

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne
Matthew 15:21-28 **As you wish**

Following an altercation with the religious leaders Jesus *'left that place'* and went to the area of Tyre and Sidon. The geography in today's text is important because these areas were a no-go for a respectable Jew. Canaanites were despised by the people of Israel. They were exiled so that Israelites could take control of the land. Relations between these two groups were extremely hostile. By approaching Jesus, the Canaanite woman in the Gospel crosses the boundary of ethnicity as well as gender. This is a narrative on the extreme margins, in unfamiliar territory. The Canaanite woman is the first woman to speak in Matthew's Gospel. She not only speaks, she shouts at Jesus: *"Lord help me!"*

The response of Jesus that follows has disturbed biblical scholars forever. Was he joking? Was it the test of a good teacher to see how the disciples and this woman would react? We just don't know. But 'is it possible that Jesus learned from this encounter with this remarkable woman and gained a larger vision of his calling?' What we do know is that this incident is of huge importance for the community that Matthew writes for as it concerns the expansion of Jesus' mission to the Gentiles. The circle is broadened from this point onward, reaching out beyond the boundaries set by the 'House of Israel'. The disciples want to 'send her away'. The woman is an inconvenience to them, and they are unable to handle her. But she will not be silenced. This brave woman claims her place at the table. This dialogue between Jesus and the woman is one that can only happen in a space of honesty and acceptance. Through her persistence she stands up for all those who are dismissed, and in doing so is praised for her 'great faith', and her daughter is healed. Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett 2022. The Deep End. A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew.

"My voice, my debate with Jesus shapes a new tradition. The release of my daughter from bondage symbolizes the release of our daughters' daughters down through the ages from all that binds them, physically, socially, culturally, psychologically, racially, and religiously - *Elaine Wainwright*.

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE
www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam **Radio 104.3 FM**

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

Sat/Sun, 15th & 16th August

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Recent Death: Matthew (Matt) Finn, Brockna, Kiltegan

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 15th & 16th August

Peter Blake, Garretstown

Fr Christy O' Brien, Haroldstown

Sat/Sun, 22nd & 23rd August

Peadar Nolan, Kevin Barry Road – 1st Anniversary

Months Mind Mass: Jimmy Dowling, Knocklishen on Sat/Sun, 22/23 August

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Saturday, 15th August – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Joe O'Brien.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 23rd August – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Muireann Gartland.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Feast of the Assumption, 15th Aug - Mass Friday 7.30 p.m. and Saturday at 11am.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Adoration each Friday at 4 – 6 p.m.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 8th & 9th August

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €202.81

Envelopes €327.85

Kiltegan: Offertory €32.62

Envelopes €198.00

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

Results from 12th August, 2026 No Jackpot winner of 15,000

Numbers: 02-10-13-21. 28 Match 3 numbers get €36.00 each.

One local match three winner this week.

Winner – Mary Darcy. Promoter – Trish Leonard.

Next draw on Wednesday, 19th August. **Jackpot €16,000.**

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Rosaleen Nolan and family would like to express their sincere thanks to all who attended Peadar's Funeral last year. Special thanks to their good neighbours and friends for all their help and support.

PARISH TAX RECLAIM FORMS

Thank you to all our parishioners who support our Parish.
Parishioners who pay income tax can use their tax to help the parish financially.
The scheme helps to recognise the support that people give to the parish. Each parishioner's donation is treated with the utmost confidence. The CHY3 forms have been sent out to parishioners who has contributed €250 or more to the parish.
CHY3 Form is valid for a period of five years. The parish can claim a refund from the Revenue Commissioners on these contributions. The parish will not receive any information on any individual's circumstances. If you wish the parish to claim the refund, sign the form and return it to the parish office. If you are no longer liable for tax, let us know so that we can update our records. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

SCHOOLHOUSE AND RATHVILLY GAA

Together we will host a 24hr Walkathon from 4pm on Friday the 4th September.
All proceeds raised will go towards schoolhouse building and the proposed sports facility. Sponsorship Cards are in circulation.

