

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 Salvation to this house
(Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)

The story of Zacchaeus is one of the most familiar Gospel stories, although it is only found in Luke. The vivid details resonate with us: the unpopular tax collector, too short to see Jesus, who climbs a tree to get a better view, and then hears the startling words of Jesus, *‘Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your home today’*. As he often does, Jesus goes against the social and religious expectations of his time. As a tax collector, Zacchaeus would have been considered an outsider, in this scene he is also literally on the outside of the crowd. He can’t get a glimpse of Jesus, but in his determination to see him he climbs a tree.

Jesus sees Zacchaeus, however, and approached him, creating shock among the onlookers. They grumble, unhappy to see Jesus reaching out to a *‘sinner’*. Then Jesus does something completely unexpected. He invites himself to Zacchaeus home, where Jesus’ pronouncement is equally unexpected, *‘Today, salvation has come to this house’*. This story ties in perfectly with the earlier parables of the Lost Coin, the Lost Sheep and the Prodigal Son (Lk 15:1-32). There we are reminded of the rejoicing that takes place when what has been lost is found again. Jesus has come to save the lost. In this story, it is significant that Jesus invites Zacchaeus into table-fellowship, even before he decided to mend his ways and make restitution to those he had cheated. Zacchaeus welcomes Jesus to his house with open arms, and the experience of Jesus’ love and acceptance transforms him. Jesus is waiting for our welcome today. © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellet, 2022. *A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew*. (Dublin: Messenger Publications 2022).

“The question is not ‘How am I to find God?’ but ‘How am I to let myself be found by [God]?’ . . . God is looking into the distance for me, trying to find me, and longing to bring me home. *Henri J. M. Nouwen*

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid’s	St. Patrick’s	The Assumption
Talbotstown	Rathvilly	Tynock
Sat/Sun, 8th & 9th November 2025 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica		

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 8th & 9th November

Kathleen Faulkner, Bough – 1 st Anniversary	Trish Ryan, Knockroe
Eamon Dunne, Tankardstown	Bridget Carroll, Rathvilly
Mary Kelly, Haroldstown	Sheila O’Neill, Slaney View
Maureen Byrne, 16 Kevin Barry Road	Nonie Doyle, Bough
Edward & Ellen Carson, Rathmore	Attracta Doyle, Raheendaw

Sat/Sun, 15th & 16th November

Pat Leonard, Rahill	Kathleen Keegan, Ballyoliver
Joseph Elliott, Monavoth	Nonie Doyle, Bough
Catherine O’Leary, Williamstown	Mary & Laurence Dowling, Rathmore
Msgr John Delany PP 1903 – 1941	

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 9th November – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Breedh Murphy.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Saturday, 15th November – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Veronica Byrne.

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday 3-6 pm.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS 1st & 2nd November

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €265.44

Envelopes €425.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €166.43

Envelopes €159.00

PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR NOVEMBER

Kiltegan Area Wednesday, 12th November 2-5 pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Special Mass for children attending Rathmore & Rathvilly NS takes place this Sunday, 9th November at 11 a.m. in St. Patrick’s Church, Rathvilly.

CONFIRMATION MASSES

Rathmore & Rathvilly NS – Sunday, 16th November & Sunday, 14th December at 11 a.m. in St. Patrick’s Church, Rathvilly.

Talbotstown & Tynock NS – Sunday, 23rd November at 9.30 am. in Talbotstown Church and Sunday, 14th December at 9.30 a.m. in Tynock Church.

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.

IN MEMORY OF OUR BEREAVED Nine Novena Masses for the Dead will be offered on each Monday and Wednesday during the month of November.

CHURCH RADIO

Good news our Radio is back up and running again at 104.3 fm. It has been refurbished at considerable cost to the parish. We would like to thank the person who made a donation towards those costs. It is much appreciated.

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

Results from 5th November 2025 No Jackpot winner of €13,000

Numbers: 19-20-21-29. 8 Match 3 numbers get €125.00 each.

One local match three winner this week.

Winner – Liam Whelan. Promoter – Tommy Donovan.

Next draw on Wednesday, 12th November. **Jackpot €14,000.**

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

Thank you to our parishioners for supporting the Lotto.

CHURCH CLEANERS

Our stained glass window over the Altar looks very well after its completion. A deep clean will now be done on the Church. Our social employment scheme worker has returned to her native country so we need to set up a voluntary group to continue this work. We would ask for volunteers who could spare some time on a weekly or fortnightly basis to help with cleaning the Church. The tasks involved would be hoovering, polishing and general tidying. All help on this matter would be greatly appreciated. Please give you name to the Parish Office if you would be available to help. 059 9161114 Mon – Fri – 10 am – 1 pm. Thank you!

LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT

The Season of Advent is a wonderful gift to us to help us truly welcome the person of Christ into our lives. As a new Church year begins, it can also be a time of new beginnings - no matter where we find ourselves in life.

This year why not embrace all the richness of the season and take the time for prayer in order to ready yourself for the coming of Christ. The Advent scriptures are a wonderful starting point. They remind us of how, in God, all things can be transformed for the good. Our Parish will be offering the Advent Scripture Sharing for the 4 weeks of Advent beginning with Thursday 27th Nov at 6 pm in St Patrick’s Church, Rathvilly. In order that we can have a Resource for everyone, please contact the parish office 059 9161114, to indicate your interest.

FOUND

Two pairs of reading glasses were left in the Church last weekend. Owners can collect them in the Sacristy after Mass.

Message from Bishop Denis re

Department of Education survey on school patronage

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland.

It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic Education for their children and for those who would wish for sacramental preparation within school would have their voice heard also. For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, please participate in this survey if you are a parent or a prospective parent of a primary school student. The survey can be accessed

at <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

The survey closes on 16th December 2025.

Br. Brian Johnson OSF – Thank you

Thank you so very much for the wonderful welcome you gave me when I visited you in Rathvilly and Talbotstown. We are most grateful for your tremendous kindness and generosity towards our mission. The brothers in Kenya and Uganda and the people among whom we work, will be thrilled to know of your great concern for them and of your generosity of €1,870.00. It will be a great boost to them in these hard times of drought, food shortage and the cut-backs in USAID and Aid from other countries. We will use the money you have given us wisely and efficiently. Every cent of your contribution will go directly to our missions.

May the Holy Spirit bless you and keep you safe and well. And may St. Francis of Assisi bless and reward each one of you for your great kindness.

MICHAEL ENGLISH CONCERT

Michael English Concert takes place on Friday, 28th Nov. at 8 p.m. in St. Patrick’s Church, Rathvilly in association with The Schoolhouse Community & Enterprise Centre. Tickets €30 each available from Brennan’s Centra or the Parish Office.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 12-17-24-29

Match 3 win or share €150

Kate Purcell Paulville 10-17-24-29

On Line winner

Next draw 11 Nov. 2025 **Jackpot €5,200**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 3-18-19-28

Moran Shields Family, Kiltegan 3-12-19-28

Fergal Harmon

Promoter’s prize €20 was won by Molloy’s Bar, Rathvilly.

Next draw 11th. November, 2025 Jackpot €3,200. Thank you for all your support.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Msgr John McEvoy, Danny Kehoe, Eamonn Doyle, Sean Lawlor, Ken Gahan and Alan Hanks for erecting new flood lights at St Patricks Church. Also thanks to Carlow/Rathvilly credit union for their donation towards the work.