33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 25:14-30 ***Enter into joy***

The slaves in today's parable have been entrusted with their master's property, 'each according to his ability'. The 'talent' was an unreal sum of money to be responsible for as one 'talent' was equivalent to fifteen year's wages. The slaves are not all expected to have the same outcomes, but their master does expect some progress. While the first two slaves make great returns, the third slave buries his talent. This was one way of keeping money safe in the ancient world (13:44), but it also removed liability from the person who buried it. This poor slave is afraid of failure and appears a bit lazy; he does nothing with his talent and so loses everything. While the word 'talent' comes from this very parable, it is about more than our gifts. It points towards a bigger picture: how will Jesus' followers be in this world following his death? We have no idea when the 'end-times' will come, but we do know that each of us has a limited amount of time at our disposal; we will all, eventually, run out of time! The parable asks Matthew's community, and us, how we might live responsibly, using the opportunities that are given to us for the good of the world and the glory of God. Digging a hole and hiding our gifts, and in doing so hiding ourselves, is certainly not the way to go. Everything is moving towards fulfilment, our very lives and all of creation. So the challenge put before us here is, what will we do with the time that has been given to us? The parable encourages us to use our time and gifts creatively, embracing adventure, being curious about what possibilities might come if we take a chance. Jesus calls us to the fullness of life so that we can enter into joy.

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"It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking… We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. ***Marianne Williamson***

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's Talbotstown **St. Patrick's Rathvilly** **The Assumption Tynock**

Sat/Sun, 14th & 15th November 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recent Deaths: Joe Ryan, Talbotstown, John O'Sullivan, County Kerry, Mary Cunningham, County Louth, sister of Tom Cunningham.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 14th & 15th November

Joe Byrne, Sunnyside & Bristol
Mary Kelly, Haroldstown
Joseph Elliott, Monavothe
Catherine O'Leary, Williamstown
Kathleen Keegan, Ballyoliver
Elizabeth Larkin nee Kavanagh
Maureen Byrne, 16 Kevin Barry Road
Pat Leonard, Rahill
Paul Reilly, Dublin
Harry Doran, Ballyhackett
Jimmy Kelly, Broughillstown
Mary & Laurence Dowling, Rathmore

Sat/Sun, 21st & 22nd November

Jennifer Curry, Ballybit – 1st Anniversary
Pauline & Gerry Cullen, Dublin
Michael Loughnane, Dublin
Brigid Reilly, Collins Park
Margaret Ready, Nurney
Michael Curry, Ballybit
John Colgan, Rathdaniel
Liam McCarney, Monaghan
Liam McGrath, Knockroe

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Saturday, 14th November – Mass at 6.00 p.m. Reader: Lucilla Brophy.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 22nd November – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Fiona Kane.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – Adoration each Friday at 3 – 6 p.m.

IN MEMORY OF ALL OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

9 Novena Masses for the Dead continue being offered each Monday and Wednesday during the month of November in St. Patrick's Church.

REMEMBERING OUR DEAD - EVENING PRAYER

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly on Friday, 20th November at 7.30 p.m.
Church of the Assumption, Tynock on Friday, 27th November at 7.30 p.m.
All are welcome to come together to pray for our departed loved ones.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT REHEARSALS

Carols by Candlelight rehearsals will take place every Monday and Wednesday evening from 7pm - 8pm in St Patrick's Church Rathvilly. Anyone who can sing or play an instrument are welcome to come along.

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.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 7th & 8th November

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections.
Rathvilly: Offertory €553.59 Envelopes €345.40
Kiltegan: Offertory €205.17 Envelopes €236.00

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

Results from 11th November, 2026 No Jackpot winner of 16,000.
Numbers: 14-20-26-27. 13 Match 3 numbers get €77.00 each.
No local match three winner this week.
Next draw on Wednesday,18th November. **Jackpot €17,000.**
The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.

