echoes the Eucharistic Meal, with Jesus taking the bread, blessing it and having the disciples distribute it. With these words, Luke is clearly making the links between the Eucharistic and practical care for those in need.

Jesus doesn't produce this meal from nothing. He transforms what the disciples have into a blessing for many. Sharing in the Eucharist means sharing our resources. It means ensuring people are not left to fend for themselves in crisis situations. When we receive the Body of Jesus in the Eucharist, it is a gift of love. But if we do not give in return, we are wasting the gift. Where people are hungry, homeless, or mistreated, it is our responsibility, as followers of Jesus to share and to provide.

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“In the Eucharist, Jesus becomes the voice of those who have no voice. He speaks for the powerless, the oppressed, the poor, the hungry. In fact, he takes their place. And if we close our ears to their cries, we are shutting out His voice too - *Pedro Arrupe SJ*

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

Sat/Sun, 21st & 22nd June, 2025

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Corpus Christi

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 21st & 22nd June

Thomas Colgan, Rathdaniel – 1st Anniversary
Peg McGrath, Broughillstown – 1st Anniversary
Penny Kearns, Rathvilly
Rosie Corcoran, School House, Rathvilly

Sat/Sun, 28th & 29th June

Elizabeth Deering, Ballybit
Brian & Laura O'Donoghue, Williamstown
Bridget Keegan, Ballyoliver
Noel Lyttle & deceased family members
Margaret Meegan, Castleblayney

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Saturday, 21st June – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Breedh Murphy.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 29th June – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Conor O'Leary.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

Friday – Mass at 7.00 p.m. Blessing and presentation of Pioneer Pins will take place.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday 3-6 pm.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 14th & 15th June

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €304.75

Envelopes €448.71

Kiltegan: Offertory €79.06

Envelopes €192.00

EVENING PRAYER FOR PEACE

Can you spare a half an hour on Tuesday, 24th June at 7.30 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly to continue to pray for appalling situation in Gaza.

Gaza: 'Words are not enough!' – Irish Bishops call for solidarity. See separate sheet.

THE SACRED HEART NOVENA – 19th – 27th June.

Novena Prayers will continue at Mass each day until Friday, 27th June.

POPE FRANCIS - Souvenir photo and Prayer Card available in each Church.

PARISH CEMETERY MASSES

Tynaclash Cemetery – Sunday, 13th July at 7.00 p.m.

Rathvilly Cemetery – Sunday, 3rd August at 11.00 a.m.

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

Results from 18th June, 2025 No Jackpot winner of €14,000

Numbers: 05-17-24-32. 10 Match 3 numbers get €100.00 each.

No local match three winner this week.

Next draw on Wednesday, 25th June. **Jackpot €15,000.**

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

Thank you to our parishioners for supporting the Lotto.

PARISH TAX RECLAIM FORMS

Thank you to all the parishioners who have returned their signed Tax Reclaim Form.

If you have overlooked it we would appreciate it if you could return it as soon as you

can. By returning the signed form it means the Parish can claim a refund from the

Revenue Commissioners which is a great help for our finances. Thank you for your

continued support.

COME AND SEE DAY

A day to explore priesthood: talks, time for prayer, answering your questions,

discerning a vocation, Knock House Hotel F12 R6Y5, Sunday 13th July 11.00am to

4.30pm. Bookings only through Vocations.ie. For more information

contact: carol.king@vocations.ie

THANK YOU RATHVILLY PHARMACY

Rathmore National School sincerely thanks Patricia and all in Rathvilly Pharmacy

for the generous donation of the First Aid kit. Your support is greatly appreciated and

ensures we are well-prepared for any minor emergencies. Your kindness and

community spirit make a real difference to our school.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers 4-13-20-23. Match 3 win or share €150

Brian O'Donoghue Williamstown 4-11-13-20

On Line winner

Georgie & Theresa Baltinglass 4-7-13-20

Bingo winner

Next draw 24 June 2025 **Jackpot €3,200**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 3-21-27- 30

Mary O'Neill, Rathvilly 3-12-27-30

Post Office

Brian O'Neill, Tullow 3-16-21-30

Online Winner

Shirley Jackson, Hacketstown 3-20-21-30

Online Winner

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Rathvilly Post Office.

Next draw 24th. June 2025 Jackpot €15,100. Thank you for all your support.

JOHN BYRNE MEMORIAL SHIELD on Saturday, 12th July –

The Byrne Family -V- Slaney Mixed Team at 5 p.m. @ Slaney Rovers AFC.

SUPER VARIETY CONCERT

John Lennon & St Tegan's Hall committee presents a Super Variety Concert in

St Tegan's Hall on Thursday, 3rd July starting at 8 p.m. Admission €15.00 with

special guest appearance by Dave Lofts. Featuring hand clapping & foot tapping

music. Ballads, Irish & American Country, Rhythm & Blues, Ukrainian Sounds and

Traditional music. Promises to be a great nights entertainment.

Tickets on sale from: Danny Byrne – 059 6473143, Siobhan Doyle – 087 2372050,

Ben Lennon – 087 9436187 or any committee member.

COLUMBANUS DAY CELEBRATIONS

All paths lead to Carlow this July when the town hosts the XXVI Columbanus Day

celebration from 11th July to 13th July 2025. This significant occasion honours St

Columbanus, one of Ireland's most influential early missionaries, recognised for his

contributions to the spiritual and cultural foundation of Europe. St Columbanus, patron saint

of the Missionary Society of St Columban, was born in Myshall. The three-day event

promises a rich blend of cultural, spiritual and communal experiences. Highlights include the

launch of the exhibition 'Ireland and the Birth of Europe,' a symposium exploring the

relationship between creation and spirituality given by Columban missionary Fr Sean

McDonagh, and a walk along the picturesque Columban Way. Visitors can also look forward

to engaging talks, such as 'Columbanus, the Man from Myshall,' by former President Dr Mary

McAleese, taking place in the Holy Cross Church in Myshall. The celebrations culminate

with the XXVI Columbanus Day Mass at the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on

Sunday 13th July. We very much look forward to hosting the International Columbanus

Weekend, when pilgrims from all over Europe will gather here in our diocese to honour this

great Saint. Bookings for various events now open on www.kandle.ie

RATHVILLY TENNIS CLUB

The National School Tennis Competition will be held on Saturday, 28th June.

All boys and girls attending national school from Age 6 upwards are invited to

participate. The competition will commence at the following times for the respective

age groups:- Boys and Girls

Age 6 to 8yrs (Be 6 yrs and under 8 on 1st May,2025) - 11.00a.m.

Age 8 to 10 yrs (be 8 yrs and under 10 on 1st May, 2025) - 12noon

Age 10 (Be 10 yrs on 1st May,2025) up to and including sixth class pupils - 1.00p.m.

Summerstars Reading Challenge for Primary School Children has commenced in all

Carlow Library branches, call in and get your goodie bag, enter the weekly prize draws

& enter the mega prize at the end of the Summer! There's nothing to lose only lots of

books to choose!

Little Library Bags -There are free Little Library bags for all children starting school in

September. The bags are available in both Irish and English, they contain books and

resources to support the transition from pre-school to primary education. My Little

Library Book Bags are available in all Carlow Library Branches, families not already

registered as library members are welcome to join when collecting their bags.

RATHVILLY TIDY TOWNS

Help needed - The Green, Rathvilly every Tuesday at 7 p.m. All welcome and needed!