

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne
Matthew 10:26-33

The last words of the poet Seamus Heaney, in a text to his wife Marie, were the Latin words ‘Noli timere’, meaning, don’t be afraid. Heaney was doing what poets and writers do best – expressing human fears and anxieties in a way that makes sense of them. His son Mick wrote, ‘We seized on his final words as a kind of lifebuoy. It seemed to us that he had encapsulated the swirl of emotion, uncertainty and fear he was facing at the end, and articulated it in a restrained yet inspiring way’. Fear can take many different forms. We worry about our families, our health, financial security. In places troubled by war or famine, there are deeper fears: can I manage to feed my children? Will we have to leave our home in order to be safe? Will we survive? When we’re afraid, it’s natural to question God, even to lose faith. We might turn to God in prayer, seeking comfort, or we may struggle to pray because we cannot stand the uncertainties of life. Life doesn’t always make sense in the moment. Looking back, we gain a deeper perspective. Perhaps that’s why Seamus Heaney, close to death, was able to reassure his loved ones. Jesus acknowledges the worst fears of the disciples when he says, ‘Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.’ The ultimate fear – fear of death – is addressed head on. Jesus doesn’t promise that we will come to no harm, but affirms that God is with us, whatever happens. The comparison with sparrows is almost amusing. Sparrows were of little value, other than as a cheap source of food. Yet God cares so much for the tiny sparrow that not one perishes without God knowing – and we are of more value than ‘many sparrows’! God is present in the fear and messiness of life, caring for us so intimately that the hairs on our head are counted.

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid’s
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick’s
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Sat/Sun, 20th & 21st June 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recent Death: Mary Deegan, Carnew, mother of Liz Fitzpatrick.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 20th & 21st June

Derek, Joe, Billy & Kathleen Faulkner, Bough
Noel Lyttle & deceased family members
Bridget Keegan, Ballyolvier
Penny Kearns, Rathvilly
Margaret Meegan, Castleblayney
Rosie Corcoran, Rathvilly

Sat/Sun, 27th & 28th June

Dick Hanly, Ratheendaw – 1st Anniversary
Thomas Colgan, Rathdaniel
Peg & Denis McGrath, Broughillstown

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Saturday, 20th June – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Joe O’Brien.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 28th June – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Fiona Kane.

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Monday, 22nd June – End of School Year Mass for Rathvilly NS at 11.30 a.m. in St. Patrick’s Church, Rathvilly.

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

Wednesday, 24th June – End of School Mass for Rathmore NS at 10.30 a.m. in Rathmore School.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – Adoration on Friday, 26th June 4 – 6 p.m.

INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Msgr John McEvoy will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood next Saturday, 27th June 2026. Msgr John was ordained in St. Patrick’s Church, Ballyroan on 27th June 1976 by the then Bishop Patrick Lennon. For the occasion of his Golden Jubilee Bishop Denis Nulty will Celebrate Mass at **7.00 p.m.** in St. Patrick’s Church, Rathvilly. The Celebrations will continue after the Mass in St. Tegan’s Hall, Kiltegan. **All Welcome.**

Day for Life 2026

Today, Sunday 21 June, the Church across Ireland celebrates Day for Life on the theme The humanity of the unborn child, which invites us to reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception. We remember how the Lord Jesus Christ Himself sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God - God and man - as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until His birth. To read the full bishops' message visit www.councilforlife.ie

CEMETERY MASSES 2026

Tynaclash Cemetery on Sunday, 12th July at 7 p.m.
Rathvilly Cemetery on Sunday, 2nd August at 11 a.m.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

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

6/7 June - Rathvilly: Offertory €321.30	Envelopes €455.20
Kiltegan: Offertory €78.20	Envelopes €202.00
13/14 June - Rathvilly: Offertory 371.16	Envelopes €553.50
Kiltegan: Offertory €185.52	Envelopes €195.70

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

Results from 17th June, 2026 No Jackpot winner of €20,000

Numbers: 05-07-14-26. 23 Match 3 numbers get €44.00 each.

Two local match three winners this week.

Winner – Mike Reilly. Promoter – Breda Reilly.

Winner – Donie O'Reilly. Promoter – Trish Leonard.

Next draw on Wednesday, 24th June. **Jackpot €20,000.**

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

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 18-21-22-25

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Diarmuid Gavin Knockavagh On Line winner

John Kehoe Williamstown On Line winner

Anthony Byrne Woodgrove Tom Whyte

Clair Whelan Knockananna Bingo winner

Jackie Hajrizi Bingo winner

Next draw 23 June 2026 **Jackpot € 8,400**

Drive in Bingo each Monday at 8pm sharp €3,400 in prize money.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 5-16-17- 27

Marcus Nugent, The Birch, De Lacy Abbey 5-16-17-23 Online Winner

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

Next draw 23rd June, 2026 Jackpot €6,400. Thank you for all your support.

RATHVILLY HERITAGE INTEREST GROUP – FUNDRAISER

Social Dance & Jive with The Davitt Brothers Band on Saturday, 11th July in Germaines, Baltinglass 9pm – 12 am. Tickets €10 available from Centre Rathvilly, at the door and on Eventbrite. All welcome – Bring your friends. Please support.

National Synodal Pathway Update

Preparations are continuing for the National Synodal Assembly, which will take place in October. Working groups from across the country are reflecting on the key priorities identified through the synodal process and helping to shape the next stage of the Church's journey in Ireland.

To learn more and view the latest video update from Fr Declan Hurley, Chairperson of the National Synodal Pathway, and Patricia Carroll, member of the National Synodal Pathway and Pastoral Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Dublin, please visit <https://theway.ie/the-irish-synodal-pathway-progress-and-purpose/>

ACCORD Carlow

We offer counselling in Carlow at St Catherine's on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and we have two upcoming Marriage Preparation courses in September and November in Carlow. Please contact carlow@accord.ie or phone 086 4149034.

MABS – Money Advice & Budgeting Service

Free, independent and confidential Money Management & Advice Service assisting people in dealing with their existing debts, Mortgage arrears and helping them to begin to manage their own resources. For more details contact Carlow MABS 72d Tullow Street, Carlow. Phone 0818 072070.

TULLOW LIBRARY

Summerstars Reading Challenge for Primary School Children has commenced in all Carlow Library branches, call in and get your free Summerstars Activity Book & Monster Sticker, 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.

Basic digital skills for beginners

Want to get more from your smartphone, tablet or laptop? Want to get more confident using the Internet - email, motor tax renewal, passport applications, banking etc? Want to learn how to navigate all of this safely and securely? Or maybe you know someone who does? Sign up for our FREE 6-week course in conjunction with KCETB Community Education. Your own device is required to take part. Drop in to Tullow Library or contact us on 059 913 6299

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