

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

**Matthew 10:37-42 *A cup of water***

Offering a cup of water or simple hospitality to a stranger might not seem like much, but that's where Jesus starts. Instructing the Twelve, he tells them that anyone who welcomes them or offers 'even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones' will be rewarded. When we use the term 'little ones', it usually refers to children. In Matthew, it likely describes the community of believers, though it's not clear whether it refers to all disciples, those of low social status, or those weak in faith. Jesus is preparing the disciples and tells them in bleak terms about the cost of discipleship: a life of self-denial, of 'taking up the cross'. But the final part of his instruction is about the virtues of hospitality and compassion. Small acts of kindness have a significance beyond what we expect: 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me', says Jesus. The disciples will participate fully in his mission, and those who welcome them are also playing their part in building up God's vision for the world.

The desire to do better is an integral part of our Christian journey. We want to live up to what Jesus asks, but sometimes we imagine this will require grand gestures only. But here is somewhere we can start. St Therese of Lisieux invites us to practice the 'Little Way of Love', to take every opportunity to offer a kind word, a smile or 'any small gesture which sows peace and friendship'. In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us that it is the 'simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation, and selfishness.' When hundreds of thousands of refugees poured out of Ukraine amid the Russian invasion of 2022, people lined up at borders to offer cloths, food, transport, accommodation. All these kindnesses sow seeds of a better world. When we reach out in a spirit of welcome and solidarity, the light of Christ is shining.

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"Love, overflowing with small gestures of mutual care, is also civic and political, and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world. Love for society and commitment to the common good are outstanding expressions of a charity which affects not only relationships between individuals but also 'macro-relationships, social, economic, and political ones'.

*- Pope Francis*

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## RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

### NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's  
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's  
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption  
Tynock**

**Sat/Sun, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Recent Death:** Ivy O'Brien, Collins Park, Rathvilly

#### ANNIVERSARY MASSES

**Sat/Sun, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June**

Dick Hanly, Raheendaw – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Thomas Colgan, Rathdaniel

Peg & Denis McGrath, Broughillstown

**Sat/Sun, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> July**

Elizabeth Deering, Ballybit

Mary Doyle, Lisnavagh

Eamon Byrne, 16 Collins Park

Gretta Osborne, Garretstown

Michael Osborne, Garretstown & Deceased family members

Peter Byrne, Knocklishen

Oliver Byrne, New Rd, Ballyoliver

Martin Folan

Margaret & Michael Walsh, Knocknagan

John Nolan, Knockboy

#### CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> June – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Fiona Kane.

#### ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> July – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Mary Kelly, Feddan.

#### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Adoration each Friday at 4 – 6 p.m.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Monsignor John McEvoy on the joyful occasion of the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood, celebrated on Saturday, 27th June. Ordained in St. Patrick's Church, Ballyroan, on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1976 by Bishop Patrick Lennon, Monsignor John has devoted fifty years of faithful & generous service to God and His people. We thank him sincerely for his dedication, guidance, kindness, & friendship to parishioners throughout the years. His ministry has touched countless lives & enriched many communities. On behalf of all parishioners, past & present, we offer our heartfelt congratulations & gratitude. We wish him every blessing, good health, & happiness in the years ahead.

#### PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR JULY –

Kiltegan Area Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2-5 pm

Rathvilly Area Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2 – 5 pm

### **CEMETERY MASSES 2026**

Tynaclash Cemetery on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7 p.m.

Rathvilly Cemetery on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 11 a.m.

### **WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June**

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €285.34

Envelopes €426.50

Kiltegan: Offertory €104.00

Envelopes €175.08

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

Results from 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 No Jackpot winner of €20,000

Numbers: 04-14-17-20. 17 Match 3 numbers get €59.00 each.

Two local match three winners this week.

Winner – Letitia & Rena Promoter – Rathvilly Post Office.

Next draw on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July. **Jackpot €20,000.**

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

### **RATHVILLY TENNIS CLUB**

Membership now due. Family (2 adults & 2 children) €30

Single Adult over 18 yrs €10 Junior Membership 6 yrs – 16 €5.

**Open Evening** – Come play tennis on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 7 – 9 p.m.

Try the game – meet some members – no experience needed

Coaching session available.

### **RATHVILLY TIDY TOWNS**

Rathvilly NS 6<sup>th</sup> class graduates held a fundraiser and gave the proceeds to two charities. Rathvilly Tidy Towns would like to thank them for the generous donation of €530.00.

### **TRACTOR RUN**

Tractors and Vintage Cars – in aid of St Mary's Church, Rathvilly, The Lalor, Centre Baltinglass & The Baltinglass Rectory Fund takes place on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> July at 2 p.m. at Hamilton Farm, Ballykillduff, Tobinstown R93 X012 Registration 1 p.m.

### **RATHVILLY GAA CLUB**

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 10-20-22-25

Match 3 win or share €150

Ann Callaghan Slaney Bank

On Line winner

Siobhan Reilly Coole

Post Office

Next draw 30 June 2026 **Jackpot €8,500**

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

### **RATHVILLY HERITAGE INTEREST GROUP – FUNDRAISER**

Social Dance & Jive with The Davitt Brothers Band on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.**

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 15-16-23-26

Joan Sibbald, Rathvilly

Post Office

Martha McGrath, Fr. Cullen Terrace

Edel McGrath

Daniel Curran, Woodgrove Ave.

Brian Curran,

Helen Deering, Knockevagh

Brian Curran,

Ciara and Connor c/o Chrissie Deering

Chrissie Deering

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Brian Curran, Woodgrove Avenue, Rathvilly.

Next draw 30th. June, 2026 Jackpot €6,500. Thank you for all your support.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **RATHVILLY COMMUNITY ALERT/TEXT ALERT**

We recently held our AGM and wish to thank all those who attended.

Our Committee was returned en bloc. Our committee consists of Chairman William Burgess, Vice-Chairman John Byrne, Secretary Ciara Smith, Treasurer Anna Deering, Text Alert Co-Ordinator Julie Doyle, Care-Unit Co-Ordinator Phil Heenan.

We are inviting new members to join the Rathvilly Community Text Alert Group. If you'd like to be part of our community safety network, email [rathvillycommunityalert@gmail.com](mailto:rathvillycommunityalert@gmail.com). Membership is €10.00.

### **Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education for Primary School with Online Delivery**

ATU St Angelas is inviting applications for the following programme beginning Autumn 2026: The programme is open to:

Qualified primary school teachers; qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation team and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply.

Closing date for Applications is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2026.

For further information contact Mary Kearns, Senior Administrator, Education Department, ATU St Angelas, Lough Gill, Sligo.

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