

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19 Thank you

What a difference an attitude of gratitude makes! In today's Gospel, the life of the man who turns back to thank Jesus is utterly transformed. The other nine receive the same gift of healing, but they do not acknowledge the gift or the giver. In thanking Jesus, the Samaritan man enters into a relationship with him; he becomes his disciple.

During the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, there was an outpouring of gratitude for healthcare workers. People stood outside their homes to clap for the Nurses, Doctors and First Responders who were putting their lives on-the-line. There were campaigns for better pay conditions for them, and appeals to the public to play their part in keeping these heroes safe. But over time the clapping stopped and the media spotlight moved on, though of course the selfless work continued.

Gratitude makes us aware that we are part of something bigger than ourselves by being connected to others in the world. Pope Francis has spoken of the importance of saying 'thank you' in family life, and he suggests that we should give thanks before and after meals: "That moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life, it strengthens our feelings of gratitude for the gifts of creation; it acknowledges those who in their labour provide us with these goods; and it reaffirms our solidarity with those in greater need".

We slip easily into the habit of turning to prayer only when we need something. But what about after the storm has passed? Jesus asks the question, "The other nine, where are they?" Perhaps they simply got on with their lives and, over time, let the memory fade. All ten were healed yet, because of his gratitude, one man had a fuller experience, and his life was all the richer. © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellet, 2021. *The Deep End: A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Luke*. (Dublin: Messenger Publications 2021).

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend". - *Melody Beattie*

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, 11th & 12th October 2025	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	

Sunday, 12th October is the Feast Day of Saint Carlo Acutis

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 11th & 12th October

Julia Byrne, Ricketstown – 1st Anniversary
Michael Byrne, Ricketstown & deceased family members
Deceased members of the Connors Family, Rathdaniel
Peter Ralph, Delacy Abbey & deceased family members
Harry & Mary Byrne, Slaney View
Harry Jnr. & James Byrne, Slaney View
Maureen Quinn nee Byrne, Slaney View
Dan Foley, England and formerly Bough
Frankie Dowling, Knocklishen

Sat/Sun, 18th & 19th October

Jack Whyte, Garretstown – 1st Anniversary
Garda Aaron McNamara – 1st Anniversary
Deirdre & Gordon Riddiford
LV Conway, Straboe
Thomas Donovan, Rathdangan
Frank Fitzpatrick, Mount Kelly
James & Elizabeth Kelly, Mount Neill

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Saturday, 11th October – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Fiona Kane.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 19th October – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Mary Byrne.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday 3-6 pm.

SACRAMENTS 2026

First Holy Communion – Enrolment Ceremonies this weekend.

Saturday, 11th October at 6 p.m. in Talbotstown Church for children attending Talbotstown and Tynock Schools.

Sunday, 12th October at 11 a.m. in Rathvilly Church for children attending Rathmore and Rathvilly Schools.

Confirmation – Enrolment Ceremony on Saturday, 18th October at 7.30 p.m. in Rathvilly Church for children attending the four schools in the Parish.

MISSION APPEAL

Br. Brian Johnson, Franciscan Brothers will visit our Parish this weekend of 11th/12th October to conduct a mission appeal. **A little history:** We were founded in Galway in the early 1800's to bring education to the rural poor of Ireland. We were noted in particular for our work with the poor especially during famine times. We also established the first agricultural college in Ireland in Mountbellew County Galway in 1904. We now have missions in rural Kenya and Uganda. We run an agricultural college in both countries. Education we feel is a vital key to progress. During time of drought, famine and conflict we help where we can. We are especially involved in reconciliation, the distribution of food, water and medicine during the difficult times.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS 4th & 5th October

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €268.13

Envelopes €532.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €111.13

Envelopes €174.00

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

Results from 8th October 2025 One Jackpot winner of €20,000

Congratulations to Tom Kelly from Kildare Parish.

Numbers: 03-05-07-19. 40 Match 3 numbers get €25.00 each.

Two local match three winners this week.

Winner – Mary Lawlor. Promoter – Kitty Kennedy.

Winner – Tommy Byrne. Promoter – Angela Byrne.

Next draw on Wednesday, 15th October. **Jackpot €10,000.**

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

Thank you to our parishioners for supporting the Lotto.

MARCH FOR PALESTINE

A silent March for Palestine takes place on Saturday, 18th October 2025 (Day 743/Week 107). The March will begin at Linear Park, Newbridge (assemble at 12.30 pm) moving onwards to junction at Dunnes/Tesco and proceeding through the town back to Linear Park.

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

RAMBLING NIGHT

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

BOOK LAUNCH

'**Tulow through the Ages**' by Christopher McQuinn will be launched by Turtle Bunbury in Mount Wolseley on Thursday, 16th October at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

MISSION SUNDAY – 19th October

Each year, the Pope chooses a theme for World Mission Sunday. For 2025, the theme is: "**Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples**" This theme calls all Catholics — young and old — to be messengers of hope, just as missionaries bring Christ's love to people around the world.

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. World Mission Sunday collections take place in every single parish where the Church is present. This includes not only Ireland and Europe, but also in poorer parishes in developing countries. It is a moment of universal solidarity when each member of the Church family, regardless of location or background, play their part in supporting each other. This is what makes it such a special celebration.

HACKETSTOWN SES CLG

Hacketstown SES CLG is holding its AGM on Tues 4th Nov at 11 a.m. in Station House, Hacketstown. All welcome.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 4-5-19-21

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips.

Jude Kehoe Ladystown

On Line winner

Fr. John McEvoy Rathvilly

On Line winner

Florrie Gibbons Station Rd.

On Line winner

Geraldine Doyle Monovothe

Post Office

Helen Deering Knockavagh

Helen Deering

Next draw 14 Oct. 2025 **Jackpot €4,800**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 1-9-11-26

Tommy Kehoe, St. Patrick's Park 1-9-26-27

Peg Kehoe

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Martin Timmons, Woodgrove Avenue

Next draw 14th. October, 2025 Jackpot €2,800. Thank you for all your support.

"JIVE AND LINEDANCE CLASS" "5-Week course"

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Starting: Wednesday 29th October. Location: Bigstone Community Hall.

Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm Contact: Noleen 086 8690332 BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Prayers for the Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland

All Catholics are invited to pray for a special gathering that will take place in Kilkenny on 18 October, called a Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland. You are invited to read this document by visiting www.synod.ie/baptised-and-sent-preparatory-document-available-now/