

Trinity Sunday

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

John 3:16-18 Divine energy

‘God so loved the world ...’ Our short Gospel passage today is familiar. It is known as one of the most concise expressions of Christian faith. Jesus is speaking to Nicodemus, a Jewish leader who has come to him with a series of questions. We, too, seek to understand who Jesus is. Jesus explains that the key to the mystery is love: God loved the world so much that God became one of us. The creative love of God, in the world and part of the world since the beginning of time (Jn 1:3, 10), reaches its climax in the incarnation.

Something of this creative love is expressed in the parent–child relationship. The all-encompassing love of a parent for their child is a model of the intimacy between creator and creature. A parent wants the best for a child, to hold them close, to protect them from harm, to fill them with love and hope. The inseparable bond between a mother and the child she has carried and nurtured in her body has an energy of its own. As the child grows, the love between parent and child continues to flow, sustaining the child, connecting them always with the love from whence they came. In a similar way, the Spirit weaves and flows through our lives, joining us with the source of divine love. The mystery of the Trinity is that God is a relationship of love. And Jesus is the way into this great mystery of God’s presence in creation, in our world, in ourselves, in one another. ‘Jesus is the model and metaphor for all of creation being drawn into this infinite flow of love. Through Jesus, God invites us into the divine nature, so we can share and participate in it. We are ‘pulsing with divine energy’, and on this foundation we build our lives of love.

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The relationships in the Trinity are relationships of love. The reflection on this mystery today is not in terms of philosophy but of Christian living. The unity and harmony of the life in the Trinity is to be the aim of each community where love is, there God is. God’s relation of this inner life is for our salvation – a gift given in love. Our response can only be one of glory and praise.

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid’s
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick’s
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Sat/Sun, 30th & 31st May

Trinity Sunday

Recent Death: George McKnight, Dublin and late of Ballyoliver

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 30th & 31st May

Bridget & Edward Nolan, Rathvilly

Sarah & Robert Molloy, Ricketstown

Kathleen Deery, Collins Park

Bridget & John Kelly, New Rd., Ballyoliver

Terry Allen Collins Park

Bob & Kay Allen

John & Mary Byrne, Williamstown

Cha Byrne, Williamstown

Mary & James Healy, Ricketstown

Brendan & Rosaleen Healy, London

Maureen Healy, Southampton

John Healy, Ricketstown & London

Anthony Healy, Ricketstown & London

Johnie & Eta Moore, Edenderry & London

Imelda O’Donovan, Rosscarbery

Noreen O’Reilly, Passagewest

Pat & Frances Nolan, Killenure

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Sat/Sun, 6th & 7th June

Elizabeth Kavanagh, Broughillstown – 1st Anniversary

Pat Condon, Cnoc Mhuire

George & Kathleen Faulkner, St. Patrick’s Park

Andy & Kate Nolan, Bough

Jenny & Joe Cunningham, Castle Bellingham

Johney & Mary Brislin, Tinahealy

Dinny Connors, Monavothe

Martin Mullin, Rathdangan

Sean Mullin, Rathdangan

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 31st May – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Muireann Gartland.

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 7th June – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Breedh Murphy.

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

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

SACRED HEART NOVENA – 4th – 12th June

The Novena will be recited each day at Mass. Copies available in the Church.

ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

Tynock Church each Wednesday in June at 7.00 p.m. All welcome.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Msgr John McEvoy PP will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination on Saturday, 27th June 2026. Bishop Denis Nulty will Celebrate Mass at **7 p.m.** in St. Patrick’s Church, Rathvilly followed by a Celebration at St. Tegan’s Hall, Kiltegan.

PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR MAY –

Kiltegan Area Wednesday, 3rd May 2-5 pm

Rathvilly Area Friday, 5th May 2 – 5 pm

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Double Issue next weekend, 6/7 June. Notices and Anniversary Masses to reach us by Thursday, 4th June at 10.00 a.m.

KILDARE AND LEIGHLIN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Sunday 7th June led by Bishop Denis Nulty.

