

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Mark 1:29-39 Now is the time

The pace of this opening of Mark's Gospel can leave us breathless. We might notice Mark's tendency to speak in totalities – 'all who are sick' are brought to Jesus, 'the whole city' is gathered around the door, 'everyone' is searching for Jesus. The language conveys the momentum of his ministry. Jesus comes into situations of suffering and brings instant healing and hope. We see this with Simon's mother-in-law, whose immediate response to Jesus 'lifting her up' is to serve. There is a sense of hurry; the time has come, the Kingdom of God is near (1:15). At the end of today's Gospel Jesus is on the move again – 'Let us go to the neighbouring towns'. There is no time to waste!

More than fifty years ago, in his historic 'I Have a Dream' speech, Martin Luther King Jr made an urgent and passionate appeal for racial and social justice: "We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there 'is' such a thing as being too late. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action." His call to action confronts us still as racism, hatred and violence continues to cause great suffering to communities of colour. We are summoned to respond with the 'fierce urgency' that grips Jesus and the disciples in today's Gospel, and which inspired Dr King to call people to dream of a better world and to advance this dream together. We are challenged to see the world in a new way: for every person suffering in our world, there is the 'fierce urgency of now'. Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellet, 2023. *The Deep End: A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Mark*. Dublin: Messenger Publications 2023). 54.

'This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilising drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges. – Martin Luther King Jr

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's Talbotstown Sat/Sun, 3rd & 4th February, 2024
St. Patrick's Rathvilly
The Assumption Tynock 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recent Deaths: Eta (Kathleen) Moore nee Healy, London and late of Ricketstown. Funeral arrangements later.

Jack Ryan, Dublin, brother of Phyllis Fowler, Slaney Bank View
Daryl Culbert, Kiltegan

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 3rd & 4th February

Agnes Byrne, Garretstown
Adrian Byrne, Fr. Cullen Tce.
Anthony Keogh, Castledermot and St. Patrick's Park, Rathvilly
Philip Kavanagh, Broughillstown
William, Kieran, Thomas & Michael Byrne, 16 Kevin Barry Road
John Swayne, Rathvilly

Sat/Sun, 10th & 11th February

Bridie Doyle, Tankardstown	Christy Gahan, Collins Park
Esther Woods, Birmingham & The Moate	Andy Smith, Coole & London
Joe Curran, Collins Park	Mary Hanlon Ricketstown
Laurence & Mary Dowling, Rathmore	Paddy Hanlon, Bough
Canice Donnelly, Broughillstown	Kate Hanlon, Borris
Mai & Myles Carson, Rathmore & deceased family members	
Thomas & Helen Foley, Rathmore & deceased family members	
Kathleen Faulkner, St. Patrick's Park	

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Adoration each Friday from 3.00 – 6.00 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 4th February – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Nigel Byrne.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 11th February – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Siobhan Doyle.

FEAST OF ST BLAISE –

The Blessing of Throats will take place after Mass on Saturday and Sunday.

PARISH HOUSEBOUND - February Visit

Kiltegan Area on Thursday, 8th February 2 - 4 p.m.
Rathvilly Area on Friday, 9th February 2 - 5 p.m.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will take place from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, February 10 in the Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow Training will be led by Julie Kavanagh and Fr Tom O'Byrne.

To help with costs, participants are invited to bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please contact the Parish Office 059 9161114 if you would like to take part in this training.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 27th & 28th January

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €252.82

Envelopes €854.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €130.43

Envelopes €226.00

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

Results for 31st January, 2024 One Jackpot winner of €17,000.

Congratulations to Mary Shiels, Newbridge Parish.

Numbers: 08 – 15 – 22 – 29. 26 Match 3 numbers and get €39.00 each.

One local winner. Winner – Donovan Grandchildren. Promoter – Tommy Donovan.

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

On **Wednesday, 7th February the Jackpot is €10,000.** Tickets €2.

Thank you to all our parishioners who support the Lotto each week.

ANNUAL FÉILE BRÍDE, SOLAS BRÍDE CENTRE, KILDARE

Féile Bríde (Brigid's Festival) is a week- long series of events commencing on the eve of St. Brigid's Day, 1st February. This year, over the course of 10 days, the festival will mark the 1500th anniversary of St Brigid's death and details of the events planned are available locally and on <https://solasbhríde.ie/feile-bride-2024/> All are welcome to celebrate St Brigid with us.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 8-13-15-27

Match 3 win or share €150

Diarmuid Gavin Knockavagh 3-8-15-27

On Line winner

Elaine O' Rourke Carlow 8-15-20-27

On Line winner

Next draw 6 Feb. 2024 **Jackpot €6,500**

SCOIL PHÁDRAIG NAOFA, RATHVILLY

6 Week Draw – Results Week 2

Prize	Winner	Promoter
€100	Teresa McKitterick	Padraig Mc Kitterick
€50	James Dowling	Liam Dowling
€20	Mossie Keane	Mossie Keane
€20	Keith Ansell	Kayleigh Ansell

Promoters Prize €20 – Jude Jackson.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDUGORJE 23rd March for 7 nights.

Further details from Duffy Coach Hire on 087 2543235 or 059 6471681.

'PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP'

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Denis Nulty – St. Brigid's Day 2024

Copies available in each Church.

KILTEGAN GAA & CAMOGIE CLUB

Best wishes to Kiltegan GAA & Camogie Club on their **Lip Sync Battles** which takes place this Sunday, 4th February 2024 in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Carlow.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 1 – 3 – 4 – 16

Clive Byrne, Rathvilly

Clive Byrne

Phil Donaghy, Coventry c/o Brian Curran

Brian Curran

Sean Lawlor, St. Patricks Park

Brian Curran

Patrick O Reilly, Ballybitt

The Harp Bar

Chrissie Deering, Patrickswell

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Promoter's prize €20 was Joe Curran, Woodgrove Avenue

Next draw 6th. February 2024 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support.

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO on Tuesday 6th Feb, St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 49 numbers €1870 Double number €880 Lotto €3550

Over €10,000 in prizemoney to be won!!

NEW YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME:

Ceili Catholic Community are starting a Youth Leadership Programme for adults 18 and over, running over 8 months with just one weekend a month, starting from April or May 2024 in Kilbeggan Co Westmeath.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

The Marriage Enrichment program that has been transforming marriages in Ireland for over 50 years and in 94 countries around the world. The programme involves a Weekend experience that transforms the way spouses communicate to deepen their love for each other. The experience allows you to create a dialogue with each other and with God, to create a higher and broader understanding of what it means to be married. This is taking place in Prosperous, Co Kildare 26th-28th April 2024.

CARLOW UNION OF PARISHES

Are holding a series of talks from 22nd February to 20th March in St Mary's Church, Haymarket, Carlow. All are welcome to attend.

ST BRIGID'S CAMINO WALK, MONASTEREVIN PARISH

Mon 5th Feb. starting at St Brigid's Shrine, Mountrice at 11 am, led by Bishop Denis.

TULLOW RFC FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Join us for a Full House, Full of Fun with Spot Prizes Galore on 17th February at Tullow RFC. Doors open 6.30 pm. Start 7 pm. Tuck Shop & Bar open on the night.

VOLUNTEERS INVITED TO HELP IN THE PARISH

If you feel that you can help, please contact the Parish Office – 059 9161114.