

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Gospel – Matthew 4:12-23 Gathering

Jesus begins his ministry with the first of many ‘gatherings’. Hearing that John had been arrested, he ‘withdraws’ to Galilee. He is shaken and perhaps he too is under threat. Nevertheless, he preaches the same bold message as John: ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ This is the message the disciples will later be sent to preach (Mt 10:7). Matthew interprets Jesus’ arrival in Galilee as fulfilment of the prophet Isaiah’s declaration that a ‘great light’ would shine in the darkness. The reference to ‘Galilee of the Gentiles’ offer a clue as to who will be gathered and included in Jesus’ mission.

Fishing metaphors features heavily throughout Matthew’s Gospel. Jesus starts his ministry in the fishing village of Capernaum by gathering a crew of disciples – two sets of brothers, all fishermen. In terms of social status, fishermen were low down in the pecking order. Their occupation was precarious at best, leaving them economically vulnerable, and they had to pay taxes to the Roman Empire, which made them unpopular. They might seem an unlikely choice for a Messiah starting his mission. Simon (Peter) and Andrew are casting their nets out when Jesus calls them, quipping them ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ Similarly, James and John abandon their net-mending ‘immediately’ to follow him. They are ‘all in’. The mission has momentum; these fishfolk are needed as the sea is ripe for fishing. Their task will be to draw others in, and the net will be cast indiscriminately, far and wide. Later, Jesus will compare the kingdom of heaven to a ‘dragnet’, catching fish of every kind (Mt 13:47).

When we join together for liturgy we often begin by acknowledging our ‘gathering’, indicating that we are being called out of our ordinary, everyday lives to gather as community, aware of God’s presence among us. We are also called every day into God’s service, invited to repentance, a change of heart. Like the disciples, we are called, and we call; we are gathered, and we gather. When we are drawn in by Jesus, we extend the same open welcome to others. The kingdom is at hand, and Jesus’ net gathers indiscriminately, regardless of social or economic status.

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“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.
– Anne Frank

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Talbotstown****St. Patrick’s
Rathvilly****The Assumption
Tynock****Sat/Sun, 24th & 25th January 2026 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time****Sat/Sun, 24th & 25th January****Months Mind Mass: Marie Steward, Woodgrove Ave. on Sat/Sun, 24/25 January****ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

Timmy Kelly, Fr. Cullen Tce.

Martha & Billy Leonard, Collins Park

Noel Smith, Coole

Billy Keegan, 8 Ballyoliver & deceased family members

Fergus Coleman, Tobinstown

Thomas & Natalie Kelly, Williamstown & deceased family members

Matthew O’Toole, Slaney View

Bridget O’Toole, Slaney View

Olive Leddy

The Fox Family, Castlemore

The Ayres Family, Kellistown

Sat/Sun, 31st Jan/1st FebNed Byrne, Knockavagh – 1st Anniversary

Sean Bolger, Rathvilly

Brendan Paisley, Rathvilly & deceased family members

Kathleen Eta Moore nee Healy

Thomas Keegan, Ballyoliver & deceased family members

Philip Kavanagh, Broughillstown

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCKSunday, 25th January – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Veronica Byrne.

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWNSunday, 1st February – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Joe O’Brien.

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday – 9.30 a.m.

Thursday – Grandparents Day – Mass at 12.15 p.m. School children will attend.

All welcome.

Monday, 2nd February – Presentation of the Lord -Candlemas Day. Mass 11a.m. with the Blessing of Candles. Donation of Candles for Church use is very welcome or Blessed Candles can be taken home or you might like to receive a Blessed Candle.

Tuesday, 3rd February – Feast of St Blaise. Blessing of Throats at 9.30 am Mass.

Evening Prayer with Blessing of Throats at 7.30 p.m.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SPECIAL MASS

Talbotstown/Tynock NS Sunday, 25th January in Tynock Church at 9.30a.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday 3 – 6 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CRIB

The Crib will remain open until 1st February. Donations from this year's Christmas Crib will be given to the Children's Cancer Appeal. To date €883.76 was collected.

THE SACRED HEART MESSENGER

A modern message in a much-loved tradition since 1888.

If you would like to buy the Messenger each month, please contact the Parish Office. Yearly subscription €30 or monthly €2.50.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS 17th & 18th January

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €470.29 Envelopes €422.50

Kiltegan: Offertory €151.44 Envelopes €323.50

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

Results from 21st January 2026 No Jackpot winner of €12,000

Numbers: 07-10-14-24. 20 Match 3 numbers get €50.00 each.

One local match three winner this week.

Winner – Breda's Group. Promoter – Breda Reilly.

Next draw on Wednesday, 28th January. **Jackpot €13,000.**

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

Thank you to our parishioners for supporting the Lotto.

Invitation to Kildare and Leighlin Parishioners: Baptised and Sent in Lent - Exploring the Lenten Sunday Gospels

Our diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation and Diocesan Synod Committee are inviting parishes, groups and individuals to make this new, short series a centre piece of their Lenten journey this year. *Can you give one hour a week, for five weeks, to join with others to reflect on the Sunday Gospel and its links to what it means to be baptised, as well as its links to some of the pastoral priorities that have emerged in synod conversations in our diocese and beyond? Would you like to find out more about being part of, or even running this series locally?*

An INFORMATION SESSION will take place in Newbridge Parish Centre on Tuesday, 3rd February. Tea/coffee available from 7 pm. Information session starts promptly at 7:30 pm- 9:00 pm. Registration essential through fds@kandle.ie

If you would prefer to attend via zoom, please email fds@kandle.ie to request a zoom registration link.

RADIO MARIA

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THE IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER – €3.50 Please put money in Shrine Box.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to our Parish. Some parishioners have requested information on how to pay by cheque or standing order. If you have not received your weekly Envelopes or would like to contribute, there are boxes available from the Parish Office or in each Church.

Rathvilly Parish Church:

Envelope Collection, Trócaire, Retired Priests Collection, Peters Pence Collection, Cemetery Collection, Mission Collection, Parish Lotto, Donation.

Rathvilly Parish Clergy Fund:

Easter Station, Easter Collection, Summer & Harvest Collection, Altar List of the Dead, Christmas Station, Christmas Collection, Donation.

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If setting up the Parish Account with your personal Banking Online, ensure you include an identifier for yourself as Donor. An email to office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie would be a good idea on the first occasion you pay by this method. – Thank you.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3-6-24-28

Match 3 win or share €150

Carol Corcoran Slaney Bank 3-6-10-24

On Line winner

Anthony Doyle The Moate 3-6-25-28

A. Doyle

Next draw 27 Jan 2026 **Jackpot €6,300**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 10-16-19-27

Carol Gahan, Delacy Abbey 5-10-16-19

Online Winner

Niamh and Alana Curran, Woodgrove Ave. 4-10-16-27 Brian Curran

Promoter's prize €20 was won by The Harp Bar.

Next draw 27th. January 2026 Jackpot €4,300. Thank you for all your support.

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO Tuesday 27th January 2026 St. Fiaccs Hall 8.30pm
Jackpot on 48 numbers €3560 Double number €600 Lotto €1500 Bonus Ball €800

CHURCH RADIO The frequency on the Church Radio has changed to **108 FM**.