

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 4:4-11 The challenge of indifference

We don't hear much about temptation these days. If anything, we are encouraged to give in to our desires. Glossy ads urge us to 'indulge' or 'treat' ourselves, to splash out on luxury items, to chase our dreams – in short, to do whatever we want, as long as we're not deliberately harming anyone. So this account of the temptation of Jesus might not immediately resonate with a modern audience. Why should it matter if Jesus uses his power and privilege to gain prestige for himself? Why wouldn't he want to look upon 'all the kingdoms of the world' from a lofty height? But Jesus calls out the temptations for what they are – empty, distorted promises that go against everything he is. Jesus does not look down on people but accompanies them. He does not live for himself but in service of others.

During Lent, we are invited to take stock of our direction in life, to reflect on what temptations or stumbling blocks might be holding us back. The 'me-first' messaging of our culture encourages a reductive understanding of what it means to be a responsible human. It is not enough to float through life as though our indulgences are the most important thing and our actions do not have consequences. Jesus calls us to engage with the world, to put others first, to use our privilege for the benefit of others rather than ourselves.

Auschwitz survivor Elie Wiesel has spoken of the dangers of becoming indifferent to the world: "Indifference can be tempting – more than that, seductive. It is so much easier to look away from victims. It is so much easier to avoid such rude interruptions to our work, our dreams, our hopes." The temptation to indifference and complacency is ever present. We are reminded this Lent that we are called to a new way of living that is focused outside of ourselves and rooted in love and service. Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett 2023. *The Deep End, A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew.*

"Indifference is more dangerous than anger and hatred ... Indifference is not a response. Indifference is not a beginning; it is an end. And, therefore, indifference is always the friend of the enemy, for it benefits the aggressor – never his victim, whose pain is magnified when he or she feels forgotten. - Elie Wiesel.

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

25th & 26th February, 2023

1st Sunday of Lent

Recent Deaths: Fr. James Crowe, St. Patrick's Missionaries, Kiltegan
Peter Reilly, Kevin Barry Road

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 25th & 26th February

James & Mary Ellen McNamara, Ballyoliver and deceased family members	Mary Hanlon, Ricketstown
James & Elizabeth Byrne, Ballyoliver	Kate Hanlon, Borris
Patrick Hanlon, Bough	Nan Sibbald, Phelan Street
Annie Dempsey, Ricketstown	Willie Fox, Coppengh
Johnny Dempsey, Ricketstown	Elizabeth & James Byrne, Tobinstown
Garrett & Dora Keogh	

Months Mind Mass for Vera Lawlor, Rathvilly on Saturday, 4th March at 7.30 p.m.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 4th & 5th March

Jim Smith, London and formerly Coole – 1 st Anniversary	
Joseph O'Brien, Knocklishen	Joseph & Rose Byrne, Knockroe
James O'Toole, Bough	Joseph Byrne, Jnr., Knockroe
Anne Byrne, Knocklishen	Laurence (Chappie) Byrne, Knockroe
Bill & Sinead Darcy, Phelan Street	Nan & Jim Kennedy, St. Patrick's Park

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

Friday, 3rd March – Stations of the Cross at 7.00 p.m.

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

CONFESSION Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Confessional & during Thursday's adoration.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Mass on Sunday, 26th February at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Mary Byrne.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Mass on Sunday, 5th March at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Fiona Kane.

COLLECTION FOR SYRIA & TURKEY

Thank you to everyone for their generous contribution to the collection last weekend. A total of €2,807.00 was collected. Rathvilly €2,140.00 & Kiltegan €667.00.

HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR MARCH - Friday, 3rd March 2.00 – 5.00 p.m.

TRÓCAIRE – 50 years – 1973 - 2023

Natasha's Family have lost everything –

- It's not just that the drought is the worst in forty years. That it destroyed their crops and killed their animals.
- It's not just that they had to walk for days in a desperate search for Food. That Natasha's parents went hungry so their children would survive the journey.
- It's not just that a camp is now their home. That the life they had worked so hard to build is a distant memory.

