

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time– Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 *A Famous Parable*

In today's gospel, we read of a lawyer who is trying to trick Jesus by asking him, 'Who is my neighbor?' Jesus' response is the parable of the Good Samaritan, where he tells the story of a man who is left half dead by robbers on his way from Jerusalem to Jericho. Our attention is drawn to the three characters who come upon the scene. The priest, the Levite and the Samaritan all 'see' the injured man, but the first two decide to 'pass by'. Those listening to this parable may well have found themselves sympathizing with the priest and the Levite, since there were purity laws concerning contact with blood or a dead body. However, they were also bound by a responsibility to save the man's life. This responsibility should override any other concern. It is most likely that the priest and the Levite were carrying oil and wine with them to make sacrifice in the Temple. If so, they could have been used to clean the wounds of the injured man, since oil and wine were vital parts of a first-century first-aid kit. Implicit here is a question about how we truly worship God.

So which of the three is truly a neighbor to this man? Jesus reveals the hero of this parable to be the third, a Samaritan. This would have sparked outrage among those listening, since Jews and Samaritans were enemies. Yet it is the Samaritan – the enemy – who is moved with pity, [*compassion*] binds the man's wounds, pours oil on them and takes him to an inn. He gives money to pay for his stay, but more importantly he gives his time, caring for the man's immediate and long-term needs.

The emphasis in this parable is on compassion and action. Jesus points to a God who is not concerned with the boundaries we create, but who is on the streets with the injured, offering healing and mercy. The lawyer's question is about what limits are to be placed on neighbourly love. Jesus tells us that there are no limits in God's eyes. Holiness is not in separating oneself from the injured, but in coming close to those in need.

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"Our prayer, our worship, our fasting, are of little value to God if we have ignored those of God's children who suffer on the margins of our societies. We are Christians who follow the message of Jesus, not because we say 'Lord, Lord'.... it is in our compassion that we imitate God who is compassion. **Peter McVerry SJ**

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

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

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Recent Death: Fr. Michael Morris, St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 12th & 13th July

Eithne Molloy, Rathvilly

Jim Haberlin, Ballybit Big

Michael O'Neill, Slaney View

James & Bernadette Fanning, Williamstown

Martin Folan, Dublin

Sat/Sun, 19th & 20th July

Eileen O'Donoghue, Ballyoliver – 1st Anniversary

Michael & Ellen Tobin, Rathmore

Kathleen Burke, Bough and deceased family members

Bridie Tobin, Rathmore

Harry & Elizabeth Donohoe, 2 St. Patrick's Park

Michael Tobin, Jr., Rathmore

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Saturday, 12th July – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Fiona Kane.

TYNACLASH CEMETERY MASS – this Sunday, 13th July at 7 p.m.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 20th July – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Veronica Byrne.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday 3-6 pm.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 5th & 6th July

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €450.67

Envelopes €385.20

Kiltegan: Offertory €83.42

Envelopes €201.00

PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR JULY

Kiltegan Area on Wednesday, 16th July from 2 – 5 p.m.

EVENING PRAYER FOR PEACE

Can you spare a half an hour on Tuesday, 15th July at 7.30 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly to continue to pray for appalling situation in Gaza.

RATHVILLY CEMETERY MASS – Sunday, 3rd August at 11.00 a.m.

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

Results from 9th July, 2025 No Jackpot winner of €17,000

Numbers: 16-21-22-27. 7 Match 3 numbers get €143.00 each.

No local match three winners this week.

Next draw on Wednesday, 16th July. **Jackpot €18,000.**

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

Thank you to our parishioners for supporting the Lotto.

COLUMBAN DAY CELEBRATIONS

This weekend the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin will celebrate St Columbanus at various events in Myshall and Carlow town. While most events are now fully booked all are very welcome to the XXVI Columbanus Day Mass in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow at 10.30am on Sunday 13th, Bishop Nulty will be the chief celebrant and will be joined by fellow Bishops from Ireland and Europe.

