

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deacon: Liam Dunne

Luke 6:27-28 An eye for an eye will leave the whole world blind

Turn the other cheek; love your enemies; treat others as you would like to be treated. These words from today's Gospel are familiar, but they are among the most difficult of Jesus' sayings. Can we really be expected to love those who hurt us, to keep giving while receiving nothing in return?

The political landscape, particularly in the West, has shifted in recent years. We live in a time of upheaval and division. We are constantly encouraged to pick a side – right or left, liberal or conservative, pro-life or pro-choice. Every issue is divided into dramatically opposing views, with those on the 'other side' labelled as deluded and out to destroy all that is good. The listening stops, and there is only disdain and vitriol. Jesus tells us there is another way. His words invert our usual human 'wisdom' about enemies and forgiveness. In place of arguments and revenge, he proposes a radical new way of engaging with others. He is not encouraging us to be passive. Rather, he is inviting us to a 'third way': to think of people not as enemies, but as sisters and brothers, and to make a non-violent stand when faced with persecution. We see the humanity in others, and we invite them to see our humanity in the way we treat them. This approach can transform the world. People like Gandhi have shown what can be achieved by choosing a different path. Instead of meeting violence with violence, he and his followers engaged in peaceful resistance, and over time transformation came. Gandhi described nonviolent direct action (in Sanskrit *Ahimsa*) as 'the greatest force at the disposal of mankind'. "Loving our enemies" is a call to constantly move towards restoring relationships.

This Gospel is extremely challenging. Let's not gloss over its difficult call to love beyond what we would imagine to be possible. Can you pray for someone who has hurt you or whose attitudes you find challenging? Send them peace.

It is common for insults to be tossed around carelessly on social media. Examine your online interactions: just as in person, we are called to kind, respectful dialogue on social media.

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THE HILL BAR AND LOUNGE, HACKETSTOWN.

Exciting News - Trad is back! Monday night is Irish Night in The Hill. Come join us every Monday night for a powerful night of traditional music. A great night's entertainment is guaranteed. Musicians welcome.

BALLON BUSINESS & TRAINING SERVICE

Mid Term break children's camp - age 4-12 years old

To book a course, please contact 059-9159447 ballonbts@gmail.com

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

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

19th & 20th February, 2022

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Recent Death: Helen Smith, Tullow formerly Rathvilly

Months Mind Mass for Bill Gahan, Collins Park this Saturday, 19th February

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Rathvilly Church – 19th & 20th February

Molly & Jim Nolan, Ballyhackett

Christy Gahan, Collins Park

Vena Doyle, Foxcover

May & Jack Carson, Ricketstown

Denis & Mary Anne Connors, Rathdaniel & deceased family members

James & Nora Byrne, Ricketstown & deceased family members

Billy Leonard, Collins Park

Laurence & Mary Dowling, Rathmore

Garrett & Dora Keogh, Portlarington

John & Ellen Doyle, Portriton, Kiltegan

Talbotstown Church – Saturday, 26th February

Larry Murphy, Talbotstown – 1st Anniversary

Pat & Frances O'Toole, Kelsha

Deceased members of the O'Toole Family, Kelsha

Mary O'Toole, Kelsha

Bridie Farrell, Clough

Rathvilly Church – 26th & 27th February

James & Mary Ellen McNamara, Ballyoliver

James & Elizabeth Byrne, Ballyoliver

Donal & Betty McNamara, Ballyoliver

Nan Sibbald, Phelan Street

Willie Fox, Tullow

Elizabeth & James Byrne, Tobinstown

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

Tuesday & Thursday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday – Novena to St Patrick – Mass 7 p.m. in the Main Church.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – Thursday 10 – 11 a.m.

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

Mass on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday will be celebrated in the Day Chapel.

Church of the Assumption, Tynock

Mass on Saturday, 19th February at 6.00 p.m.

Mass on Sunday, 27th February at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Paula Boland.

Reader – Lucilla Brophy.

St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown

Mass on Sunday, 20th February at 9.30 a.m.

Mass on Saturday, 26th February at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Joe O'Brien

Reader – Breedh Murphy.

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam

Radio 104.3 fm

HAIL GLORIOUS – ST. PATRICK – 9 Week Novena & Holy Mass

Next Wednesday, 23rd February Mass from St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly is week 6 of the weekly Novena of St Patrick, which follows the steps of our national Patron around Ireland. The last five weeks have brought us to a prayerful experience in Armagh Cathedral, Slemish (Antrim), Saul (Down), Slane (Meath) and Westport (Mayo). You can attend Rathvilly in person for 7 p.m. on Wednesday (Mass, Adoration, Rosary and Novena Prayer) or log onto the Parish webcam.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 12th & 13th February, 2022

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €319.51 Envelopes €537.60

Kiltegan: Offertory €27.35 Envelopes €195.00

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.

