

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deacon Liam Dunne

Gospel: John 2:1-12 The Wedding at Cana

This Sunday we return to what the Church calls “Ordinary Time”, when we read the accounts of Jesus’ earthly ministry. There is nothing “ordinary” about this time, however, as it is during these weeks that we hear about all the *extra-ordinary* things that Jesus did during his earthly life. Today’s Gospel is one example. John calls this account a “*sign*” something that points us to a deeper reality. In the Jewish tradition, a wedding symbolised the Kingdom of God, and Jesus regularly use the image of a wedding feast to refer to God’s dream for the world.

At this particular wedding feast, we are told that Jesus provides an extraordinary amount of wine for the celebration: “There were six stone water jars . . . each holding twenty or thirty gallons”. This amounts to a minimum of 500 litres of wine or 600 bottles by today’s measure! Not only does Jesus produce this huge amount of wine, it is also the “*best*” wine at the wedding. Sounds like a great party! In our wedding, however, we might focus on the generosity of Jesus in the story, remembering that this wedding event is showing us something of who Jesus is, what the Kingdom of God is like and how God operates in our lives.

In this story, the stone jars involved hold the water used in purification rituals at the time. This story, then, is a significant reminder of how Jesus can transform anything, including that which has become stale, into something that brings joy and new life, inviting people to dance and celebrate. This event was “*the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him*”. As followers of Jesus, we too are called to be agents of generosity, celebration and transformation.

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BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Bigstone National School is now taking enrolments for the term starting in September 2022. Contact the school for an enrolment form.

Phone: 0599161171 Email: bigstonens1@gmail.com Or you can visit our website at <http://bigstonens.scoilnet.ie/blog/admissions-2022-2023/>

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid’s
Talbotstown
15th & 16th January, 2022**

**St. Patrick’s
Rathvilly
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Assumption
Tynock
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun, 15th & 16th January

Patrick & Mary McNevin, Raheendaw
Timothy & Margaret Doyle, Tobinstown & deceased family members
Frances Faulkner, Collins Park
Esther McGuinness, Stratford
Joan Kelly, Carrigeen, Baltinglass
Cindy Garside, St. Patrick’s Park

Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun, 22nd & 23rd January

Noel Smith, Coole – 1st Anniversary Billy Keegan, Kevin Barry Road
Kathleen Doyle, Bough Michael Hayden, Coventry
Michael Kane, Bough Fox Family, Castlemore
Mary (Molly) Kelly, Garretstown Seamus Tobin, Dublin

Talbotstown Church – 23rd January at 9.30 a.m.

Tony Furlong, Talbotstown

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

St. Patrick’s Church, Rathvilly

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.
Rosary before Mass each day.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Thursday 10 – 11 a.m.

St. Brigid’s Church, Talbotstown

Mass on Saturday, 15th January at 9.30 a.m.

Mass on Sunday, 23rd January at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Siobhan Doyle.

Reader – Joe O’Brien.

Church of the Assumption, Tynock

Mass on Sunday, 16th January at 9.30 a.m.

Mass on Saturday, 22nd January at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Nigel Byrne.

Reader – Lucilla Brophy.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25 January 2022

The theme for the 2022 Week of Prayer is ‘We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him’ taken from the account of the visit of the magi to pay homage to the infant king. It is a call to unity, of those from the North and the South, from the East and from the West, old and young, men and women.

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

GOSPEL READINGS – 16th – 23rd January, 2022

Sunday: Jn 2: 1-11 Mon: Mk 2: 18-22 Tues: Mk 2: 23-28
Wed: Mk 3: 1-6 Thurs: Mk 3: 7-12 Fri: Mk 3: 13-19
Sat: Mk 3: 20-21 Sunday: Lk 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21

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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 8th & 9th January, 2022

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €238.32 Envelopes €421.50

Kiltegan: Offertory €71.86 Envelopes €594.01

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 12th January, 2022 Numbers: 05 – 11 – 21 – 24.

