

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Deacon Liam Dunne

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8* **Crying out*

The judge in the parable we hear about today is hardly a role model. He delivers justice to the widow, not because he cares, but because he wants to get rid of her. He is painted in contrast with God who is full of compassion, particularly for those most in need. When we cry out, God hears us. On the surface, the parable seems to be about the need to persevere in prayer but, like all Jesus' parables, it has layers of meaning. At the time of Jesus, many widows were left without resources following the death of their husbands. Jewish listeners would have been aware that the Hebrew Scriptures called for the protection of widows as well as the poor and foreigners, so the women in today's parable represents all these vulnerable groups.

Today's vulnerable people continue to cry out for justice, and their cries often fall on deaf ears. As a society, are we like the unjust judge, ignoring them and hoping they will go away or that someone else will deal with them? Do we offer a half-hearted response, just to soothe our conscience? Or is our response rooted in a real sense of compassion and justice?

There is another sting-in-the-tail of today's Gospel. Almost as an afterthought, Jesus poses a challenge. "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?" The real question is not whether our prayer can move God, but rather, Jesus suggests, if our prayer can move us. Does our faith spur us into action? The widow refused to stop fighting until justice was granted. We cannot sit back and expect our prayer to be answered without effort on our part. Our prayer life goes hand-in-hand with our willingness to fight for what is right. *Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett. 2021*

"We need to acknowledge that we are constantly tempted to ignore others, especially the weak. Let us admit that, for all the progress we have made, we are still 'illiterate' when it comes to accompanying, caring for and supporting the most frail and vulnerable members of our developed societies. We have become accustomed to looking the other way, passing by, ignoring situations until they affect us directly.

Pope Francis

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

15th & 16th October, 2022

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Recent Deaths: William (Billy) Ronayne, Portriton, Kiltegan

Larry Daly, Tynock

Josephine Donovan, Tallaght, sister in law of Tommy Donovan

Laurence O'Brien, Manchester, father of Larry O'Brien, Raheendaw

Brian Dillon, Dunlavin, father of Marion O'Brien, Raheendaw

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 15th & 16th October

Jane Kelly, 504 Carrigeen

Frank Fitzpatrick, Mount Kelly

Nan McCall, Bough and her nephew Paddy McCutcheon Enfield, England who died recently.

Sat/Sun, 22nd & 23rd October

Cyril Steward, Woodgrove Ave. – 1st Anniversary

Maureen Condon

Thomas Donovan, Rathdangan

Edward (Ned) & Kathleen Kelly, Rathmore

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

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

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

CONFESSION Saturday at 7.00 p.m. at the Confessional & during Thursday's adoration.

St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown

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

Reader – Breedh Murphy.

Church of the Assumption, Tynock

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

Reader – Muireann Gartland.

ROSARY – For the month of October the Rosary will be recited each Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Tynock Church. All welcome.

BABY LOSS REMEMBRANCE MASS

Baby Loss Remembrance Mass takes place on Thursday, 20th October at 7 p.m. in Tynock Church. For more information contact Mary 086 2261264.

HOUSEBOUND VISITS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

Friday, 21st October, Friday, 11th November and Friday, 9th December – 2 – 5 pm.

ALTAR SERVERS

Training for new Altar Servers takes place this Monday, 17th October at 3.10 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly.

SYNODAL TIMES

Laudato Sí calls on all of us to act now – Do Irish Catholics care about climate change? Synodal Times available in each Church. Cost €1 each.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 8th & 9th October, 2022

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €272.98 Envelopes €444.20

Kiltegan: Offertory €78.95 Envelopes €201.50

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

Results for 12th October, 2022 Numbers: 11 – 14 – 23 – 24.

No Jackpot winner. 10 Match 3s get €100.00 No local winner this week.

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

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

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2022

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It always falls on the second last Sunday in October, meaning this year it will be celebrated over the weekend of Sunday 23rd October and is coordinated in Ireland by Missio Ireland.

All offerings made on behalf of World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund. This Fund supports missionary activities in over 1,100 young dioceses, mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. As young dioceses grow, so do their needs. On top of this, they are often found in remote areas devastated by conflict or natural disasters. The Universal Solidarity Fund provides aid so that missionaries can continue to go to these places to share the love of God. Every year to enhance World Mission Sunday celebrations, Missio Ireland prepare the Mission Month Pack. These resources are designed to help individuals, parishes and communities celebrate not just World Mission Sunday, but the entire month of October. Donate to Missio Ireland www.missio.ie/donate/

THANK YOU

Rathvilly Cemetery Committee would like to thank everyone for their generous donations for the upkeep of Rathvilly Cemetery. This year's collection amounted to €5,808.70.

HALLOWEEN SOCIAL

Halloween Social in St Tegan's Hall, Kiltegan on Saturday 29th October from 9 - 11.00 pm with Dancing and Refreshments. Subscription: €10.

OSSORY ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

The Eternal City has a remarkable array of religious works of art – frescoes, paintings, sculptures, mosaics, stuccos. Over the centuries these treasures have inspired, educated and uplifted countless people. Our itinerary will explore the religious and catechetical meaning of some of these masterpieces. Traveling dates March 9th – 14th 2023, €710 p.p sharing. For more information and to book your place please contact Kieran and Laura Troy, Myriam Tours at 057-9355050 or email info@myriam.ie

MORTGAGE ARREARS / ABHAILE SCHEME

Are you in mortgage arrears? Are you worried about losing your home?

If so, there is help. You may be entitled to Government support under the Abhaile Scheme. For more information, feel free to contact Tatiana McGreal, Financial Solutions Ireland in Kildare Town on 085 867 4883. www.fsireland.ie

CHARITY AUCTION

Develop Tullow Association Clg. are holding a Charity Auction this Sunday, 16th October 2022 in the Town Hall, Tullow. Enquiries to Margaret Kirwan, 0878538596 or Denis Ryan, 087 6701091.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 5-7-27-28.

Match 3 win or share €150

Liz Sibbald Woodgrove 5-15-27-28 On Line winner

Carmel Doyle Knockavagh 5-7-9-28 On Line winner

Next draw 18 Oct. 2022 **Jackpot €6,900** Thank you for your continued support.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 1 – 11 – 12 - 24

Valerie Whyte, Garrettstown 1-7-11-24 Michael Kehoe

Rose Hanlon, Fr. Cullen Terrace 1–11–12–18 Michael Kehoe

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Carole McGrath, Rathvilly.

Next draw 18th October 2022 **Jackpot €20,000**. Thank you for all your support.

THE IRISH CATHOLIC - €2.50

Some of the articles covered in this week's issue of the Irish Catholic -

Parishes left in limbo on energy bill support plans

Parishes have been left in limbo regarding Government help with the rocketing cost of fuel. . .

Pieta House founder lauds faith's role in mental health

Pieta House founder Joan Freeman told Joe Duffy on RTÉ's The Meaning of Life that "all of the research in the world" reveals that faith is good and helpful when it comes to mental health. . .

Sr Stan pins homelessness on Govt mistakes

Sr Stanislaus Kennedy has attributed soaring homelessness to poor political decisions, speaking as Focus Ireland issued its annual report for 2021. . .