

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13 Kingdom economics

If you think that all the parables are pleasant stories about people of integrity, then today's Gospel might make you think again. In this story, a manager has been given notice by his CEO and decides, while he still can, to even up the tables for those who are struggling to pay their debts to the company. He uses the power he still has to change the future for those debtors – and for himself. He is happy to make better arrangements for the debtors. The manager is free-spirited, a bit of a scoundrel yes, but Jesus liked scoundrels, once their efforts were put to good use. The only value the money really has is in the way it is used. He is squandering money, but he is not squandering opportunities.

When it comes to the reality of our climate crisis, change is urgently needed at political levels. The science is clear: our world is warming because of human activity, giving rise to drought, famine, devastating wildfires, extreme weather events, a rise in sea levels and the displacement of millions of people. On our current trajectory, many parts of our world will be uninhabitable in the decades to come.

Climate change is one of the biggest challenges facing our world today, and it has grave implications for many aspects of our lives: environmental, social, economic and political. We know that just a hundred fossil fuel companies are responsible for 70% of the carbon emissions which drive this crisis. These corporations care little for future generations. Young people and standing up to such systems, however, calling them to account, engaging in political action are challenging all of us to raise our voices for our common home. They tell us that change is coming whether we like it or not! Today's parable invites us, like the manager, to 'holy mischief'.

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“What kind of world do you want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are growing up? . . . We may well be leaving to coming generation's debris, desolation and filth. *Pope Francis*

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE

www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's

Talbotstown

Sat/Sun, 20th & 21st September 2025

St. Patrick's

Rathvilly

The Assumption

Tynock

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Months Mind Mass: Peadar Nolan, Kevin Barry Road this Saturday, 20th September

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 20th & 21st September

Sean Kehoe, Mount Lucas

Jim Breen, Knockboy

James O'Leary, Bray

Gerald & Annie Cullen, Knockavagh

Agnes & James Byrne, Ballybit

Michael & Kathleen Moore, Knocklishen

Thomas O'Grady, Rathmore

Sat/Sun, 27th & 28th September

Siobhan Farrell, Haroldstown

John Byrne, 22 Fr Cullen Tce.

Frank McArdle, Ricketstown

Jenny Curran, St. Patrick's Park

Patrick & Nellie Keegan, Ballyoliver

Michael & Bridget Connor, Knockavagh & deceased family members

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Saturday, 20th September – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Veronica Byrne.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 28th September – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Joe O'Brien.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday- Mass 9.30 a.m. **No Mass on Wednesday.**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday 3-6 pm.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 6th & 7th September

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €256.38

Envelopes €454.60

Kiltegan: Offertory €72.00

Envelopes €258.00

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

Results from 17th September 2025 No Jackpot winner of €20,000

Numbers: 01-10-21-29. 14 Match 3 numbers get €72.00 each.

No local match three winner this week.

Next draw on Wednesday, 24th September. **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.

Season of Creation 1st September – 4th October 2025: Peace with Creation

"Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children." Joint statement from Pope Francis, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury.

This year's Season of Creation has as its theme "Peace with Creation", inspired by the passage from Isaiah 32:14-18; "My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places." In a world of challenges and division, marked by war and climate change, *how can we as people of faith create and work towards peace with creation?* Every one of us has a part to play. For this year's resources see <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/season-of-creation-2025/>

Breast Cancer Awareness Month takes place October 1st-31st.

For further information, please log onto www.breastcancerireland.com.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Congratulations to Chrissie Deering, Patrickswell, Rathvilly on winning the €16,300 jackpot in the Slaney Rovers AFC lotto last Tuesday night.

As well as selling lotto tickets for Slaney Rovers in all 1170 draws to date, Chrissie also buys her own lotto ticket with her own choice of 'special' numbers (6-9-10-22) and they proved very special indeed!

The lotto, which now reverts to a new jackpot of €2,500, continues to be the primary fundraiser for the daily running of the club and for the ongoing pitch development.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 22-25-28-29

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Pat Deering Ballybitt

On Line winner

Cathy Purdy Fitzgerald Kevin Barry Rd.

On Line winner

Collette Kelly Garretstown

Collette Kelly

Paddy Doyle Paulville

Bingo winner

C. Curry Baltinglass

Bingo winner

Next Draw 23 Sept. 2025 **Jackpot €4,500**

Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators: Think twice about getting a hive of honeybees On the island of Ireland, we have one honeybee species, and it is not in decline. Most honeybees are 'domesticated pollinators', living in hives and managed by beekeepers. Our 100+ wild bee species are under threat. If we have too many honeybee hives in the landscape, they can compete for food with our struggling wild pollinators. You should only get a honeybee hive if you want to start a new hobby, but it is not the best thing to do for biodiversity. pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND:

Date: November 7th-9th Venue "Focolare" Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. For info. and booking www.marriageencounter.ie

RATHMORE NS

Enrolment for new pupils into Junior Infants in 2026 in Rathmore NS will open on Monday, October 6th 2025 and be accepted until Friday, October 24th 2025. The Admissions Notice, Enrolment Policy and Application Forms are available from the school website or by contacting the school office on 059 9161375 or rathmorens.ias@gmail.com

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS – PASTORAL ON SUNDAY

Parishioners are invited to read and reflect on this document from the Irish Bishops on the significance of Sunday. Copies can be found on the noticeboard/website/rear of church etc and on www.catholicbishops.ie

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LIVING WELL EXPO 2025

Celebrating Healthy, Connected & Age Friendly Living in Carlow

Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Carlow on Wednesday, 1st October 10.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

At the Expr you will find: Free Health Checks & Free Hearing Checks; Inspiring Guest Speakers; Connection with Services & Supports for over 55's; Free Entry & Refreshments. Registration – Contact the Age Friendly Team on 059 9136207 or 087 2145262 or email: agefriendlycarlow@carlowcoco.ie

National Public Libraries Open Day

National Public Libraries Open Day will take place on Saturday 27th September, this day highlights the crucial role of public libraries in our communities and all the services they have to offer. A Library Themed Interactive Childrens Storytime with Children's local entertainer Wobbly Wendy will take place in Carlow Library on Saturday 27th September at 11am, all welcome, no booking necessary. Please email to library@carlowcoco.ie for any queries! Follow Carlow Library on facebook /carlowcountylibrary & Twitter/X @carlowlibraries for event listings

RAMBLING NIGHT

Tidy Towns Rathvilly presents Rambling Night on Friday, 17th October in Lawlor's Function Room. Doors open at 7.30 p.m. €5 per ticket.

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO Tuesday 23rd September St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm
Jackpot on 43 numbers €1090 Double number € 1230 Lotto € 500.