

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 14:22-33 *Storms ahead*

Jesus had been hit by one of life's great traumas, losing John to a violent death. He makes a second attempt to withdraw from the crowds, and this time succeeds in finding a place (up a mountain) to be alone and pray. He must also be reflecting on how his fate will mirror that of John. We are reminded that Jesus understands the depths of human emotions such as loss, fear and uncertainty. He is fresh from this experience when confronted with Peter's vulnerability. In the moment that Jesus calls him, Peter is all faith, stepping out of the boat in his rush to get to Jesus. This mirrors his enthusiasm and bravado elsewhere, such as when he confidently affirms "You are the Messiah" (Mt 16:16). But as soon as he realises conditions are challenging, he starts to sink, prefiguring some of his less commendable moments, where he fails to understand (16:22) and even abandons Jesus (26:69-75). Peter, the model disciple, is a complex mix of faith and fear. The Good News is that when Peter falters, Jesus reaches out to steady him and draw him close. And we hear some of his most consoling words: "*Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.*"

The early readers of Matthew's Gospel were living through a period of uncertainty. The community was navigating its way through storms of insecurity and division. Our Christian community today is dealing with its own storms and divisions, fearful of losing its way. There is a narrative in the Western world that the Church is on the way out, irrelevant, sinking. Many Christians are saddened by the loss of the Church's solid place in society. Many more feel the structures of the past must be dismantled or reformed in order for a new Church to emerge. We are in need of reassurance that it is not our imperfect efforts that matter so much as the knowledge that, even in the storm, Jesus is with us, calling us to Him, catching us, urging us '*not to be afraid*', calming the storm. Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett, 2022. The Deep End. A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew.

"Courage allows the successful woman to fail – and to learn powerful lessons from failure – so that in the end, she didn't fail at all.
– *Maya Angelou.*

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, 8th & 9th August 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recent Death: Catherine (Chrissy) Deering, Patrickswell

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 8th & 9th August

Josephine Doyle, Slaney Bank
Peter & Josie Doyle, Knockroe

Bridget Gahan, Lisnavagh
Gretta & Paul Byrne

Sat/Sun, 15th & 16th August

Peter Blake, Garretstown

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 9th August – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Veronica Byrne.

Feast of the Assumption - Saturday, 15th August – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

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

Reader: Joe O'Brien.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

No Mass on Tuesday.

Feast of the Assumption, Saturday, 15th August –

Vigil Mass on Friday at 7.30 p.m. and Mass on Saturday at 11 a.m.

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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 1st & 2nd August

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €1926.61

Envelopes €1017.90

Kiltegan: Offertory €76.20

Envelopes €226.00

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

Results from 5th August, 2026 No Jackpot winner of 14,000

Numbers: 17-18-21-22. 14 Match 3 numbers get €72.00 each.

One local match three winner this week.

Winner – Thomas & Patricia. Promoter – Parish Office.

Next draw on Wednesday, 12th August. **Jackpot €15,000.**

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

PARISH ACCOUNTS 2025

available to view on the Church Notice Board and Parish Website.

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

CLEANER AVAILABLE – MORNINGS ONLY Phone Kate 086 8671926

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.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto numbers drawn on Tuesday 4th. August were 13-16-20-30
E. and G. Sleator, Baltinglass 13-16-20-21 Breda Keogh
Promoter's prize €20 was won by Peg Kehoe, St. Patrick's Park, Rathvilly.
Next draw 11th. August 2026. Jackpot €2,900. Thank you for all your support

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 21-23-25-29
Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky Dips.

Chris Sibbald Rathvilly	On Line winner
Aisling Maher Slaney Bank	On Line winner
Jackie Hajrizi	Bingo winner
K. Daly	Bingo winner
Martina Byrne Monavoth	Post Office

Next draw 11 Aug.2026 **Jackpot €9,100**

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.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Healthy Ireland At Your Library Talk with Psychotherapist, Fiona Hall of Consciously Clearing will take place in Carlow Library Tuesday 11th August at 6pm, All Welcome (No Booking)
Tackle That To Do List - Satisficing – What is it and how can it help you?
Sometimes in life we can delay taking action on small tasks due to perfection tendencies. In this workshop psychotherapist Fiona Hall will explain a different way to get things done to reduce our To Do List to find more contentment in life.

Hug Your Book, Reading & Craft Session, suitable for parents/guardians and their children will take place in Carlow Library, Wednesday 12th August, 10am to 12pm and Wednesday, 19th August in Tullow Library, 10am to 12pm, these sessions are in association with Kilkenny and Carlow Education and Training Board (KCETB), 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

Get 7 day access to your local library, 8am to 10pm!
My Open Library is the self service initiative that lets you use library facilities beyond regular opening hours from 8am to 10pm, seven days a week!
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For more info: Drop in to Tullow Library or contact us on 059 913 6299
Please email to library@carlowcoco.ie for any queries!
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GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO Tuesday 11th August St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm
Jackpot on 40 numbers €830 Double number €530 Lotto €2,850 Bonus Ball €2,150