

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time– Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42 Mary and Martha

Jesus visits the home of Mary and Martha in today's gospel. It may be that Jesus has arrived unexpectedly with some of his followers, which would explain why Martha is so stressed. The account of this visit occurs in Luke's Gospel immediately after the parable of the Good Samaritan, so one would expect that Martha would be praised for serving the needs of her visitors. Instead, Jesus invites Martha to be nourished in a different way.

For such a short passage, the text has created much discussion among biblical scholars over the years. Mary is presented in this gospel as a disciple, sitting at Jesus' feet, learning from the Teacher. Throughout his Gospel, Luke places a special emphasis on the wider circle of Jesus' disciples, and here he uses a specific word (*diakonia*) to refer to the 'many tasks' that Martha was concerned about. This word is used elsewhere in Luke and Acts to refer to ministry of service in the early Church community. It is from this word that we get the word 'deacon', and we know that there were female deacons in the early Church communities (Rom 16:1; Tim 3:8-12; see also Gal 3:27-28).

However we interpret the roles of Mary and Martha in the Jesus community, this is a beautiful passage about the importance of being nourished by Jesus for ministry in all its forms. There is a time for action, but constant frantic activity is neither healthy nor sustainable. When we are so bogged down in the craziness around us, Jesus is clear about the way forward. First, sit and listen to him; then we may be better prepared for the challenges that we face.

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“Jesus stands out from his contemporaries like a glorious ray of sunshine in his respect for and his ability to relate to women ... This levelling of human and social injustice is at the heart of the message of Jesus, and has over the centuries, called women to move beyond the patriarchal and hierarchical restrictions imposed on their lives.

– *Mary T. Malone*

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

Sat/Sun, 19th & 20th July, 2025

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Recent Deaths: Fr. Jim McCormack retired Parish Priest of Hacketstown Parish
Elizabeth Young Kiltegan, George Hobson Rathdangan,
Maureen Griffin, County Clare sister of Peggy Healy, Ricketstown

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 19th & 20th July

Eileen O'Donoghue, Ballyoliver – 1st Anniversary
Kathleen Burke, Bough and deceased family members
Harry & Elizabeth Donohoe, 2 St. Patrick's Park
Michael & Ellen Tobin, Rathmore
Bridie Tobin, Rathmore
Michael Tobin, Jnr., Rathmore
Jean Donegan, Collins Park

Sat/Sun, 26th & 27th July

Months Mind Mass: Dick Hanly, Raheendaw on Saturday, 26th July

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Brid & Michael Moloney, Bough
Peter Deegan, Carnew
Michael & Mary Doyle, Ballyhackett
Jimmy Doyle, Rathdaniel

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 20th July – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Veronica Byrne.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 27th July – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Nigel 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 – 12th & 13th July

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €261.00

Envelopes €852.50

Kiltegan: Offertory €66.75

Envelopes €381.00

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS – Best wishes to Fr. Pat O' Brien who celebrated his 80th birthday on Thursday, 17th July. We wish him good health and happiness.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place on Sunday 27th July.

All grandparents and their grandchildren are invited to attend Mass on Sunday.

EVENING PRAYER FOR PEACE (Please note change of time)

Can you spare a half an hour on Tuesday, 22nd July at **7.00 p.m.** in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly to continue to pray for appalling situation in Gaza.

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

Results from 16th July, 2025 No Jackpot winner of €18,000

Numbers: 01-09-11-12. 18 Match 3 numbers get €56.00 each.

One local match three winner this week.

Winner – Jeff, Ava & Isla. Promoter – Mary Manley.

Next draw on Wednesday, 23rd July. **Jackpot €19,000.**

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

Thank you to our parishioners for supporting the Lotto.

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.

PALESTINIAN GAA COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Rathvilly branch of the Palestinian GAA Committee, it is with heavy hearts that we inform everyone the GAA Palestine kids tour will not take place this July. Despite all visa criteria being supplied in May, the Department of Justice only this week (14 July) have refused the visa applications for these children. We are not stopping here though; we are appealing the decision and in the meantime plan to travel to Jordan with a sports delegation made up of well-known inter-county players who will provide training sessions to these devastated children.

All sponsorship and donations of jerseys, hurls and training gear will travel out with the delegation. And we would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those who sponsored the tour and donated generously to help make these children's dream come through. We have been in contact with all our sponsors expressing our sincere thanks and intentions and they continue to support us in everyway possible to make this dream a reality. While the tour will not happen on 18th July, we will keep fighting that this dream for these beautiful children will happen one day very soon.

DONOUGHMORE SUMMER FETS – Monday, 4th August 2 – 5 p.m.

Fun for all the Family - Monster Raffle, Magic Martha Kids Show, Mini Auction Afternoon Teas, etc. Adm: Adult €3 Children free. Glen of Imaal – W91C971.

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

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE 2025

Celebrating the World Day for Grandparents & The Elderly – Knock Shrine on Sunday, 27th July. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Francis Duffy. Choirs & Music by director Una Nolan. Special Guest Dana Rosemary Scallon. Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2.30 p.m. Holy Sacrament of Mass 3.00 p.m. Children's Prayer appeal inviting all children to write a prayer for their grandparents, send it or bring to the CGA Knock Shrine. www.knockshrine.ie or phone 094 9388100.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers dawn 7-12-13-22

Match 3 win or share €150 5 Lucky dips

Peader Doyle Knockavagh

On Line winner

Eamonn Kelly Lucan

On Line winner

Hazel Burgess Lisnavagh

Post Office

James Brennan Ballyoliver

Eithne Brennan

Toirdhealbhach Deering Navan

Helen Deering

Next draw 22 July 2025 **Jackpot €3,600**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 11-20-22-24

David Keppel, Borris 17-20-22-24

Online Winner

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Borza Takeaway, Rathvilly.

Officers elected at the club's 46th AGM on July 10th. 2025:

Chairman - Peter Kehoe; **Assistant Chairman** - Anthony Byrne;

Secretary - Karen Kelly; **Assistant Secretary** - Daniel Curran;

Treasurer - Gabriel Deering - **Assistant Treasurer** - David Kelly;

PRO: Danny Curran.

Field Committee: Christy Connors; Dylan Connors; David Kelly; Peter Kehoe; Stephen Darcy; Martin Timmons.

Fundraising Committee: Tanya Darcy; Jenny Donegan; Amanda McCabe; Elaine O'Brien, and David Kelly.

FUNDRAISER in An Gairdin Beo, Carlow

Fundraiser in aid of Drug Rehabilitation Unit, Cuan Mhuire, Athy, Co. Kildare.

Empower Recovery – Sponsor Hope at our addiction treatment Fundraiser on Saturday, 9th August 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. **Venue: An Gairdin Beo**, Dublin Road, Carlow. Clothes, Bags, Shoes, Books, Jewellery, Household items. 80% new items Big Raffle – wonderful prizes. Entry free – donation buckets throughout the hall.

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