

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time– Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Strive to enter through the narrow door

In today's gospel, as Jesus continues on his Way, he is asked, 'Will only a few be saved?' Many in the crowd, and in the early Christian communities, would have assumed they were 'saved' because they were contemporaries of Jesus or because of their social status. Jesus' response is the parable of the narrow door, which is not about who will be saved, or how many; it is about walking a particular path.

Through his ministry, Jesus has shown us what the Kingdom of God is like. This dream of God motivated all that Jesus said and did (Lk 4:18-21). We are told that this Kingdom is within us, or in our midst (Lk 17:21), to be achieved in our time and space. This Kingdom will therefore require an inner transformation. It is interesting that Jesus uses the image of a narrow door. Doors are means of connecting one place with another. On our Spiritual journeys, we should feel nourished and be shown how to move forward, not remain in a dead place.

This parable warns against complacency, encouraging us to go deeper. It demands that we strive continuously to grow in our awareness, discovering new depths about ourselves and our humanity. This Way requires effort and inner freedom. There are many obstacles and distractions that can prevent us from progressing on this path, which is why the Way is narrow and crowded. Yet, it is not an impossible task.

To ask, "who will be saved?" misses the point completely. Jesus says people will be welcomed from 'east and west, from north and south'. This path is available to all. God's dream is not only for a select few.

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“[Jesus] says, ‘The Kingdom of Heaven is within you’ (that is, here) and ‘at hand’ (that is, now). It's not later, but lighter – some more subtle quality or dimension of experience accessible to you right in the moment. You don't die into it; you awaken into it. *Cynthia Bourgeault*

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's	St. Patrick's	The Assumption
Talbotstown	Rathvilly	Tynock
Sat/Sun, 23rd & 24th August, 2025	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	

ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sat/Sun, 23rd & 24th August

George Faulkner, Rathdaniel

Months Mind Mass: Jim Byrne, Carlow & Knockroe on Sat/Sun, 30th & 31st August

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 30th & 31st August

Fr Bernard Ryan, former Parish Priest
Declan O'Toole, Bough
Mary Hanlon, Rathvilly
Rojanie Cortes, Sydney, Australia
Eileen & William Byrne, Hacketstown

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 24th August – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Fiona Kane.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 31st August – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader – Conor O'Leary.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday 3-6 pm.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 16th & 17th August

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €191.40

Envelopes €204.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €140.00

Envelopes €185.00

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

Results from 20th August, 2025 No Jackpot winner of €20,000

Numbers: 06-16-18-29. 10 Match 3 numbers get €100.00 each.

No local match three winner this week.

Next draw on Wednesday, 27th August. **Jackpot €20,000.**

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

Thank you to our parishioners for supporting the Lotto.

KILDARE AND LEIGHLIN LITURGY CONFERENCE

Kildare and Leighlin Liturgy Conference: It is Good for us to be Here (Mark 9:5)

Come and join us for a day of personal enrichment as we explore many aspects of the celebration of Mass and liturgy in our parishes - taking place in the Cathedral of the Assumption and Carlow College on Saturday, 20th September. We start with registration in Carlow College from 9-9:30am, Morning Prayer in the Cathedral at 9:30am followed by a day of keynote speakers and workshops, concluding at 5 pm. Look out for the poster and brochure in the church or go

to www.kandle.ie/LiturgyConference for more details. Booking is now open on kandle.ie and workshops will fill on a first come basis.

Keynote Speakers – Dr Jessie Rogers & Martin Foster. Choice of Workshops –

A: Engaging Children in the Scriptures through Codly Play – Gemma Mulligan

B: Art and Environment that supports and deepens our Worship throughout the Liturgical year – Fr Robert Petrisor.

C: Let us Pray: The Call to Celebrate Lay Led Liturgy in our Parish – Mary Connolly

D: The Art and Practice of being a Minister of the Liturgy – Fr Peter O’Kane

E: Why Sunday Matters . . the importance of Sunday and our Celebration of it – Julie Kavanagh

F: Supporting our Congregations to Sing the Liturgy through the Seasons – Ian Callanan.

MESSAGE RE. DAY OF PRAYER FOR GAZA – SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST:

Archbishop Eamon Martin has called on parishes to set aside Sunday, 24 August as a day of prayer and reflection for Gaza. I echo his call and ask all our parishes in Kildare & Leighlin to observe this day of prayer.

We can light a candle in our family home or local parish Church; attend Mass, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary; make some small personal penance or sacrifice, and on that day "*let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people.*" + Denis

A PRAYER BEFORE MEALS

Creator God, we thank you for the gift of this food we are about to share.

May it nourish and strengthen us. As we give thanks we turn to you in prayer for the people of Gaza in the midst of their trouble suffering.

We pray for the innocent children whose bodies and hearts bear the horrendous scars of war and for their parents who seek to protect them in the face of starvation and physical danger. May your peace rise up in the land we call holy so that your people may live in the dignity and fullness of life you desire for every human being.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

JUBILEE YEAR OPPORTUNITIES AT LOUGH DERG - AUG & SEPT.

One Day Retreats – *Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection* - places available on

August 25th, 30th

September 3rd, 6th, 7th, 9th, 13th, 20th, 21st

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Adoration Committee invites you to join them with Most Reverend Bishop Denis Nulty, Fr Ruairi O Domhnaill and Guests for a day of Prayer and Adoration. The day will feature a special Carlo Acutis Exhibition and Eucharistic Miracles exhibition - concluding with concelebrated Holy Mass at three pm. Confessions available. Location: St Anne's Portarlinton, R32 WN59

Saturday August 30th from 9.30am - 4.00pm, Refreshments and Lunch - €20.00

****Booking essential** - Please either text or call Barbara 0861637311

Stating name and number of companions**. All welcome.

Graiguecullen Bingo Tuesday 26th August 2025 St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm

Jackpot on 50 numbers € 3170 Double number € 950 Lotto €500

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 6-17-25-28

Gabriel Courtney, Carrigmines, Dublin 17-20-25-28 Online Winner

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Clive Byrne, Fr. Cullen Terrace, Rathvilly.

Next draw 26th.August, 2025 Jackpot €16,000. Thank you for all your support.

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RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 2-14-19-24

Match 3 win or share € 150. 5 Lucky dips

Marcus Nugent De Lacey Abbey

On Line winner

Sean Kavanagh Mountkelly

On Line winner

Geraldine Bennell

Bingo winner

Teresa Byrne Dunlavin

Bingo winner

John Kehoe Station Rd.

Helen Deering

Next Draw 26 Aug. 2025 **Jackpot €4,100**

FESTIVAL OF ART & HARVEST FLOWERS

St. Mary's Church, Rathvilly R93 FK59 5th, 6th & 7th September

Opening Friday 5th at 7.30 p.m. Guest Speakers: Turtle & Ally Bunbury

Music by Sonya, Rachael & Miriam Burgess Exhibition continues –

Saturday, 6th - 11.30 am – 7 pm Sunday, 7th - 12 pm – 5 pm.

Refreshments served – Free admission.

Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators:

Choose nectar and pollen-rich plants for your garden

There are plenty of beautiful plants you can choose for your garden that are rich in nectar and pollen. Outside your garden, the best action for pollinators is to create biodiversity meadows and margins by reducing mowing.

Idea: Plant bulbs such as Snowdrop, Crocus, and Grape Hyacinth in the autumn to provide early food for emerging pollinators the following spring. Or plant five fruit trees to create a mini orchard. pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/