

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time– Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Dressed for action

Jesus regularly emphasises the importance of waiting. The sort of waiting he has in mind, however, does not mean sitting around until something happens – it means ‘active waiting’, and there is an art to it. In today’s parable, Jesus emphasises the importance of being dressed for action with ‘lamps lit’, like servants waiting for the master to return from a wedding feast. The ideal servants are industrious, looking after others as they wait to welcome their master, while the less worthy servants, forgetting their purpose, are distracted by trivial things and engage in mistreating others.

The early Christians must have eagerly listened to this parable, as they were expecting Jesus to return very soon and eager to be ready. What can it say to us today? In this digital age, we have endless options for entertainment. At the touch of a screen, we can fill our minds with news, social events, videos and games: our smart technologies have literally become an extension of our arms. We can seldom claim to be bored or idle. But are we living present, vigilant lives? Are we giving our full care and attention to those we live with and their needs? Are we awake to God’s presence in the vibrancy of life around us, in all of creation?

Jesus finished his parable with a warning for those who know what is required ‘but did not prepare’. This may resonate with us. We tend to postpone serious reflection about our life and habits, thinking we have plenty of time. We distract ourselves and avoid really living in the fullness of life with our lamps lit and our minds always tuned to God.

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“It’s a terrible thing, I think, in life to wait until you’re ready. I have this feeling now that actually no one is ever ready to do anything. There is almost no such thing as ready. There is only now. And you may as well do it now ... Generally speaking, now is a good as time as any”
- *Hugh Laurie*

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid’s
Talbotstown**

Sat/Sun, 9th & 10th August, 2025

**St. Patrick’s
Rathvilly**

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The Assumption
Tynock**

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 9th & 10th August

Josephine Doyle, Slaney Bank

Bridget Gahan, Lisnavagh

Sat/Sun, 16th & 17th August

Fr Christopher O’Brien, Haroldstown

Peter Blake, Garretstown

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

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

Reader – Muireann Gartland.

Feast of the Assumption - Friday, 15th August – Mass at 9.30a.m.

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Saturday, 16th August – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Fiona Kane.

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

Feast of the Assumption - Friday, 15th August – Mass at 11 a.m.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION – 15th August

VIGIL MASSES on Thursday, 14th August - Baltinglass 6 p.m. Tullow 7.30 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday 3-6 pm.

CHURCH RADIO SYSTEM UPDATE

The current Radio System is unrepairable and needs replacement. The cost of a new unit will be approximately €2,500 and will take some time to source.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 2nd & 3rd August

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €1104.47

Envelopes €979.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €77.35

Envelopes €184.35

THANK YOU

We give thanks for the beautiful weather we received at the lovely Cemetery Mass last Sunday. Thanks to all who helped prepare for the Celebration in any way and special thanks to our Reader, Collectors and Ministers of Holy Communion.

EVENING PRAYER FOR PEACE

Can you spare a half an hour on Tuesday, 12th August at **7.00 p.m.** in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly to continue to pray for appalling situation in Gaza.

TAX REFUND FORMS

Last call for the Tax Refund Forms. If you have paid more than €250 in 2024 and paid tax then the parish being an 'eligible charity' can claim the tax back. Thanks to all who have returned the form. Still a few outstanding. Please take a moment to fill it in and return. This is a vital source of income for the Parish.

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

Results from 6th August, 2025 No Jackpot winner of €20,000
Numbers: 10-13-17-23. 15 Match 3 numbers get €67.00 each.
No local match three winner this week.
Next draw on Wednesday, 13th August. **Jackpot €20,000.**
The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.
Thank you to our parishioners for supporting the Lotto.

It is Good for Us to Be Here: Liturgy Conference 20th September **Carlow Cathedral and Carlow College**

Come and join with Bishop Denis and the Diocesan Liturgy Commission for a day of personal enrichment as we explore many aspects of the celebration of Mass and liturgy in our parishes. In his invitation to the day, Bishop Denis says: *"I warmly invite every parishioner in our diocese – congregation member and liturgical minister – and our clergy to come along to this day. I know it will be personally enriching, informative and practical, as well as being a time to meet old friends and make new ones! I look forward to personally welcoming you in Carlow on 20th September."* Look out for more details on speakers, available workshops and booking information next week.

JUBILEE YEAR OPPORTUNITIES AT LOUGH DERG - AUG & SEPT.

Three Day Pilgrimages continue until 15th August. (Last day to begin the pilgrimage 13th August) Admission €85. Concessions for Seniors, Students and Groups.
One Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection - places available on August 19th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th September 3rd, 6th, 7th, 9th, 13th, 20th, 21st

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CHECK THE REGISTER

Even if you receive a polling card, you now need to add your PPSN, date of birth and Eircode to the register. You can update your details at checktheregister.ie or by paper form. If you need assistance, please contact Carlow County Council Register Staff on 059 9170332 / 059 9170308 / 059 9172448 or email register@carlowcoco.ie.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

National Novena to Our Lady of Knock takes place from 13th to 21st August
Novena Ceremonies 3 pm & 8 pm in Knock Basilica. Workshops each day.

ACN Pilgrimage to Knock

Papal charity Aid to the Church in Need Ireland invites people to join their national pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Saturday August 30 to highlight the plight of Christians who suffer persecution for their faith in many parts of the world. Mass is in the basilica at 3pm – all welcome. For more info, see www.acnireland.org

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 2-19-24-27
Terry Doyle, Bough 2-6-24-27 Online Winner
Promoter's prize €20 was won by Rathvilly Post Office
Next draw 12th August, 2025 Jackpot €15,800. Thank you for all your support

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 2-9-26-27
Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips
Sinead Tallon Mountkelly On Line winner
Ryan Watchorn Tullow On Line winner
Seamus Kelly Baltinglass Bingo winner
Rachael Kirwin Castledermott Bingo winner
Eddie Kelly Ballyhackett Post Office
Next draw 12 Aug 2025 **Jackpot €3,900**

Bulky Waste Drop Off for Householders at Powerstown Civic Amenity Site

- Location: Powerstown Civic Amenity Site, Kilkenny Road, Carlow (R93RF22)
- Dates: 19th – 23rd August 2025 during normal opening hours
Tuesday - Friday 8.30am -4pm Saturday 8.30am -12.30pm
- Cost: €5 per vehicle. • Eligibility: Open to householders only

For more information, please contact the team at Powerstown Civic Amenity Site on 059 9172406 or email powerstown@carlowcoco.ie

TOP TEN WAYS TO HELP POLLINATORS:

Choose nectar and pollen-rich plants for your garden
There are plenty of beautiful plants you can choose for your garden that are rich in nectar and pollen. Outside your garden, the best action for pollinators is to create biodiversity meadows and margins by reducing mowing.
Idea: Plant bulbs such as Snowdrop, Crocus, and Grape Hyacinth in the autumn to provide early food for emerging pollinators the following spring. Or plant five fruit trees to create a mini orchard. pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

Graigucullen Bingo Tuesday 12th August 2025 St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm
Jackpot on 50 numbers € 2910 Double number € 810 Lotto € 1650

IRISH AND BUSINESS GRINDS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER.

If interested please contact 085 2067077.