

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8 Crying out

The judge in the parable we hear about today is hardly a role model. He delivers justice to the widow, not because he cares, but because he wants to get rid of her. He is painted in contrast with God who is full of compassion, particularly for those most in need. When we cry out, God hears us. On the surface, the parable seems to be about the need to persevere in prayer but, like all Jesus' parables, it has layers of meaning. At the time of Jesus, many widows were left without resources following the death of their husbands. Jewish listeners would have been aware that the Hebrew Scriptures called for the protection of widows as well as the poor and foreigners, so the women in today's parable represents all these vulnerable groups.

Today's vulnerable people continue to cry out for justice, and their cries often fall on deaf ears. As a society, are we like the unjust judge, ignoring them and hoping they will go away or that someone else will deal with them? Do we offer a half-hearted response, just to soothe our conscience? Or is our response rooted in a real sense of compassion and justice?

There is another sting-in-the-tail of today's Gospel. Almost as an afterthought, Jesus poses a challenge. "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?" The real question is not whether our prayer can move God, but rather, Jesus suggests, if our prayer can move us. Does our faith spur us into action? The widow refused to stop fighting until justice was granted. We cannot sit back and expect our prayer to be answered without effort on our part. Our prayer life goes hand-in-hand with our willingness to fight for what is right. © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellet, 2021. *The Deep End: A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Luke*. (Dublin: Messenger Publications 2021).

"We need to acknowledge that we are constantly tempted to ignore others, especially the weak. Let us admit that, for all the progress we have made, we are still 'illiterate' when it comes to accompanying, caring for and supporting the most frail and vulnerable members of our developed societies. We have become accustomed to looking the other way, passing by, ignoring situations until they affect us directly. *Pope Francis*

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

Sat/Sun, 18th & 19th October 2025

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

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

Sat/Sun, 25th & 26th October

Mary, Martin & Pdraig Coady, St. Patrick's Park

James Meegan, Castleblayney

James Doyle, Haroldstown

Anne Hanks, Slaney Bank

Marian Cassells, Knocklishen

Thomas (Tom) & Teresa Joyce, Knockavagh

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

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

Reader – Mary Byrne.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 26th October – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Mary Kelly.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday 3-6 pm.

CONFIRMATION 2026

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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS 11th & 12th October

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €248.92

Envelopes €446.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €63.81

Envelopes €150.10

PARISH NEWSLETTER – All Masses and Notices for the Parish Newsletter to reach us by 12 Noon each Wednesday – thank you.

Best wishes to our Senior football team in the County Final this Sunday.

IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER

All who have died in the Parish since last November will be remembered at Mass on Sunday, 2nd November – Tynock Church at 9.30 a.m. & Rathvilly Church at 11 a.m. A candle will be lighting on the Altar in memory of our loved ones.

MISSION SUNDAY

This weekend, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. Thank you for supporting in whatever way you can, and please remember, it is more than an appeal for financial help. Missionaries also need spiritual support.

'Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples' is the theme for this year's World Mission Sunday, reminding us of our calling to be 'messengers and builders of hope' in this Jubilee Year.

Envelopes available in your weekly envelope box or at the back of the Church.

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

Results from 15th October 2025 No Jackpot winner of €10,000

Numbers: 20-23-27-30. 8 Match 3 numbers get €125.00 each.

No local match three winner this week.

Next draw on Wednesday, 22nd October. **Jackpot €11,000.**

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

Thank you to our parishioners for supporting the Lotto.

RATHMORE NS

Enrolment for new pupils into Junior Infants in Rathmore NS is now open.

Applications will be accepted until October 24th 2025. The Admission 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

KEVIN BARRY'S GAA

On November 1st 1945 in Derrylaughan, Co. Tyrone, Kevin Barry's GAA Club was founded. The club was called after our local patriot Kevin Barry. To celebrate their 80th anniversary they are coming down to Rathvilly to spend their day with us in Rathvilly. The programme is as follows for Saturday, 1st November –

Mass in the Church at 1.00 p.m. followed by a commemoration at the monument.

Then up to the football field to play a game against a Rathvilly selection. They are also bringing a ladies team to play against our ladies team. It will be a great day and a great celebration for all concerned.

ST LUKE'S HOSPITAL- ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

St. Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny Annual Remembrance Mass will take place on Tuesday 21st October at 7:30pm in St. Canice's Parish Church, Kilkenny R95

V440. It is an opportunity for families and loved ones of patients who have died in the hospital to come together in prayer and remembrance. All are welcome to attend.

HACKETSTOWN SES CLG

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

PINK COFFEE MORNING FOR BREAST CANCER IRELAND

Join us for a morning of coffee, cake and community, hosted by the Farrell's of Englishtown, Kiltegan and all in aid of Breast Cancer Ireland.

When: 27th October 2025 @ 11:00 to 13:00 **Where:** Kiltegan GAA W91 C582

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

Join our fun and friendly Jive and Linedance class!

Learn waltz, Jive, Quickstep, slosh, Electric slide and lots, lots more!

Get fit in fun way with a Qualified Dance Teacher (DFI ACCREDITED)

€50 for 5 WEEKS!! From: 29th October To 26th November

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

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

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 4-7-23-24

Match 3 win or share €150

Natalie Walshe De Lacy Abbey 4-7-16-23

On Line winner

Next draw 21 Oct. 2025 **Jackpot €4,900**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 1-10-15-20

Leanne Lawlor, Collins Park 1-10-11-15

Online Winner

Chloe Kelly, Rathvilly 10-12-15-20

Online Winner

Shirley Jackson, Hacketstown 1-10-15-23

Online Winner

PJ Doyle, The Dales, Ricketstown 5-10-15-20

Brennan's Centra

Jenny and Jake Donegan, Collins Park 5-10-15-20

Jenny Donegan

Jack Tobin c/o Breda Keogh 1-4-15-20

Breda Keogh

Winnie Keogh, Baltinglass 1-10-20-30

Breda Keogh

Valerie Whyte, Garrettstown 1-3-15-20

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Mary Donegan, Mount Neill 1-15-20-28

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Promoter's prize €20 was won by Borza Takeaway, Rathvilly.

Next draw 21st. October, 2025 Jackpot €2,900. Thank you for all your support.

Graigecullen Bingo Tuesday 21st October St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm

Jackpot 47 numbers €1610 Double number € 1510 Lotto € 700 Bonus Ball €500

SLI AN CHROI, ST. PATRICK'S, KILTEGAN

HEALING MASS in St. Brigid's Chapel in Sli an Chroi, (adjacent to the Office Building) St. Patrick's Missionary Society in Kiltegan for the following dates at 3pm each day, followed by Refreshments in our Dining Room:

Monday 3rd November Monday 1st December

Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators: Be careful with wildflower seed mixes

You might be surprised to hear that sowing wildflower seed mixes can be detrimental to local biodiversity. Many wildflower seed mixes contain non-native species, and can inadvertently introduce invasive species. Please avoid using them where possible. pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/