K&L EUCHARISTIC ADORATION PRAYER DAY

"Peace I leave you; My peace I give you" John 14:27.
Find peace in a day of Prayer and Adoration. K&L Eucharistic Adoration Committee invites you to join us with Most Rev. Bishop Denis Nulty, Fr Ruairi O Domhnaill, Ms Margaret Brennan & Guest Speakers Ms Una Allen and Ms Mary Connolly. Location: Mount St. Anne's, Portarlinton. (R32 WN59)
Date: Sat.29th Aug. 9.30am - 4.00pm. Concludes with Holy Mass 3pm
Refreshments on arrival - Lunch 12.30-1.15. Cost €25.00
Booking Essential. Call or Text with name and number of companions
Barbara Kinsella 0861637311

DELANY ARCHIVE HERITAGE WEEK LECTURE

The Delany Archive welcomes Dr Niamh NicGhabhann Coleman for a Heritage Week lecture on "Catholic Churches and Chapels Before and After Emancipation", including examples from Churches in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin. The lecture will be held at Carlow College, St Patrick's (R93 A003) on 18 August at 7.00 pm. All are welcome. Admission is free of charge and no booking is required. Further event details are available at www.heritageweek.ie
Dr NicGhabhann Coleman is an Associate Professor in the School of History and Geography at the University of Limerick and is currently researching a book on the development of Catholic architecture in Ireland between the 1820s and 1930s.

KILKENNY ADULT LEARNING SERVICE

Open Day on Thursday 20th August from 10am – 1pm in 43 Upper Patrick Street, Kilkenny. Family Learning – Digital Skills – QQI Certification – English Classes. Phone 056 7763149. Email: info@kilkennyadultlearning.ie All are welcome.

SUPPORT RATHVILLY TIDY TOWNS

Rathvilly Tidy Towns volunteers work throughout the year to keep our village looking its best. Donations are always greatly appreciated and help us with flowers, planting, maintenance and other projects around the village. Donations can be made ****any Thursday**** to the Rathvilly Tidy Towns account at Rathvilly Credit Union. Every donation, large or small, makes a difference. Thank you for supporting Rathvilly Tidy Towns and helping to keep our village looking beautiful!

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 2 -10 - 14 - 17
Aine Lawlor, Fr. Cullen Terrace 2-10-17-21 Online Winner
Kathleen Murtagh c/o Talk of The Town 2-10-17-24 Fergal Harmon
Promoter's prize €20 was won by Jenny Donegan, Michael Collins Park
Next draw 18th. Aug. 2026 Jackpot €3,000. Thank you for all your support.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 20-21-25-30
Match 3 win or share €150
Derina Keogh Williamstown 2-20-21-30 On Line winner
Chris O'Toole 5-20-25-30 Bingo winner
Next draw 18 Aug. 2026 **Jackpot €9,200**
Drive in Bingo continues every Monday night at 8 pm sharp

RAINBOWS PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Places available for September offering a nine week programme of weekly one hour sessions of peer support to children aged seven and older experiencing loss through bereavement or parental separation. Please contact the coordinator on 0871256199 or email rainbows.carlowtown@gmail.com This service is completely free of charge. Based in Askea, Carlow.

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO Tuesday 18th August St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm
Jackpot on 42 numbers €960 Double number €600 Lotto €2,900 Bonus Ball €2,200

CLEANER AVAILABLE – MORNINGS ONLY Phone Kate 086 8671926

LIBRARY NEWS

Summerstars Reading Challenge for Primary School Children has commenced in all Carlow Library branches and will continue until 31st August, there's still time to call in and get your free Summerstars Activity Book & Monster Sticker, enter the weekly prize draws & enter the mega prize at the end of the Summer! There's nothing to lose only lots of books to choose!

Hug Your Book, Reading & Craft Session, suitable for parents/guardians and their children will take place on Wednesday, 19th August in Tullow Library, 10am to 12pm, children will get to take home their own book, booking for both sessions is through the KCETB by either texting or phoning Carmel (KCETB) at 087 1920840