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

Results for 16th February, 2022 Numbers: 04 – 17 – 23 - 30

15 Match 3s get €67.00. No local winners this week.

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

On **Wednesday, 23rd February the Jackpot is €14,000.** Tickets €2 each

Free Draw for our local supporters will take place this weekend.

SYNOD NEWS The Kildare and Leighlin Synod Questions are now available on www.kandle.ie/synod/ under Listening Lent. You might take some time to pray and reflect on them and talk about them with family or friends before completing the online survey or coming to a parish synod listening session. On this synodal pathway, Pope Francis invites us to speak graciously with courage and boldness but also to listen graciously with respect to another person and with openness to hear God speaking to us through the story and experience of another person.

SYNOD NEWS As we look to our Listening Lent these words from Bishop Denis remind us of some key aspects of what it means to be on a synodal journey. 'May we remember that family for all of us is where the synodal journey begins – a journey of discovery, listening, participation, discerning or coming to know the will of God in our lives.'

ACI Zoom Talk: 'Towards a Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland'

on February 24th at 8pm with Dr Nicola Brady

Dr Nicola Brady is the Chair of the Steering Committee for Ireland's National Synodal Assembly. She has recently been appointed General Secretary of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI). On Thursday 24th February Dr Brady will speak about the vision for the Synodal Pathway, outline the planning work that is underway and how this relates to the work being undertaken for the Universal Synod (2023) – and share some of the questions and learning emerging as we progress. To join us, click the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87082979287?pwd=b09IWUNLSUhmaGdNNXQySEILdndYdz09> Meeting ID: 870 8297 9287 Passcode: 659942

RATHVILLY TIDY TOWNS EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Meeting in Lawlor's Lounge at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 23rd February.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner Winning numbers were 5 – 8 – 11- 27.

Match 3 win or share €150

Miss Emma Byrne, Fruithill, Graiguecullen 5-7-11-27 Online Winner

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Peg Kehoe, St. Patrick's Park

Next draw 21 Feb. 2022 **Jackpot €18,300** Thank you for all your support.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3-15-24-25

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky Dips.

Lorraine Kelly Woodgrove – online winner Robbie Molloy, Ricketstown online winner

Nicola Cosgrove Tullow - online winner

Gillian Curran Woodgrove - Helen Deering

Martina Byrne Monavothe - Mick Kehoe

Promoters Prize €20 Mick Kehoe Next draw 22 Feb. 2022 **Jackpot €3,500**

Rathvilly Community Centre Committee Funding Announcement:

On the 6th of January 2022, a total of €227,000 in funding was allocated to Carlow County Council for a project called "Vision Rathvilly 2040". This project is a partnership between Rathvilly Community Centre Committee and Carlow County Council. This project involves two elements: The building known as The Phoenix Centre and the Public realm of the village such as streetscape, signage, accessibility, etc. There are many parts and processes involved in the project and the initial money (€227k) that has been granted is specifically to get the project through the planning, design and consultation stage which takes considerable expertise, hard work and most of all, a lot of time. This money will not and can not be used for physical works or renovations. The purpose of the money is to get a state of the art design and future proofed project ready so that it can then seek further funding next year which would then be used for carrying out the physical works needed. This funding and the project itself is hugely positive for the village and may well be the most significant project in the history of our village.

We have a very hard working committee which is chaired by Janice Joyce. The committee includes: Rita Balfe, Anna Deering, Ken Gahan, Brian O'Donoghue, Pat Deering, Martin Deering, Fiona Brennan, Norah Ryan, Alan Hanks, Patricia Lawlor, Liam Cole and Aidan McNamara. We also had great help from two former committee members Sophie Kelly and Bridget Curran.

RATHVILLY & CASTLEDERMOT GARDEN & FLOWER CLUB

Next meeting on Thursday, 24th February at 7.30 pm at Teach Diarmada, Castledermot.

Michelle & Mervyn Morrison from The Veg Patch in Ferns, Co. Wexford will give a talk about sowing & growing organic vegetables & flowers for the year ahead. Michelle has lots of tips & guidance for successful spring sowing. This will be a very informative meeting & will get us tuned in for a special sowing season ahead.

Tea, biscuits & chat afterwards. Entry €5. Raffle €5.