

5th Sunday of Lent – Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

John 8:1-11

Another way

The Old Testament Law demanded that those caught in the act of adultery should be put to death. In today's Gospel, we hear about a woman who has been arrested by the religious leaders and dragged before Jesus. There is no mention of her sexual partner – he may have been one of her accusers or a friend of theirs, but we are not told. This woman is being used by these men to trap Jesus as he teaches in the Temple precincts. Displaying the characteristics of a mob mentality, they want to judge, condemn and even kill her. Jesus does not condemn the women, of course, but a key piece of this passage draws attention to his demeanour. In the face of the fierce aggression of the mob, Jesus embodies a radical humility and remains calm.

We live in a stone-throwing society, one that cares little for the circumstances that lead people into their particular situations. We want someone to blame, and the sooner the better. If you watch the news, you will see the blame game, in process daily. The mob mentality is contagious and often lazy, because it is the easy option when faced with complex circumstances. Those who accuse others often do so because they find inward reflection too difficult. Here, Jesus encourages the religious leaders out of that mentality and back to their own individual reality: "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her".

Everyone makes mistakes, and we all need forgiveness from time to time. As we approach the Easter Season, remember that Jesus can and wants to free us from these burdens and invites us to start again each time. The Gospel also challenges us to relate compassionately to others. It is in this way that we can rediscover our common humanity. © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellet, 2021. *The Deep End: A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Luke*. (Dublin: Messenger Publications 2021).

"I can hear the stones start to drop as the men walked away and soon the only one that was left with any right to throw a stone was Jesus. And he has no inclination to do so. We can see that the closer we are to God the less we want to throw stones at other people. - *Shane Claiborne*

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

Sat/Sun, 5th & 6th April, 2025

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 5th & 6th April

Months Mind Mass for Margaret (Maggie) Byrne, Patrickswell this Saturday, 5th April

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Kathleen Smith, 6 St. Patrick's Park

Paddy Byrne, Garretstown

David & Mary Byrne, Patrickswell

Ned & Mary Balfe, Rahill

Mick & Chrissie Byrne, Ballyhackett

Susan Kavanagh, Ballybit

Patrick, Lizzie & Jim Haberlin, Ballyhackett

Paudie Doyle, Raheendaw

Myles, Elizabeth & Ann Keating, Ballyhackett

Patrick Doyle, The Dales, Ricketstown

James & Elizabeth Byrne, Ballyhackett

Catherine & Thomas Faulkner, Garretstown

Agnes & Jack O'Toole, St. Patrick's Park

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

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – each Friday of Lent at 6.00 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Adoration each Friday 3 – 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 6th April – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Nigel Byrne.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

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

Reader – Joe O'Brien.

CONFIRMATION 2025

Congratulations to the 27 candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 5th April. 20 candidates from Rathvilly NS and 7 candidates from Rathmore NS.

We extend a warm welcome to the 3 Baltinglass Priests Fr. John, Fr. Lawrence and Fr. Vincent who have celebrated one Mass each in our Parish – two in Rathvilly and one in Tynock. Going forward they will undertake one Mass each week in our Parish and the weekly Friday morning Mass in Rathvilly. The Masses which they will celebrate are: Sunday, 6th April in Tynock Church at 9.30 a.m. Saturday, 12th April in Rathvilly at 7.30 p.m. Holy Thursday Liturgy, 17th April in Talbotstown at 6 p.m. Easter Sunday, 20th April in Rathvilly. Saturday, 26th April in Talbotstown at 6 p.m.

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 – 29th & 30th March

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €286.88 Envelopes €573.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €65.75 Envelopes €244.00

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

Results from 2nd April, 2025 No Jackpot winner of €12,000

Numbers: 11-15-24-31. 12 Match 3 numbers get €84 each.

No local match three winners this week.

Next draw on Wednesday, 9th April. **Jackpot €13,000.**

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.

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Next month we will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Laudato Si'. Have you read Laudato Si'? Would you like to learn more about it? Find out more at trocaire.org/our-work/working-inireland/parishes/laudato-si Laudato Si' Week runs from May 19th – 26th 2025. Keep an eye on our website trocaire.org

DAFFODIL DAY

Thanks to the Rathvilly Community who made Daffodil Day such a success this year. Thanks especially to Ed & Fiona Brennan the staff at Centra, to Pat Lawlor and staff at the Pharmacy, to all who made donations of daffodils or money, to those who bought and those who sold merchandise and took in donations. The wonderful amount of just over €2,000 was collected on the day. Well done and thanks to everybody.

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/

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 5-14-22-26

Match 3 win or share €150

Margaret Hennessey Tullow 5-14-16-26

On Line winner

Next draw 8 April 2025 **Jackpot €3,300** Thank you for your continued support.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 6 - 8 - 13 - 21

Jamie Byrne, Knocklishen 5-8-13-21

Online Winner

Kathleen Lynch, Rathvilly 6-8-13-28

Jenny Donegan

Winnie Keogh, Baltinglass 6-8-14-21

Breda Keogh

Michael Sibbald, Rathvilly 6-8-11-13

Molloy's Bar

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Bridget Whelan, Rathvilly

Next draw 8th. April 2025 Jackpot €14,000. 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/tullowcs>

International Saint Columbanus Day to take place in Carlow:

"Then, lest we be concerned with human things, let us concern ourselves with things divine, and as pilgrims ever sigh for and desire our homeland, for the end of the road is ever the object of travellers' hopes and desires, and thus, since we are travellers and pilgrims in the world, let us ever ponder on the end of the road, that is our life, for the end of our roadway is our home. Therefore let this principle abide with us, that on the road we so live as travellers, as pilgrims, as guests of the world".

St. Columbanus: from Sermon VIII

We very much look forward to hosting the International Columbanus Day in our diocese of Kildare & Leighlin over the weekend of the 11th/12th/13th July 2025, when pilgrims from all over Europe will gather here in our diocese to honour this great Saint. A number of events will take place in the Cathedral Parish & Myshall Parish over the weekend.

Graiguecullen Bingo Tuesday 8th April St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 50 numbers €2520 Double number €950 Lotto €700