Caragh Church to Enshrine Relics of St Carlo Acutis

The Church of Our Lady and St Joseph in Caragh, Co. Kildare, will host a special celebration at 6.30pm on Thursday, 19 November 2026, for the enshrinement of the first-class relics of St Carlo Acutis. The chief celebrant will be Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin. The occasion follows a special journey to Assisi in September by Fr. Ruairí Ó Domhnaill, PP Newbridge, and Fr. Joe McDermott, PE CC Caragh, to retrieve the relics and accompany them on their journey home to Ireland. Their pilgrimage marks a significant moment for the local faith community, bringing a tangible connection with the life and witness of one of the Catholic Church's most inspiring modern saints. All welcome.

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027

Join Bishop Denis on this once in a lifetime pilgrimage in South Korea. Young people from all over the world will gather with Pope Leo for a week of prayer, reflection, and a celebration of our faith. If you are aged between 19 and 30, involved in parish life, this could be for you. All details on Poster attached.

Pathways in Advent – Scripture Sharing in Advent

The Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation is offering this short resource for groups who would like to reflect on the Sunday Gospel each week in Advent. The resource also gives space each week to reflect in turn on one of the pathways for the Irish Church identified through the five year synodal process. An information session will take place on zoom next Thursday, 19 November from 7-8pm. If you'd like a link to the zoom call please email Julie.kavanagh@kandle.ie

SLÍ AN CHROI ADVENT RETREAT

We invite you to join us at Slí and Chroí in the grounds of St Patrick's Missionary Society, as we pause to reflect and celebrate a moment in time on your unique journey. For enquiries contact Michele at slianchroi@spms.ie or 089-4690508.

The Five Pathways of the Irish Synodal Pathway

Over the past five years the Irish Church has asked the question of itself: "What is God asking of the Church in Ireland at this time?" The National Synodal Assembly in October was the culmination of this discernment. Delegates made their recommendations on concrete proposals for action. These proposals were housed under five pathways that emerged in the final phase of discernment. The pathways now give us a vision for the Church in Ireland that have their root in local conversations in parishes across the country. The five pathways describe a vision of the Church that proclaims the gospel; the Church as a community of belonging; the Church as a place of healing; the Church that accompanies; the Church that empowers for ministry and co-responsibility. See Kandle.ie/synod/ or synod.ie to view the working document of the assembly where you can read more about the five pathways and the concrete proposals.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 2-11-21-23
Match 3 win or share 150
Lorraine Kelly Woodgrove 11-17-21-23 On Line winner
Next draw 17 Nov. 2026 **Jackpot €10,500**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto numbers drawn on Tuesday 10th. November were 8-10-28-30
Aoife O'Dwyer, Fr. Flood Terrace Online Winner
Lorraine Kelly, Woodgrove Avenue Martin Timmons
Promoter`s prize €20 was won by Laura Kavanagh, Rathvilly
Next draw 17th.November 2026. Jackpot €4,300. Thank you for all your support.

INFORMATION SESSION

Headway Ireland is organising an information session on Wills, Enduring Powers of Attorney, Advance Healthcare Directive and Co-Decision Making on Thursday 19th November from 7.30pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre Carlow R93xv10. Everyone is very welcome. There is no cost. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine at 0879361998 or oharec@headway.ie.

SING FOR MEMORY

An enjoyable, engaging activity providing a friendly and stimulating safe environment where people living with conditions affecting memory can come along together with their carer, family member or friend, to sing, make music, have some fun, interact and be stimulated. Leighlin Parish Centre, Friday, 20th November, 11.00 am to 12.30pm For further information contact Margaret 087 9574606

ADVENT MORNING OF PRAYER & REFLECTION

Focusing on the Deeper Meaning of Christmas. Place: Teach Bhride, Tullow
Date: Saturday, November 28, 2026 Facilitators: Brigidine Sisters: Teresa Phelan & Teresa Carter. RSVP by calling 083-392-8708 by Thursday, November 26th
Suggested donation: €15.00 (includes lunch)