

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Deacon Liam Dunne

(Season of Creation 2)

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32 Coming to our senses

In the parable about the lost sheep and the lost coin, we hear how God celebrates when those who stray are returned to the community. In the third parable about the lost son, we hear that the youngest brother eventually ‘came to himself’ or came to his senses as we might say. By entering into greater awareness, he realized that he had made wrong choices and had a change of heart. We might focus today on how we too must come to our senses in our lives, especially during this Season of Creation.

We lament the destruction of God’s creation and the loss of biodiversity that is due to human activity, God’s creatures are disappearing from the Earth at a rate we can scarcely comprehend. In 2020 the *Living Planet Report* concluded that 68% of wildlife had disappeared in the period from 1970 to 2016. We are living through the sixth mass extinction of life in our planet’s history, and this one is being driven by human over-consumption. For example, by destroying our great rainforests we destroy not only trees, but also the habitats of birds, insects, mammals and plants which will never be seen again. Pope Francis invites us to ‘feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement’ (Laudato Si’ §89). We are part of, and dependent on, complex and delicate ecosystems which make up the web of life. This web is now unravelling, and we know that we humans cannot be healthy on a planet that is itself unhealthy.

The enormity of this crisis threatens to overwhelm us. Yet, hope is found in action. Like the lost son in today’s Gospel, we are capable of coming to our senses, choosing again what is good, and making a new start. As with all significant changes, this begins at the grassroots – with you and me.

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“Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another. **Pope Francis**

GENEALOGY FOR BEGINNERS

5 Week introductory course on how to trace your family history and build up your family tree. Wednesday, 14th September 10 am – 12.30 pm in Ballon Business & Training Services Ltd. Price €50. Phone 059 9159447 or visit www.ballonbts.com

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid’s
Talbotstown**

10th & 11th September, 2022

**St. Patrick’s
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recent Deaths: Gerald O’Toole, Rathdangan, Kiltegan
Fr. Raymond Murtagh, St. Patrick’s Missionaries, Kiltegan

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 10th & 11th September

Thomas O’Grady, Rathmore & Australia

Joseph Plant, Rahill

Kathleen & Bob Myers, Bough

Edward & Ellen Carson, Rathmore

Seamie Doyle, Rathdaniel & Mansfield

Constance Bray

Sat/Sun, 17th & 18th September

Terry O’Brien, Collins Park

Sean Kehoe, Mount Lucas

Katie Bulmer, Waterstown

Peter Kelly, Waterstown and deceased family members

Peter Mullin, Rathdangan and deceased family members

Jim Breen, Knockboy

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Friday, 16th September – Mass for Start of School year at 9.45 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Thursday - 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

CONFESSION each Saturday evening at 7.00 p.m. at the Confessional and during Thursday’s adoration.

Church of the Assumption, Tynock

Mass on Sunday, 11th September at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Muireann Gartland.

St. Brigid’s Church, Talbotstown

Mass on Saturday, 17th September at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Mary Kelly Feddan.

CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE for Talbotstown & Tynock Churches

Mass schedule for the next five months is available in the Churches.

HOUSEBOUND

The housebound will receive their September visit on Friday, 16th Sept 2-5 pm
If a family would like a visit for a family member please contact the Parish Office.

SEASON OF CREATION 1 September – 4 October **A Prayer for the Earth**

God our Creator, maker and shaper of all that is, seen and unseen;
You are present in the breadth and depth of the whole of creation, and in the processes that make life possible. Yet, we are distracted by the gods of the marketplace. Our lives have become fractured and fragmented.
In our brokenness we disturb the Earth's capacity to hold us. Call us back from the brink. Help us to choose love and not fear, to change ourselves and not the planet, to act justly for the sake of the vulnerable, and to make a difference today for the life tomorrow.

We make this our prayer in your name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 3rd & 4th September, 2022

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

Rathvilly: Offertory € 284.74 Envelopes €374.00

Talbotstown: Offertory €66.35 Envelopes €368.70

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

Results for 7th September, 2022 Numbers: 02 – 10 – 26 – 29.

