

Palm Sunday – Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Luke 19:28-40

Holy Holy

In this reflection we focus on Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, which we read about at the beginning of the Palm Sunday Liturgy. This whole account speaks to us of ritual: an occasion for praising Jesus, welcoming him, giving thanks for all that has occurred. For the crowds who gather it is a triumph; their Messiah has arrived at the centre of their world, the Jerusalem Temple. In Luke's account, Jesus goes ahead of everyone else, leading the way. The image of the colt is significant. Leaders of that era would enter into a city in a parade full of pomp and ceremony, on white horses with all the trappings of grandeur on display. We see this reflected even today, when dignitaries arrive in expensive jets or impressive limousines, stepping on to red carpets. These are all symbols of power, and Jesus' message deeply challenges those systems of power. His mission has been different from the start – a radical reversal, a lesson in expecting the unexpected. It was shepherds, not Roman emperors, who paid homage to him in a stable, and here he arrives to the holiest of cities on a donkey.

We are told that 'the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice saying, *"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"*' This joyful hymn is the origin of the *'Holy Holy'* in our liturgies. We may well ask ourselves: Do we sing this as joyfully as they did, in gratitude for Jesus and for all the miracles in our lives? Their singing is an echo of the song of the angels as they rejoiced with the shepherds following Jesus' birth. Christ has come for all those who are marginalised in our world, and to challenge the root causes of oppression. Luke's entire Gospel has been moving towards this moment. The crowd is wildly excited. We know, however, how the rest of this Holy Week unfolds.

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"The story is still being lived today. Whenever people of faith decide to confront evil at its source, and do so with inner freedom, Jesus is once more entering Jerusalem.

Michel de Verteuil

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Sat/Sun, 12th & 13th April, 2025

Palm Sunday

Recent Death: Fr Paul Hardy, St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 12th & 13th April

Bridie Colgan, Rathdaniel

Freda Cashen nee Byrne, Slaney View

James & Ann Kelly, Ballymore

Paddy Delaney, Tobinstown

Dan Byrne, Lisnavagh & deceased family members

Mary Gahan, Collins Park

Elizabeth Heffernan, Carrignameil

Kate McDonnell, Greystones

Tom & Olive Griffin, Kevin Barry Rd

Sat/ 19th & Sun 20th April – Easter

Pauline Cullen, Dublin

Eileen Clarke, Waterstown

Mick Connors, St. Patrick's Park

Stephen & Maura Murphy, Bough

Tom & Mary Coleman

Matthew & Anastia Murphy

Timothy & Margaret Doyle, Tobinstown & deceased family members

Bill & Mary Doyle

Jack Doyle, Coole

Tom & Nancy O'Toole, Rathdangan

Dermot Byrne, Arklow

Mattie & Margaret Cowman, Bagenalstown

Thomas & Catherine Doyle, Tobinstown

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Palm Sunday, 13th April – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Joe O'Brien.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - Mass at 9.30 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – No Adoration on Good Friday.

EASTER CEREMONIES

Wednesday, 16th April - Penance Service in Rathvilly Church at 7.30 p.m.

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper – Talbotstown 6 pm & Rathvilly 8 pm

Adoration and concluding with Night Prayer for some time after the Ceremony in Rathvilly.

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross – Rathvilly 12 Noon

Celebration of the Lord's Passion – Rathvilly 3 pm & Tynock 6 pm

Prayer around the Cross & Veneration of the Cross – Rathvilly 7.30 pm

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil – Rathvilly 8.30 p.m.

Easter Sunday – Mass in Tynock at 9.30 am and Rathvilly at 11 am.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

Special Mass this Sunday in Talbotstown at 9.30 am and Rathvilly at 11 am.

CHRISM MASS

You are invited to join with Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese for the annual celebration of the Chrism Mass on Monday, 14 April at 7:30 pm. Please come early to ensure a seat. Refreshments afterwards in Carlow College, St Patrick's. Music led by Fr Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 5th & 6th April

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €307.26

Envelopes €676.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €234.45

Envelopes €229.70

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

Results from 9th April, 2025 No Jackpot winner of €13,000

Numbers: 06-11-19-26. 26 Match 3 numbers get €39 each.