You can help them build a better future this Lent. Trócaire Boxes in the Church.

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

Results for 22nd February, 2023 Numbers: 01 – 08 – 09 – 23.

One Jackpot winner of €15,000 – Lorna Flanagan, Clonbullogue.

19 Match 3s get €53.00 No local winner this week.

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

On **Wednesday, 1st March** the **Jackpot is €10,000**. Tickets €2.

Thank you for your support throughout the year. Full results on our website.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 18th & 19th February, 2023

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €474.29

Envelopes €573.50

Kiltegan: Offertory €108.70

Envelopes €222.00

PRO LIFE CARLOW/KILKENNY

Are holding an information meeting, entitled, 'Protecting the vulnerable from the threat of legalised Euthanasia'. Wednesday 1st March at the Cathedral Parish Centre, College street, Carlow, R93 XV10 at 7:30pm in the Bishop Ryan Conference room. All welcome!

ACCORD MARRIAGE PREPARATION FACILITATORS

Accord is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation facilitators. Marriage facilitators are part of a team that prepare couples for the sacrament of marriage. Couples find our courses fun, engaging and very relevant, while facilitators gain valuable life skills. If you are interested, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact marriagepreparation@accord.ie for more information.

JOB VACANCY – Mt St Anne's Conference and Retreat Centre, Killenard Operations Manager - Mount St Anne's is looking for a dynamic and experienced person to join our Team at this busy Centre. For detailed job description, please email ceo@mountstannes.com Closing date for Applications (CV and letter of application): Monday March 13th @ 9am

For information about the Centre visit our website: www.mountstannes.com

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 4-6-15-21

Match 3 win or share €150

Teresa Cullen DeLacey Abbey 4-5-6-15

On Line winner

Lorraine Kelly Woodgrove 4-6-10-21

On Line winner

Next draw 28 Feb. 2023 **Jackpot €8,800**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 4 – 18 – 22 – 29

Brendan Faulkner, Rathvilly 4-11-18-22

Michael Kehoe

Oliver Keogh, Baltinglass 4-16-18-22

Brian Curran

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Jenny Donegan, Collins Park, Rathvilly.

Next draw 28 Feb. 2023 **Jackpot €20,000**. Thank you for all your support.

[8] Golden Goal Fundraiser Result- Premier, Man City v Aston Villa - winning minute was 4th & the winners of €60 were Dean & Robbie Bowes, Kiltegan.

[9] Golden Goal Fundraiser Result: Premier, Spurs v West Ham - the winning minute was 56th and the winner of €60 was JoJo Donegan, Collins Park, Rathvilly.

ST. PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, KILTEGAN have the following

vacancies and invite interested applicants to email their applications

to hrmanager@spms.ie. Staff Nurse vacancies consisting of 1. Fixed Term Contract 2. Relief position. Applications should be made via email attaching a CV and cover letter to Maebh Doran, Director of Care, at directorofcare@spms.ie before 3rd March, 2023.

Sli an Chroi and Animator. This is a two-year contract at 39 hours per week. The purpose of the role is to work with the society on the development and day to day management of the retreat centre, ensuring that it is a place of welcome and conducive to personal welcome and human development. For a detailed job description please contact Dearbhail McKee, HR Manager on 059 6484434. Closing date for receipt of application is close of business on Wednesday 8th March.

NOURISHED NUTRITION RESET

A 4 week course in nutrition for women aged 30+ starts in Carlow on Monday March 6th at 7pm in the Carlow Gateway Business Centre. The Nourished Nutrition reset is a course designed to take the confusion out of nutrition by bringing it back to basics to give you the freedom and confidence for you to make decisions on what foods give you better health without stress and frustration. Places limited to 10, booking essential. For more information or to book call Suzanne on 086 388 2875 or email suzanne@nutritionclinic.ie. More information can be found at <https://nutritionclinic.ie/nourished-nutrition-course/>

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