

Third Sunday of Advent Luke 3:10-18

Rev. Liam Dunne

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist cautions against the temptations to get caught up in having more than we need. If you have enough, share it with others, he advises; do not charge more than your due, and be fair and honest in your dealings. His preaching leads people to question whether John himself might be the messiah, but John sets them straight. He is laying the groundwork for Jesus, preparing the way for his radical vision of a world where justice reigns. John's message is clear and practical, and every bit as relevant for us today as it was in his time. It is easy for us to forget what is truly important when we are caught up in the merry-go-round of consumerism that pervades our world at this time of year; we lose touch with the heart of the season. By way of contrast, we should remember that for many people this is also a time of great generosity, with the outpouring of support for charities collections, appeals for food and toys, and ethical gifts.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday, "Gaudete" means rejoice. It's an ideal time to recapture what Pope Francis refers to as "*quiet joy*" – the joy of God's love, of the blessings in our lives, of being able to share with others. It is a good time to take stock of how our Christmas preparations are going. If you are fortunate enough to have enough of everything, you might see a way to cut back on spending and donate some money or time to a favourite charity. If you are struggling with seasonal expenses, perhaps you might take a breather and consider reaching out for help.

We pray that the Joy of the Gospel will fill our hearts as we continue our Advent journey.

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*"Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns,
there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor.
God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of [God's] love is no longer felt, and
the desire to do good fades"*

Pope Francis *Evangelii Gaudium: The Joy of the Gospel*

ADVENT ENCOUNTER

Take time to think and pray this Advent Season and encounter the Lord through Adoration, Confession, Music and hearing a personal testimony of faith. Join us for *Advent Encounter, Portlaoise*, on the 17th December at 6.30pm.

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

11th & 12th December, 2021

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Third Sunday of Advent

Recent Deaths: Sean Kinsella, Tankardstown, Baltinglass
Michael Mullin, Rathdangan

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun, 11th & 12th December

Months Mind Mass for Eamon Dunne, Tankardstown this Saturday, 11th December

Mary (Maureen) Leonard, Monavothé – 1 st Anniversary	John Dunne, Carlow
Nicholas Cullen former Parish Priest	Eileen & Denis Byrne, St. Patrick's Park
Miley Carson, Raheendaw	Gerard Cullen, Dublin
Matthew & Christina Hanly, Williamstown	Matt & Rita Hanly, Dublin
Denis & Mary Kelly, Haroldstown	Mary & Richard Canavan
Tom & Bridie Kehoe, Ballyoliver	Breda Brennan
James Doyle, Coole	

Tynock Church – Saturday, 11th December

Months Mind Mass for Ann (Nan) Kenny, Kiltegan at 6 p.m.

Talbotstown Church – Sunday, 12th December

Rosie, Liam and Matt Farrell	Breda Cremin
Michael & Rose Farrell	Kathleen Keogh

Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun, 18th & 19th December

Breda Molloy, Collins Park – 1 st Anniversary	Eamonn Lawlor, Coole
Patsy Molloy, Ricketstown	Gerry Wilson
Paddy Donoghue, Ballyoliver	Joseph McGuirk, Ricketstown
Patty Dowling, Ballyhackett and deceased family members	

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK **St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly**

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

Friday – Mass at 10.00 a.m. Rosary before Mass each day.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Thursday 10 – 11a.m. No Adoration on Friday.

CONFESSSIONS (Day Chapel) – Thursday during Adoration.

Church of the Assumption, Tynock

Mass on Saturday, 11th December at 6.00 p.m.

Mass on Sunday, 19th December at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Nigel Byrne.

Reader – Lucilla Brophy.

St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown

Mass on Sunday, 12th December at 9.30 a.m.

Mass on Saturday, 18th December at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Mary Kelly, Feddan.

Reader – Siobhan Doyle.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of the late Eamon Dunne, Tankardstown, Tullow who died on November 10th 2021 would most sincerely like to thank those who sympathised with us. Thank you for providing emotional and practical support to us at this time. We would also like to say thank you for the great care Eamon received from his G.P, doctors and nurses in each hospital he attended, to staff at N.R.H. A.B.I Ireland, I.W.A., to his carers who took such good care of him. Thank you to Msgr McEvoy and Halligan Funeral Directors.
The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 27th & 28th November, 2021

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €232.03 Envelopes €387.47

Kiltegan: Offertory €91.30 Envelopes €316.00

You can also make your donation to the parish by electronic banking. You can contact the Parish Office for details or log on to the Diocesan Website.

Donation Buttons on KandLe Website: There are now two electronic 'Donate Buttons' on the front page of the diocesan website www.kandle.ie

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

Results for 8th December, 2021 Numbers: 09 – 13 – 15 – 24.

No Jackpot winner of €12,000. 23 Match 3s get €44.00 each.

One local winner this week – Winnie McGrath. Promoter Trish Leonard.

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

On Wednesday, 15th December the **Jackpot is €13,000.** Tickets €2 each.

Thank you for your continued support.

CHRISTMAS PENANCE SERVICES

Monday, 20th December – Tullow and Baltinglass at 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 21st December – Hacketstown at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 22nd December – Rathvilly at 7.30 pm.

Sat/Sun, 18th/19th December – A small Penance Service will take place after Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve, 24th December

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly – Mass at 4.30 p.m. and 9.00 p.m.

St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown – Mass at 8.00 p.m.

Christmas Day, 25th December

Church of the Assumption, Tynock – Mass at 10.00 a.m.

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly – Mass at 11.00 a.m.

Sunday, 26th December

St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly – Mass at 11.00 a.m.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The National Annual collection will be at all Masses this weekend, 11th/12th December. Please do your best to support.

ADVENT WEEK 3 Come, Lord Jesus

An Advent Family Prayer at Bedtime for week 3

*You might like to light three candles on your Advent wreath or
Advent Candle to begin your prayer*

Loving God,

On this Advent night we turn to you in prayer.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of your Son, we ask your blessing on each of us. Open our hearts to the good news that you bring to us and help us to welcome your light into our lives, a light that gives us the gift of joy in the Lord. May we see that our deepest joy comes from knowing you. May this joy fill our hearts, our minds and our home. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Together we pray: Come, Lord Jesus.

IRISH CATHOLIC – available in Rathvilly Church each week. Cost €2.50.

GOSPEL READINGS – 12th – 19th December, 2021

Sunday: Lk 3: 10-18

Mon: Mt 21: 23-27

Tues: Mt 21: 28-32

Wed: Lk 7: 19-23

Thurs: Lk 7: 24-30

Fri: Mt 1: 1-17

Sat: Mt 1: 18-24

Sunday: Lk 1: 39-44

All the Sunday and Daily Mass Readings can be accessed from our website.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO-No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 7 - 8 – 11 – 21

Match Three: win or share €150

Anne O'Neill c/o Michael Kehoe, Rathvilly 8 – 11 – 14 – 21 Michael Kehoe.

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

Next draw 13 December 2021 **Jackpot €17,300.** Thank you for all your support.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: Jackpot Won. Numbers drawn 5-7-16-21

Congratulations to Irene Smith Fr. Cullen Tce.

Promoters Prize €20 Eithne Brennan.

Next draw 14 Dec. 2021 **Jackpot € 2,500** Thank you for your continued support.

EIST CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE

The new premises is open at 46 Idrone Park, Tullow Road, Carlow, R93 R280.

The Centre provides practical and emotional support to people with a cancer diagnosis, their families and friends. Éist are currently selling **Christmas Cards** at the Centre. For further information please contact Eist on 059 9139684 or 085 8661499. The email address is info@eistcancersupport.ie