

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 21:28-32

Walking the talk

Jesus and the disciples have entered Jerusalem and the conflict that has been building with the religious leaders is reaching its climax. Jesus has cleared the moneychangers out of the Temple; healed people inside the Temple, the children are crying out 'hosanna to the Son of David', and this chaotic scene is just all too much for the chief priests. Who does this guy think he is? Then, Jesus teaches the parable of the two sons, which is a lesson for the religious leaders against hypocrisy. This parable, unique to Matthew, reaffirms a great upheaval; those considered to be on the fringes of society are the ones who respond to Jesus' message, yet those who say the right thing do not walk-the-talk. In Laudato Si' Pope Francis criticises the failure of global summits to take the urgent action that is needed on the environmental crisis. He says, "recent World Summits on the environment have not lived up to expectations because, due to lack of political will, they were unable to reach truly meaningful and effective global agreements on the environment." (Laudato Si', 166). This is in spite of devastating climate and biodiversity disasters worldwide and annual UN scientific reports that continue to sound the alarm bells and call our present situation a "code red for humanity". While world leaders are not walking-the-talk, it is clear that there is a swelling of grassroots activists who speak truth to power and who are taking action on the environmental crisis in their own backyards and local communities. One such person is Dr Rajwant Singh, who funded Eco-Sikh, an organisation in India aiming to plant one million trees by 2030. They are already half way to their target simply by asking each Sikh community in their region to plant 550 trees per community, a very doable task. Millions of people around the world are walking-the-talk at the grassroots, helping to heal our common home, cleansing this Temple. With over 220,000 Catholic parishes in the world, imagine what we could achieve if each parish community put their mind to it.

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"Jesus Christ did not wait for the Roman Emperor; he just got on with it. So, let's get on with it."
- Dr Rajwant Singh.

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, 26th & 27th September

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

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**The Assumption
Tynock**

Recent Death: Pauline Murtagh nee Balfe, Colbinstown, Dunlavin & formerly Rahill

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 26th & 27th September

Deirdre & Gordon Riddiford

Harry Byrne, Slaney view

Mollie Byrne, Slaney View

Harry Byrne, Jnr., New Road, Ballyoliver

James Byrne, Slaney View & London

Maureen Quinn, nee Byrne, Leeds

Gerald & Annie Cullen, Knockavagh

Michael & Kathleen Moore, Knocklishen

Jenny Curran, St. Patrick's Park

John Byrne, 22 Fr Cullen Tce.

Siobhan Farrell, Haroldstown

Patrick & Ellen Keegan, Ballyoliver

James O'Leary, Bray

Edward Drea, Rathmore

Frank McArdle, Ricketstown

Sat/Sun, 3rd & 4th October

Margaret O'Leary, Williamstown

Joan Sibbald, Ballyoliver

Patrick & Kathleen Deering, Ballybit

Maureen Curtin, nee Loughlin, Straboe

Margaret Loughlin, nee Dunne, Straboe

Maurice Loughlin, Straboe

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 27th September – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Fiona Kane.

Mass for all interred in Kilranalagh Cemetery takes place in Talbotstown Church this Sunday, 27th September at 9.30 a.m.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Saturday, 4th October – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Nigel Byrne.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday – Communion Service at 9.30 a.m.

Friday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Adoration each Friday at 3 – 6 p.m.

SACRAMENTS 2027

First Holy Communion – Enrolment Ceremony for all Schools takes place this Sunday, 27th September in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly at 11.00 a.m.

Confirmation – Enrolment for Rathvilly School takes place on Sunday, 4th October at 11.00 a.m.

ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

A decade of the Rosary will be recited after the weekend Masses for the month of October.

PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR OCTOBER

Kiltegan Area Wednesday, 7th October 2 - 5 pm

Rathvilly Area Friday, 9th October 2 – 5 pm

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT REHEARSALS

Christmas Carol practice begins Wednesday 7th of October at 7pm in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly. Everyone is welcome to come along, sing some Carols and play their instruments.