No Jackpot winner. 19 Match 3s get €53.

One local winner this week. Theresa Coogan – Promoter Philip Kirwan.

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

On Wednesday, 14th September the Jackpot is €12,000. Tickets €2.

Thank you for your continued support. Full results on our website.

WHAT IS IRELAND'S FAVOURITE HYMN?

Bishop Denis has launched the search to find Ireland's Favourite Hymn and the result will be revealed at the Diocesan Stand at the Ploughing Championship this year. There are thousands of hymns to choose from; ones that we learned at school, from parents and grandparents, or some of the more contemporary compositions that we have come to know and love in recent years. Have your say by sending the name of your favourite hymn to: favouritehymn@kandle.ie

Some of the most popular hymns will be sung by leading performers at the K&L Stand 291 each day at lunchtime before the result is announced on the final day, September 22. We hope to see many people from K&L parishes over the three days and there will be a welcome cup of tea/coffee waiting.

THE LONG & THE SHORT OF IT

Please note change of date and time – Wednesday, 14th Sept 2.30 - 4.30 pm. and Tuesday, 20th September from 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 3 – 4 – 12 – 28
Gerard Doyle, Eagle Hill, Hacketstown 4-7-12-28 Online Winner
Madeline Foley, Tynock, Kiltegan 4-12-18-28 Brennan's Centra
Promoter's prize €20 was won by Brian Curran, Woodgrove Avenue, Rathvilly
Next draw 13 Sept. 2022 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support

Please take a copy of the Pastoral Letter from Bishop Denis Nulty “Put out into the Deep Water”

THANK YOU

Eileen Donoghue and family would like to thank all the kind neighbours and friends who helped celebrate her 90th birthday recently at her residence in Kevin Barry Road. Thanks for all the lovely cards, presents and well-wishes and special thanks to Fr. McEvoy for joining in the celebrations also. Once again thanks to everyone concerned and Eileen is looking forward to her next 90.

THE IRISH CATHOLIC €2.50 available in the Church.

THE SYNODAL TIMES ISSUE 2 is available this weekend costing €1 each – **The Irish Crisis of Faith** and ways to solve it.

- A loss of identity among Catholics
- A new horizon and direction for the Church

DUFFY'S COACH TOURS

Day Pilgrimage to Knock Shine – Sunday, 25th September

Tour to Sligo – October 2nd for four nights

2 nights Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on 31st October

For further details contact Duffy Coach Hire 059 6471681 or 087 2543235

THE MEN FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE 2022

A Catholic Conference for Men will be LIVE & EXCLUSIVE on Radio Maria Ireland Saturday 17th September from 2pm. Speakers for this year's Conference are Fr. Jamie Twohig SAC, John Pridmore, David Quinn and Fr. Marius O'Reilly.

RATHVILLY TIDY TOWNS

As you might be aware Rathvilly Tidy Towns committee, volunteers, supporters and those working on the TUS and CE Schemes continue to try and make our mark on the village in an effort to make it a beautiful place to live and visit.

All this work and effort does however require funding and we hope that you may be able to help. If it is in your power to provide a donation, we would be most grateful for any amount you can give. There are a few ways you can donate, through our GoFundMe page (GoFundMe.com, search Rathvilly Tidy Towns), in person at the Post Office (donation box), or by post to Rathvilly Tidy Towns, 52 Slaney Bank, Rathvilly. Any Cheques should be made out to Rathvilly Tidy Towns
We appreciate your kindness.

ALZHEIMER'S MEMORY WALK 2022

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland have launched *Alzheimer's Memory Walk 2022*, proudly supported by Irish Life, which is taking place nationwide on *Sunday, 18th September* to mark World Alzheimer's Month 2022. To register for the walk please visit <https://alzheimer.ie/register-below-for-memory-walk/>