One local match three winner this week.

Winner – Sean Leonard. Promoter – Rathvilly Post Office.

Next draw on Wednesday, 16th April. **Jackpot €14,000.**

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

Thank you to our parishioners for supporting the Lotto.

Tickets available in the Post Office, Parish Office, Lotto promoters and also in Rathvilly, Tynock & Talbotstown Churches after Mass in the Sacristy.

Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators: Don't mow, let it grow!

Reduce mowing to allow native wildflowers like Dandelions, Clover and Birds-foot Trefoil to naturally return over time. By reducing mowing – even to once a month – [pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/](https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/tulowcs)

Carlow Older Persons Council

Free Information Morning for the over 55's, Monday's 10a.m – 12noon

We offer information and advice on a range of issues – Social Welfare, Home

Energy upgrades and funding, form filling etc. Private and confidential service.

No appointment needed all are welcome. The Old School House, Barrack Street,

Carlow, R93 YW10 Phone: 089 260 6828 or email theoldschoolhouse25@gmail.com

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 8-15-27-28

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Eamonn Kelly Lucan

On Line winner

Ann Rooney Rathoe

On Line winner

Jude Kehoe Ladystown

On Line winner

Paula Cummins Straffan

Post Office

Yvonne Foley Fr. Flood Ave.

Paul Kelly

Next draw 15 April 2025 **Jackpot € 3,400**

Graiguecullen MONSTER EASTER Bingo - Sunday 13th April @ 3pm.

Jackpot on 50 numbers €2650 Double number €1020 Lotto €750

Tuesday Bingo on as normal at 8.30pm.

FOUND - A makeup bag was found in the Church grounds last weekend. Owner can collect in the Sacristy after Mass.

GRAIGUECULLEN NOVENA to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Nine Monday Nights – 28th April – 23rd June 2025

Guest Speakers – Dana Rosemary Scallan; Fr Shaun Doherty; Peadar Tóibín;

Niall Quinn; Dermot Dooley; Therese Dooley; Richie Power; Ger Brennan and

Elizabeth Zion. Rosary at 7pm and Mass and Benediction at 7.30 p.m.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 2- 11 - 14 - 28

Trish Harmon, Kiltegan 3-11-14-28

Fergal Harmon

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

Next draw 15th April 2025 Jackpot €14,100. Thank you for all your support.

TULLOW COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Tullow Community School are delighted to introduce their Lotto fundraiser.

This is a fundraising initiative, and all money raised from this will be spent in the area of extra-curricular activities and student support. Our first goal is to update the canteen facilities. You can play: 1 line €2.50, 2 lines €4.00 or 3 lines €5 per week.

There is a weekly prize of €20 & bonus prizes for the first draw. It would be hugely appreciated if you can contribute €5 for 3 lines, and you never know you might just win.

To sign up or for more info please visit <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/tulowcs>

ACCORD NEEDS YOU!

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Car Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The marriage preparation programmes are fun and interactive and very popular with couples. Working as part of an enthusiastic, friendly and experienced team, facilitators typically provide three marriage preparation programmes per annum. Each team works from Accord centres which are located in every diocese around the country. Successful applicants will receive free professional training during seven in person workshops at venues around the country and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes in your local area. The closing date for receipt of application forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday, 30th May. Contact Aisling 01 5053112 or email marriagepreparation@accorc.ie or www.accord.ie

CARLOW LIBRARY

Style Recycle Workshop, suitable for 12 to 18 yr olds Tuesday 15th April, 2- 4 pm at Carlow Library, limited availability, Email environment@carlowcoco.ie to sign up!

Join Wiggly Wobbly Wendy for Easter Storytime Fun in Carlow Library on Wed.

16th April at 11am, Email library@carlowcoco.ie or phone 059 9129705 to book!

Lots happening at Carlow Library for the International Pan Celtic Festival taking place from 22nd to 26th April.

The Barrowvalley Art Group are having an exhibition in Carlow Library daily from 11am, all welcome!

Family storytelling on 23rd, 24th, 25th & 26th at 11am. All welcome!