No Jackpot winner of €16,000. 25 Match 3s get €40.00 each.

One local winner this week – James O'Leary. Promoter – Katie Kehoe.

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

On **Wednesday, 19th January** the **Jackpot is €17,000.** Tickets €2 each.

Thank you for your continued support.

SYNOD NEWS

Did you know that there is a dedicated page given to the synod on our diocesan website? Find out more about the universal synod and the synodal pathway for the Irish Church at www.kandle.ie/synod. This page will continue to be added to as we move deeper into the synod journey. Under Synod Resources you will find a very short video explaining the synod as well as three longer videos looking to: Synodality – What does it mean? How does it work? Why does it matter? The prayer for the synod can be found on this page.

SCHOOL RETREATS AVAILABLE AT KNOCK SHRINE

We are delighted to announce that the Youth Ministry at Knock Shrine will resume school retreats throughout 2022. School retreats are available to both primary and secondary schools and offer students a meaningful, spiritually uplifting day to reflect within themselves and experience quality time with their fellow students. Retreat programmes are flexible and can be tailored to suit your group's needs or time limitations. If you would like to plan a school retreat, please get in touch with a member of our Youth Ministry team: T: (094) 9375321
E: youthministry@knockshrine.ie or find out more at www.knockshrine.ie/news

BALLON BUSINESS & TRAINING SERVICE

New Courses in Computers, Art, Gardening, Cooking and Sewing starting soon.
Phone Shona on 059-915-9447 for details or email ballonbts@gmail.com

DATA PROTECTION OFFICER – DPO

(Diocese of Ferns, Kildare & Leighlin and Ossary)

This will be a 3 Year Part-Time Fixed Term Contract (16 hours) Further information and application procedure available at ferns.ie and kandle.ie or ossary.ie
Closing date for applications on or before 4th February 2022.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO-No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 2-15-17- 24

Eliz and PJ Townsend, Hacketstown Laura Kavanagh

Reg, Kat and Trish, Kiltegan Fergal Harmon

Eddie and Thomas Kelly, Ballyoliver Michael Kehoe

Betty Conway, Barnhill, Rathvilly Michael Kehoe

William Burgess, Lisnavagh, Rathvilly. Michael Kehoe

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

Next draw 17 January 2022 **Jackpot €17,800.** Thank you for all your support.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3-10-11-17.

Match 3 win or share €150

Laurence Kelly Garretstown 3-10-17-24 On Line winner

Mary Byrne Knocklishen 10-11-16-17 On Line winner

Promoters Prize €20 Sean Leonard

Next draw 18 Jan. 2022 **Jackpot € 3,000** Thank you for your continued support.

MEDITATION OF THE DAY The Message of Cana

The words Mary addresses to the servants come to crown the wedding of Cana: *"Do whatever he tells you."* These are her last words recounted by the Gospels; they are the legacy she hands down to us. Today too our Lady says to us all: *"Whatever Jesus tells you, do it."* At this wedding the new covenant is truly articulated, and to the servants of the Lord, that is to all the Church, is entrusted a new mission: *Do whatever he tells you!* To serve the Lord means to listen and to put into practice his Word. For each one of us, to draw from the jar is equivalent to entrusting oneself to the Word of God in order to experience its effectiveness in life. Thus, together with the steward who tasted the water-become-wine, we too can exclaim: *"you have kept the best wine till now."* Yes, the Lord continues to reserve the best wine for our salvation, just as it continues to flow from the pierced side of the Lord.

The wedding feast at Cana is more than a simple account of Jesus' first miracle. Like a treasure chest, he guards the secret of his Person and the purpose of his coming: the awaited Groom starts off the wedding that is fulfilled in the Paschal Mystery. At this wedding Jesus binds his disciples to himself in a new and final covenant. At Cana Jesus' disciples become his family and at Cana the faith of the Church is born. We are all invited to the wedding feast because the new wine will never run short!
Pope Francis