

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time– Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21 *Profit and loss*

There is an Irish phrase which says, “You never see a trailer being pulled after a hearse.” This would be a very good way to sum up today’s parable. Jesus tells us about a rich man with a storage problem. He places his sense of security in accumulating more and more wealth, so much so that he needs to build bigger barns to store his grain. For all his wealth, he does not realise that his life is about to end. Nothing is more destructive to the human spirit than a preoccupation with accumulating more and more wealth, in whatever form it takes. It is usually driven by insecurity and a lack of peace. We try to constantly fill the gap in our lives which can only be filled by God.

A preoccupation with storing up stuff also affects our relationships with the world, especially with the poor. We cannot be in communion with our human family if we are hoarding resources while others are in need. In many countries people suffer as they struggle to maintain basic food security, while others live in extravagant luxury. It is shocking to read that, globally, one-third of all food is wasted. It is a lie to say that we do not have enough for everyone. As Mahatma Gandhi famously said, “*The world has enough for everyone’s need, but not enough for everyone’s greed*”.

Humanity is at a crossroads where our habits of consumption are concerned. We now know that the Earth and her ecosystems are at breaking point because of the continued exploitation of the resources necessary to feed our consumption habits. According to scientists, we would need three planet Earths to maintain our current rates of production. The parable today is urging us to focus on what is truly important.

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“When nature is viewed solely as a source of profit and gain, this has serious consequences for society. This . . . has engendered immense inequality, injustice and acts of violence against the majority of humanity . . . Completely at odds with this model are the ideals of harmony, justice, fraternity and peace as proposed by Jesus”
- *Pope Francis*

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid’s
Talbotstown**

Sat/Sun, 2nd & 3rd August, 2025

**St. Patrick’s
Rathvilly**

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Recent Deaths: Noel Byrne, Enniscorthy & formerly Williamstown & Ballyoliver
Teodora Apetrei, Dublin and formerly Romania
Esther Byrne nee Kearns, Chicago and formerly Rathvilly
May Forristal, Thomastown, aunt of Mrs. Helen Molloy
Jim Byrne, Carlow and formerly Knockroe

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Saturday, 2nd & 3rd August

Sean Doyle, The Moate – 1st Anniversary

Marie Doyle, The Moate

Brendan O’Grady, Rathmore

Paddy Kelly, Ballyhackett

Bridget & John Keogh, St. Patrick’s Park

Mary Doyle, Knockavagh

Joseph JoJo Dunne, Rathmore

Colin Coleman, The Green, Hacketstown

Hugh & Rose Foley, St. Patrick’s Park

Kevin & Margaret Curry, Ballyoliver

Lena Watts

Monday, 4th August at 9.30 a.m.

Edward Con Foley – 1st Anniversary

Thursday, 7th August at 10.30 a.m.

Sean Byrne, St. Patrick’s Park – 1st Anniversary

Declan Byrne

Eileen & James Byrne

Maureen Byrne

Bridget Byrne

Neil Byrne

Sat/Sun, 9th & 10th August

Josephine Doyle, Slaney Bank

Bridget Gahan, Lisnavagh

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

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 3rd August – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Mary Byrne.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 10th August – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Muireann Gartland.

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

Thursday, 7th August – Mass at 10.30 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday 3-6 pm.

PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR AUGUST

Kiltegan Area on Wednesday, 6th August from 2 – 5 p.m.

Rathvilly Area on Friday, 8th August from 2 – 5 p.m.

CHURCH RADIO

Church Radio System is currently out of operation and it appears that we may need to upgrade or replace it. We are waiting on an assessment from an electronic engineer and a decision will be made depending on the cost.

TIP FOR VIEWING THE CHURCH WEBCAM ON YOUR MOBILE PHONE

Click on the Parish website, scroll down to webcam and click on it. Rotate phone 90 degrees and scroll until you see play arrow/button. Press button to view webcam.

UPDATE ON RESTORATION OF STAINED GLASS WINDOW

While the main Church window is being worked on, we are having a different experience of a very bright sanctuary and can admire the sky and a tall tree through the window. The work is continuing steadily, re-leading the stained-glass pieces and repairing small fissures in the glass. The likely timeline for refitting the window is late September/ early October. We launched an appeal for donations to defray the cost of the work (€55,000 plus VAT). That appeal is still live - and I am happy to report that some donations have been received. Any amount will be appreciated. Many thanks to our donors to date.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 26th & 27th July

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €345.93

Envelopes €465.60

Kiltegan: Offertory €175.41

Envelopes €319.00

EVENING PRAYER FOR PEACE (Please note change of time)

Can you spare a half an hour on Tuesday, 5th August 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 30th July, 2025 No Jackpot winner of €20,000

Numbers: 11-15-18-26. 10 Match 3 numbers get €100.00 each.

No local match three winner this week.

Next draw on Wednesday, 6th 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.

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.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 1-3-5-21.

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Maygan Doyle Carlow

On Line winner

Abby Kirton Rathvilly

On Line winner

Amy Brown

Bingo winner

Oliver Keogh Glen of Imaal

Bingo winner

Sue Molloy Rathvilly

Helen Deering

Next draw 5 Aug 2025 **Jackpot €3,800**

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

National Novena to Our Lady of Knock takes place from 13th to 21st August

Novena Ceremonies 3 pm & 8 pm in Knock Basilica. Workshops: 12.45 daily in

St. John's welcome Centre. Themed Guided Prayer: 11.15 am & 5.15 pm daily in

Prayer Centre. Witness Walk: Thursday 21st August at 6.45 pm.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 15-17-26-29

Trish and Fergal Harmon, Kiltegan

Trish Harmon

Kallie c/o Laura Kavanagh

Laura Kavanagh

Sue and Nuala Byrne, Rathvilly

Jenny Donegan

Tommy Kehoe, St. Patrick's Park

Peg Kehoe

Bernie Smith, Rathvilly

Karen Kelly

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Rathvilly Post Office.

Next draw 5th.August, 2025 Jackpot €15,700. Thank you for all your support.

DONOUGHMORE SUMMER FETE – 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.

Bulky Waste Drop Off for Householders at Powerstown Civic Amenity Site

• Location: Powerstown Civic Amenity Site, Kilkenny Road, Carlow (R93RF22)

• Dates: 19th – 23rd August 2025 during normal opening hours

Tuesday - Friday 8.30am -4pm Saturday 8.30am -12.30pm

• Cost: €5 per vehicle. • Eligibility: Open to householders only

For more information, please contact the team at Powerstown Civic Amenity Site

on 059 9172406 or email powerstown@carlowcoco.ie

CHECK THE REGISTER

Even if you receive a polling card, you now need to add your PPSN, date of birth and

Eircode to the register. You can update your details at checktheregister.ie or by paper

form. If you need assistance, please contact Carlow County Council Register Staff on

059 9170332 / 059 9170308 / 059 9172448 or email register@carlowcoco.ie.

Graiguecullen Bingo Tuesday 5th August 2025 St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm

Jackpot on 50 numbers € 2780 Double number € 740 Lotto € 1600