PARISH TAX RECLAIM FORMS

Thank you to the parishioners who have returned their signed Tax Reclaim Form. If you have overlooked it we would appreciate it if you could return it as soon as you can. By returning the signed form it means the Parish can claim a refund from the Revenue Commissioners which is a great help for our finances. Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 19th & 20th September

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €317.12 Envelopes €388.85

Kiltegan: Offertory €40.20 Envelopes €246.00

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

Results from 23rd September, 2026 2 winners shared the Jackpot of 13,000.

John Corcoran, Clonbullogue Parish. Promoter – John Corcoran

Sinead Corcoran, Clonbullogue Parish. Promoter – John Corcoran.

Numbers: 08-11-25-27. 15 Match 3 numbers get €67.00 each.

No local match three winner this week.

Next draw on Wednesday, 30th September. **Jackpot €10,000.**

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

TULLOW DAY CARE CENTRE CLG

2 Assistant Chefs required – fulltime position and temporary position. Apply with your CV to Wendysinnott@tullowdaycare.ie before Friday, 2nd October.

Contact Wendy Sinnott 059 9151833 for full details.

RATHMORE NS

Enrolment for new pupils into Junior Infants in Rathmore NS will open on 23rd October 2026 and be accepted until 13th November 2026. The Admissions Notice, Enrolment Policy and Application Forms are available from the school website (<https://rathmorens.webador.ie>) or by contacting the school office on 0599161375 or rathmorens.ias@gmail.com

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Register your group for free today at communityhub.ie to list your upcoming events and notices in a dedicated space where local people can easily find you.

CARLOW STROKE SUPPORT GROUP meet next Friday October 2nd, 2-30pm, at St. Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow. For further info phone 087-7814697.

SEASON OF CREATION 2026

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this world wide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home.

See www.seasonofcreation.org

OPEN EVENING & BOOK FAIR

Bigstone National School will hold their Open Evening and Book Fair on Tuesday 29th September from 7 to 8 pm. Prospective parents and their children are warmly welcome to come along and visit our school and browse the shelves!

www.bigstonens.ie. Phone 059 9161171 or email to office@bigstonens.ie.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 02-03-07-22.

Match 3 winners were – Kevin Hennessy, Aoife O'Brien, Tina Madden,

Tracey Kelly. Promoter's prize €20 was won by Kevin Byrne, Rathvilly.

Next draw September 29th Jackpot €3,600. Thank you for all your support.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 1-3-10-24

Carol Corcoran Slaney Bank 3-6-10-24

On Line winner

Paul Kelly Fr. Cullen Tce. 3-10-19-24

Paul Kelly

Ann & Kay c/o Bingo 1-3-9-24

Bingo winner

Next draw 29 Sept. 2026 **Jackpot €9,800**

RATHVILLY SENIOR FORÓIGE CLUB

Foróige is back each Friday in Bigstone Hall from 7.45 – 9 p.m. All teenagers attending Secondary School are welcome. If you are interested in joining our club please contact Mary 086 3626543.

MEMORY INFORMATION SESSION

The Dementia Advisor for Carlow will be holding an information session for anyone who is concerned about their own memory, worried about the memory of a loved one, or looking for information on the services and supports available for people living with dementia. The session will take place in Carlow Library on Tuesday, 29th September, 11am to 1pm. Tea and refreshments will be provided. All welcome.

THE SCHOOLHOUSE COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Concert Night on Sunday, 1st November in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly at 7 p.m.

Featuring: Wolseley Singers, Alister Fingleton, Ryan Turner, Louise Morrissey,

Mary Darcy. Backing band Ryan Turner. Tickets €30 available at Centra, Rathvilly.

SYNOD NEWS

The National Synodal Assembly takes place on 17 October in The City North Hotel in County Meath. Over a dozen people from our diocese will be present, along with Bishop Denis, as either diocesan delegates, as a member of a working group of the synod, or as a member of the National Synodal Team. Please keep them and the work of the synodal pathway in Ireland in your prayers.