We would like to see as many people as possible join with others from around the diocese for this pilgrimage which takes place every second year. A bus will leave the Village at 7.00 a.m. Bus €35. To book your seat please phone 059 9161114.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS 23rd & 24th May

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €283.79

Envelopes €314.50

Kiltegan: Offertory €32.90

Envelopes €262.00

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS – AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:

‘The journey of faith often comes with its own set of challenges. Many, particularly the younger generation, feel disconnected from the Church due to past abuses and how these were addressed. Alongside this, the pressures of modern life, the increasing levels of anxiety and mental health difficulties – especially among young people – together with the lingering effects of the pandemic, have contributed to a sense of distance from the Church. However, Sunday Eucharist continues to be a source of hope, life, and profound meaning. It invites us to **participate** in the celebration of Christ’s death and resurrection, the Paschal Mystery. In this sacred celebration, we have the opportunity to be transformed, to receive God’s grace, and to become the best versions of ourselves. As we navigate life, with all its joys and struggles, the Eucharist offers us the community and support we need to flourish and grow in faith. Mass is not just a personal act of devotion; it is a communal act of worship. We go to God together. The Sunday Mass is where the Church is most visibly alive, and where every member of the community plays an essential role. Each person’s participation is needed for the Church to truly live.

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

Results from 27th May, 2026 No Jackpot winner of €19,000

Numbers: 05-11-23-25. 21 Match 3 numbers get €48.00 each.

Two local match three winner this week.

Winner – Mrs. Elliott – Promoter – Post Office.

Winner - Breda’s Group - Promoter – Breda Reilly.

Next draw on Wednesday, 3rd June. **Jackpot €20,000.**

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

RATHVILLY COMMUNITY ALERT

We are holding our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 2nd June 2026 at 8pm in The Harp Bar and everyone is welcome to attend. We are hoping for a good attendance & we have several speakers on the night. Refreshments will be available.

CARLOW CHORAL SOCIETY

MENDELSSOHN ELIJAH - Friday, 12th June at 7.30 p.m. in Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. RTE Concert orchestra – Soloists: Katy Kelly, Raphaela Mangan, Conor Prendiville, Benjamin Russell. Conductor Blánaid Murphy.

Suggested patronage for people over 16 years is €25. Tickets available in Rathvilly Parish Office or Eventbrite.ie

PARISHES ALIVE - BECOMING SYNODAL:

Bishop Denis and the Diocesan Pastoral Council invites you to the third annual Parishes Alive Day on Saturday, June 20th from 10am to 4pm in Carlow College, St. Patrick's. The day will be facilitated by Dr Oonagh O'Brien, CEO of Mount St Anne's Retreat & Conference Centre and Janet Forbes the Youth Director in the Archdiocese of Armagh and a Member of the National Synodal Team.

The day will explore how we can become more synodal in practice in our parishes and pastoral areas, taking baptism as a starting point and leading to practical explorations of key aspects of being synodal, including local decision making. Attendees will be given resources to take away for future use in their Parishes. This promises to be a very engaging and interesting day and will appeal to anyone who is interested in how Parishes and Pastoral Areas develop into the future. Much of it will be interactive and workshop based. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. There is no charge to attend or for the hospitality. Because these are "roundtable" sessions, numbers are limited so early booking is advised. To book or for information email Pat Roche, Diocesan Director of Parish Development, on parishdevelopment@kandle.ie or (office hours) 083-8305681.

GK Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help – each Monday at 7.30 p.m.

This week’s Speaker is: Katelyn Cummins – Rose of Tralee 2025

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers 3-7-15-26 Match 3 win or share €150

Paul Feighery 3-7-11-15

On Line winner

Next draw 2 June 2026 **Jackpot € 8,100**

Drive in Bingo each Monday at 8pm sharp €3,400 in prize money.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 13-19-20-27

Peter O’Neill, Slaney Bank

Post Office

Eireann Sibbald Nolan, Ballyoliver

Post Office

Frances Ivory c/o Seller

Breda Keogh

Milo c/o Nuala

Jenny Donegan

Kathy Broughall

The Harp Bar

Promoter’s prize €20 was won by the Post Office.

Next draw 2nd. June, 2026 Jackpot €6,100. Thank you for all your support.

HUMAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL

Be Strong in The Lord – Join HLI Ireland’s Mission to make Jesus Christ King of Our Hearts at The Talbot Hotel, Carlow on Tuesday, 9th June at 7 p.m.

100 years of Feast of Christ the King 100 years of St Thérèse’s Canonisation.