

## **27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne**

**(Season of Creation 5) Gospel: Luke 17:5-10 The gaze of Jesus**

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus speaking about mustard seeds, mulberry trees, sheep fields, the sea and ploughs. Jesus spent most of his time in the midst of nature. He went to quiet places to pray; his entire ministry involved walking from place to place; he preached on mountain tops and in boats on the sea; some of his followers were fishermen. The son of a carpenter, Jesus no doubt "worked with his hands, in daily contact with the matter created by God, to which he gave form by his craftsmanship" (*Laudato Si'* §99).

The roots of the environmental crisis our world faces are deeply spiritual, for we have become detached from the beauty of the natural world. This affects us deeply, even if we are not aware of it. *Laudato Si'* reminds us that we were never meant to be surrender by asphalt, metal, cement and glass, and it invites us to rekindle a child-like sense of awe and wonder at nature. So, if we are looking for a place to begin, we begin here. We must reconnect with nature, for we will only protect what we love. Let us reawaken ourselves to the fact that "the entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God" (*Laudato Si'* §84).

The realities of the ecological crisis can be overwhelming, but Jesus reminds us today to strive for what which seems impossible. As we draw near to the end of the **Season of Creation**, let it be a springboard into contemplation and action in our relationship with God's creation. Let us live *Laudato Si'*. Truly, much can be done.

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"God has written a precious book, whose letters are the multitude of created things. From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe ... there is a divine manifestation in the blaze of the sun and in the fall of night.

**Pope Francis (*Laudato Si'* §85).**

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## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's  
Talbotstown**

**Sat/Sun, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**St. Patrick's  
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption  
Tynock**

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

#### **Sat/Sun, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October**

Joan Sibbald, 9 Ballyoliver

Sr. Mary Sibbald, Phelan Street

Maureen Curtin nee Loughlin, UK & Straboe

Patrick & Kathleen Deering, Ballybit

Micheál Keogh, Williamstown

Margaret O'Leary, Williamstown

Bernie Williams, Coolmanagh

Joe Kelly, Knockboy

#### **Sat/Sun, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> October**

Julia Byrne, Ricketstown – 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### **CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK**

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> October – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Nigel Byrne.

**Tynock School Mass** takes place on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30 am. All welcome.

### **ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN**

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> October – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Fiona Kane.

### **ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY**

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

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** – each Friday 3-6 pm.

### **PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR OCTOBER**

Kiltegan Area on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2 – 5 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER – BLESSING OF PETS**

To mark the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi the Blessing of Pets will take place this Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> October – Tynock Church Grounds at 10.30 a.m. Rathvilly Church Grounds at 12 Noon.

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> October    Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November    Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

## SACRAMENTS 2026

### **First Holy Communion – Enrolment Ceremonies –**

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

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

**Confirmation – Enrolment Ceremony** on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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 the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> September

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €386.37

Envelopes €365.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €90.05

Envelopes €185.60

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

Results from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 No Jackpot winner of €20,000

Numbers: 14-20-28-29. 9 Match 3 numbers get €112.00 each.

No local match three winner this week.

Next draw on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October. **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.

## AUTISM TALK

There will be a free talk on Autism in Carlow Library on Thursday 23rd October 6pm to 7pm, all welcome! Empowering Autistic Adults, Employment & Higher Education Opportunities.

## SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 7-13-15-21

Amanda Dempsey, Bough 7-13-18-21

Online Winner

Alan Byrne, Hacketstown 7-11-13-21

Online Winner

Chris Deering, Patrickswell 5-7-15-21

Chris Deering

Bridget Byrne, Knockavagh 7-13-21-29

Post Office

Philip Hughes, Baltinglass 7-11-15-21

Breda Keogh

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Jenny Donegan, Michael Collins Park.

Next draw 7th. October, 2025 Jackpot €2,700. Thank you for all your support.

## 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. This assembly is an important juncture on the journey towards a National Synodal Assembly to be held in 2026. Around 240 people will be in attendance and these are drawn from each diocese on the island, Religious Congregations and Church movements. A preparatory document, entitled Baptised and Sent - the fruits of listening sessions across Ireland last spring - will be the basis for discussion at this gathering, and for the next stage of the journey of renewal. Central to the document is a renewed focus on baptism as the foundation of our Christian dignity, unity, and mission and how baptism infuses the life and mission of the Church in Ireland today and into the future. You are invited to read this document by visiting [www.synod.ie/baptised-and-sent-preparatory-document-available-now/](http://www.synod.ie/baptised-and-sent-preparatory-document-available-now/)

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the conversations at Kilkenny, and those flowing from it, as we walk together as sisters and brothers of Christ, united by our baptism and filled with hope.

## RATHMORE NS

Enrolment for new pupils into Junior Infants in 2026 in Rathmore NS will open on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 2025 and be accepted until Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rathmorens.ias@gmail.com)

## RAMBLING NIGHT

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

## RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 17-19-27-29

Match 3 win or share €150.

Cheryl Donovan Roscommon 8-17-19-27

On Line winner

Olivia & Julia Baltinglass 1-17-19-29

Bingo winner

Next draw 7 Oct. 2025 **Jackpot €4,700**

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

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Starting: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Location: Bigstone Community Hall.

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

## ST LUKE'S HOSPITAL- ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

St. Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny Annual Remembrance Mass will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7:30pm in St. Canice's Parish Church R95 V440.

All are welcome to attend.