

The Season of Creation – Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

All are invited to the banquet

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Within Ordinary Time, the Season of Creation gives us an opportunity to come together to renew our relationship with God’s creation. It runs from the World Day of Prayer for Creation on 1st September to the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4th October. It has its origins in the Orthodox Church, which in 1989 proclaimed 1st September as a day of prayer for creation. Subsequently, the Worlds Council of Churches extended the celebration until 4th October. Many Christians around the world embraced this idea, and in 2015 Pope Francis officially declared 1st September the World Day of Prayer for Creation in the Catholic calendar. This means that the world’s 2.2 billion Christians now celebrate the Season of Creation as an ecumenical occasion worldwide.

In 2015 Pope Francis published his ground-breaking encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home*. In it he calls on all people of the world to enter into dialogue about what is happening to our planet, urging us to listen to both ‘*the cry of the earth*’ and ‘*the cry of the poor*’. He invites us to ‘become painfully aware’ of the extent of this crisis, and to engage in the conversion that is needed to protect our common home. In light of the urgent ecological crisis our world is facing and the addition of the Season of Creation to our liturgical calendar, the reflections for the next five Sundays will focus on this theme, as well as paying attention to the Gospel of the day.

All Christians are invited to embrace this season wholeheartedly, through deep reflection, through living more sustainably, through raising our voices in the public sphere, and in a special way through our liturgies. We are invited to think more deeply about what is happening at present to the earth, to recognise the environmental destruction which now threatens our world, and to accept the call to ‘eco-conversion’.

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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	St. Patrick’s	The Assumption
Talbotstown	Rathvilly	Tynock
Sat/Sun, 6th & 7th September 2025	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 6th & 7th September

Pat & Margaret Osborne, The Green, Rathvilly

James P. Doyle, Tankardstown

Robert & Kathleen Myers, Bough

Sat/Sun, 13th & 14th September

Constance Bray & Family

Andrew Merrigan

The Sheedy Family

Kathleen Merrigan

Joseph Plant, Rahill

Sat/Sun, 20th & 21st September

Sean Kehoe, Mount Lucas

Jim Breen, Knockboy

James O’Leary, Bray

Gerald & Annie Cullen, Knockavagh

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 7th September – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Lucilla Brophy.

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 14th September – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Breedh Murphy.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

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

Reader – Veronica Byrne.

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Sept 8th, 9th, 10th & 12th - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday- Mass 9.30 a.m.

Sept 15th 16th, 17th & 19th - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday- Mass 9.30 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday 3-6 pm.

PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR SEPTEMBER

Kiltegan Area on Friday, 12th September from 2 – 5 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday & Tuesday, 8th & 9th September – 10 am – 12 Noon

Friday, 19th September – 10 am – 1 pm. Normal hours from Monday, 22nd Sept.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 30th & 31st August

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €327.51

Envelopes €429.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €79.51

Envelopes €181.20

CARLO ACUTIS

O God, our Father, thank you for giving us Carlo, model of life for young people, and a message of love for all. He made the Eucharist his "highway to Heaven". You gave him Mary, a beloved Mother, and with the Rosary you made him sing the praises of her tenderness. Accept his prayer for us. Attend especially to the poor, whom he loved and helped. Through his intercession, may I receive the grace I need. And fulfil our joy, by placing Carlo among the blessed of your Holy Church, that his smile may shine again for us for the glory of your name. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Eucharistic procession in honour of Bl. Carlo Acutis and Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassation's Canonisation this Sunday, 7th September. The procession will be held around the streets of Dublin starting at White Friar Street Church, Aungier St. D2 at 3pm & finishing with Holy Mass in St Agathas Church North Wall D1 at 5pm

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

Results from 3rd September 2025 No Jackpot winner of €20,000

Numbers: 07-27-28-30. 12 Match 3 numbers get €84.00 each.

One local match three winner this week.

Winner – Margaret Jordan. Promoter – Philip Kirwan.

Next draw on Wednesday, 10th 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.

DIOCESAN LITURGY CONFERENCE 20 SEPTEMBER

There are only two weeks to go before our liturgy conference. Clergy, parishioners, music and liturgical ministers are encouraged to book their place and select their preferred workshops. Once full, a workshop will no longer be available to book so early booking is strongly advised. See www.kandle.ie (or use the QR code) for more details and booking.

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

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

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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/>

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.

SAMARITANS INFORMATION NIGHT

Got 3 hours a week to spare? Samaritans are looking for listening volunteers for their satellite office in Carlow. Why not come along to Lamberts Coffee House in Dublin Street on Monday 15th September between 6:30 and 8pm and meet some existing volunteers to find out what we do and how you could contribute to answering the 1500 calls for help received every day. We are actively looking for people to join our team, full training will be provided. www.samaritans.ie/volunteer

HEALING MASS

St. Brigid's Chapel, Slí an Chroí, St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan on Monday 15th September at 3pm, followed by refreshments in our Dining Room.

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

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

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 8-10-17-25

Doreen Byrne, Fr. Cullen Terrace 8-10-17-26 Clive Byrne

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

Next draw 9th. September, 2025 Jackpot €16,200. Thank you for all your support.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 5-8-12-17

Match 3 win or share €150

Fiona Corcoran Monavote 5-12-17-28

Emmet Doyle Collins Pk. 5-8-12-24

Rena & Letitia 5-12-17-21

Next draw 9 Sept. 2025 **Jackpot €4,300**

On Line winner

Brennans Shop

Post Office

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/

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO Tuesday 9th September St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm
Jackpot on 41 numbers € 830 Double number € 1090 Lotto € 600.