Full programme details on <https://www.kandle.ie>

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO CROAGH PATRICK, 23rd AUGUST 2025

For young adults (16-35) in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin. Join us for a day of faith, challenge and community as we undertake the ancient pilgrimage to the summit of Croagh Patrick on 23rd August. Buses will depart from: Naas, Carlow and Portlaoise. This spiritual journey offers an opportunity for prayer, reflection and connection with fellow young Catholics. Whether you're seeking personal renewal, physical challenge or simply to experience this sacred tradition, all are welcome. Spaces are limited. Registration is essential and a short meeting for all 16-18 year old pilgrims and a parent/guardian will take place on Thursday 14th August at 7.30pm in Portlaoise, Naas and Carlow. For full details and to register, visit: [kandle.ie](https://www.kandle.ie).

RATHVILLY TENNIS CLUB

The Club held a successful National School Competition recently and wish to thank all the boys and girls who participated. The fun continued this week with a week long tennis camp in glorious weather. During the coming weeks the Club will be hosting "Come Play Tennis Evenings". Whether you are a complete beginner, haven't played for a while or are currently playing you are invited to come along. You do not have to be a member to participate in these evenings. Adults and young adults 16yrs and over - Wednesday, 16th July, from 6pm to 8p.m. Wednesday, 23rd July boys and girls 6-8yrs olds, - 6p.m. - 7p.m.. Aged 8 and Under 16yrs - 7p.m. to 8p.m. If you wish to become a member, Membership Applications are available in Centra.. Membership Fees 2025. Family €30. Adult €10.00. Under 16yrs €5.00...

Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators: Create nesting habitats for pollinators Wild pollinators nest in hedgerows, wild areas, dry stone walls, and even in the ground. To make a nesting habitat for them, just scrape back some bare earth, leave some areas to grow wild, or simply drill holes 10cm deep in unvarnished wood for solitary bees. pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 1-2-4-30

Match 3 win or share €150

Ross Donovan Tullow 1-2-29-30

On Line winner

Sue Molloy Rathvilly 2-4-16-30

Helen Deering

Alice Byrne Baltinglass 1-2-4-8

Bingo winner

Next draw 15 July 2025 **Jackpot €3,500**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 2 - 4 - 13 - 30

Agata Tyralla, Rathvilly

Borza Takeaway

Theresa O'Neill, C/O Breda Keogh

Brede Keogh

Marie Curry, Ballybit

Peg Kehoe

Michael O'Brien, Baltinglass

Brian Curran

Margaret Keogh, Rathvilly

Brian Curran

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Karen Kelly.

Next draw 15th July. Jackpot €15,400.

Summerstars Reading Challenge for Primary School Children has commenced in all Carlow Library branches, call in and get your goodie bag, enter the weekly prize draws & enter the mega prize at the end of the Summer! There's nothing to lose only lots of books to choose!

Little Library Bags

There are free Little Library bags for all children starting school in September, The bags are available in both Irish and English, they contain books and resources to support the transition from pre-school to primary education, My Little Library Book Bags are available in all Carlow Library Branches, families not already registered as library members are welcome to join when collecting their bags.

Summerstars Polymer Clay Workshop

There will be a Summerstars Polymer Clay Workshop with Liga Valge of Valg Studio for children aged 9 to 12 in Tullow Library on Thursday 17th July 10am to 12.30pm, Limited Availability so booking essential!

Email jpattton@carlowcoco.ie or call into Tullow Library to book

There will be a Summerstars Polymer Clay Workshop with Liga Valge of Valg Studio for children aged 9 to 12 in Carlow Library on Thursday 17th July 2pm to 4.30pm, Limited Availability so booking essential!

Email library@carlowcoco.ie to book or phone 059 9129705

Summerstars Singalong & Storytime with Ally

There will be a Summerstars Singalong & Storytime with Ally for children of all ages in Carlow Library on Saturday 19th July at 11am, No booking Necessary!

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO Tuesday 15th July 2025 St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm
Jackpot on 50 numbers €2390 Double number €530 Lotto €1450