

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

(Season of Creation 4) Gospel: Luke 16:9-31 *A great reversal*

In Luke's Gospel, there is an emphasis on *seeing* the poor and the oppressed. The rich man in today's Gospel does not 'see' Lazarus, and even in the afterlife, he is still blinded and unwilling to change. He wants Lazarus to be sent to his brothers to warn them, for they too do not really *see*. Their vision has been blinded by wealth, and they do not *see* the reality of the poor who are at their gates. God's economic plan means striving for a world where the poor man Lazarus can sit down at the same table as the rich man, and where we listen to the cry of the poor.

Joanna Sustento is from Tacloban City in the Philippines. In the storm surge of Typhoon Haiyan on 8 November 2013, she lost her parents, her brother, her sister-in-law and her three-year-old nephew Tarin. Joanna was the only person to survive from her household that night. This was the largest typhoon ever to make landfall on recorded history. 10,000 people perished in two hours and fourteen million were displaced. The strength of Typhoon Haiyan is attributed by scientists to climate change.

It is an injustice that those who have done the least to cause this problem are on the frontline of the crisis. When we hear the scientific data, we become easily detached. When we hear real stories, however, and see the devastation and grief of families, we can be moved by compassion to act. We are at a crossroads as a global community: we have the solutions to move forward into a more sustainable future for all, but we are in danger of failing for lack of political will. May today's Gospel truly remind us to see the realities of the ecological crisis so that we can act for the protection of all life on earth.

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Time is running out ... We do not have the luxury of waiting for other to step forward, or of prioritising short-term economic benefits. The climate crisis requires our decisive action, here and now and the Church is fully committed to playing her part. – ***Pope Francis***

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE

www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam

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THE IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER – will cost €3.50 from 2nd October

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's	St. Patrick's	The Assumption
Talbotstown	Rathvilly	Tynock
Sat/Sun, 27th & 28th September 2025	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 27th & 28th September

Siobhan Farrell, Haroldstown
John Byrne, 22 Fr Cullen Tce.
Frank McArdle, Ricketstown
Jenny Curran, St. Patrick's Park
Patrick & Nellie Keegan, Ballyoliver
Peter & Annie Conway, Barnhill
Edward Drea, Rathmore

Michael & Bridget Connor, Knockavagh & deceased family members
Rosanna & Patrick Finnegan, Raheendaw & deceased family members

Sat/Sun, 4th & 5th October

Joan Sibbald, 9 Ballyoliver
Sr. Mary Sibbald, Phelan Street
Maureen Curtin nee Loughlin, UK & Straboe
Margaret O'Leary, Williamstown
Micheál Keogh, Williamstown

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 28th September – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Joe O'Brien.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 5th October – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Nigel Byrne.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday 3-6 pm.

PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR OCTOBER

Rathvilly Area on Thursday, 2nd October 2 – 5 p.m.

Kiltegan Area on Wednesday, 8th October 2 – 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 5th OCTOBER – BLESSING OF PETS

To mark the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi the Blessing of Pets will take place on Sunday, 5th October – Tynock Church Grounds at 10.30 a.m. Rathvilly Church Grounds at 12 Noon.

SACRAMENTS 2026

Confirmation - Bishop Denis Nulty will Confirm the children from the four Schools in our Parish on Thursday, 23rd April 2026 at 11 a.m. in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly.

First Holy Communion –

Talbotstown & Tynock NS – Saturday, 9th May in Talbotstown Church at 11 a.m.

Rathvilly & Rathmore NS – Saturday, 16th May in Rathvilly Church at 11 a.m.

MISSION APPEAL

Br. Brian Johnson, Franciscan Brothers will visit our Parish the weekend of 11th/12th October to conduct a mission appeal. **A little history:** We were founded in Galway in the early 1800's to bring education to the rural poor of Ireland. We were noted in particular for our work with the poor especially during famine times. We also established the first agricultural college in Ireland in Mountbellew County Galway in 1904. We now have missions in rural Kenya and Uganda. We run an agricultural college in both countries. Education we feel is a vital key to progress. During time of drought, famine and conflict we help where we can. We are especially involved in reconciliation, the distribution of food, water and medicine during the difficult times.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

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

13th & 14th September

Rathvilly: Offertory €205.15

Envelopes €323.05

Kiltegan: Offertory €120.75

Envelopes €269.70

20th & 21st September

Rathvilly: Offertory €245.37

Envelopes €279.04

Kiltegan: Offertory €49.70

Envelopes €321.00

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

Results from 24th September 2025 No Jackpot winner of €20,000

Numbers: 18-23-30-32. 2 Match 3 numbers get €500.00 each.

No local match three winner this week.

Next draw on Wednesday, 1st October. **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.

RATHMORE NS

Enrolment for new pupils into Junior Infants in 2026 in Rathmore NS will open on Monday, October 6th 2025 and be accepted until Friday, October 24th 2025. The Admissions Notice, Enrolment Policy and Application Forms are available from the school website or by contacting the school office on 059 9161375 or rathmorens.ias@gmail.com

SLI AN CHROI, ST. PATRICK'S, KILTEGAN

HEALING MASS in St. Brigid's Chapel in Sli an Chroi, (adjacent to the Office Building) St. Patrick's Missionary Society in Kiltegan for the following dates at 3pm each day, followed by Refreshments in our Dining Room:

Monday 6th October Monday 3rd November Monday 1st December

Season of Creation 1st September – 4th October 2025: Peace with Creation

Every one of us has a part of play. For this year's resources

see <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/season-of-creation-2025/>

RAMBLING NIGHT

Rathvilly Tidy Towns presents a Rambling Night on Friday, 17th October in Lawlor's Function Room. Doors open at 7.30 p.m. €5 per ticket.

BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL

Bigstone NS will hold an Open Evening and Book Fair on Tuesday, 30th September from 7 – 8 p.m. Prospective parents and their children are welcome to come along.

We would love to meet you! Further information on: www.bigstonens.ie or phone 059 9161171 or 085 2120952 or email: office@bigstonens.ie

KEVIN BARRY'S GAA

On November 1st 1945 in Derrylaughan, Co. Tyrone, Kevin Barry's GAA Club was founded. The club was called after our local patriot Kevin Barry. To celebrate their 80th anniversary they are coming down to Rathvilly to spend their day with us in Rathvilly. The programme for the day is as follows:

Mass in the Church at 1.00 p.m. followed by a commemoration at the monument.

Then up to the football field to play a game against a Rathvilly selection. They are also bringing a ladies team to play against our ladies team. It will be a great day and a great celebration for all concerned.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 12-16-17-20

Bobby Phelan, Tynock 12-16-20-23

Online Winner

Máire Bowes, Knockboy 12,17, 20,27

Online Winner

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

Next draw 30th. September, 2025 Jackpot €2,600. Thank you for all your support.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 1-13-22-29

Match 3 win or share €150

Frances Tracey Knockananna 1-13-25-29

Bingo Winner

Next draw 30 Sept. 2025 **Jackpot €4,600**

LIVING WELL EXPO 2025

Celebrating Healthy, Connected & Age Friendly Living in Carlow

Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Carlow on Wednesday, 1st October 10.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

At the Expr you will find: Free Health Checks & Free Hearing Checks; Inspiring Guest Speakers; Connection with Services & Supports for ove 55's; Free Entry & Refreshments. Registration – Contact the Age Friendly Team on 059 9136207 or 087 2145262 or email: agefriendlycarlow@carlowcoco.ie

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO Tuesday 30th September St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm

Jackpot on 44 numbers €1220 Double number € 1300 Lotto € 550.