

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 18:15-20

Our common home

Matthew chapter 18 is concerned with how the early Christians community might live together in harmony. It reminds us that the Church should be a place where the least are considered the greatest and the last first, where we look out for the most vulnerable, where we are accountable to one another and forgive each other. In today's text, Jesus sets out a vision for his followers concerning disputes within the community. The process he lays out is a respectful one, and it is also realistic, because some people will not respond to this advice. The teaching reminds us that as Church, we belong to one another, sisters and brothers, one body (1 Cor 12).

As we enter the beautiful Season of Creation, this is an appropriate text, for it invites us to reflect on how we are called to live in harmony. The realities of the ecological crisis our world faces today highlights the great disharmony that exists between humanity and God's creation. We are not living in right-relationship with the natural world nor with our sisters and brothers who are suffering the most from the climate and biodiversity crisis. We are not living in right-relationship with young people who are now growing up for 'we may well be leaving to coming generations, debris, desolation and filth' (Laudato Si', 161). Pope Francis calls the destruction of nature an ecological sin. This is not easy to hear, for it makes demands on us. The Good News is that there is a cure. Laudato Si' calls us to a profound interior conversion where our relationship with nature is concerned. Today's Gospel reminds us that there are moments when we must speak the truth in love for the greater good. The Season of Creation presents us with such a moment, where we can create awareness across our communities so that together we can discern how to care more deeply for God's creation. For this is our common home, the home we all share. We are not alone, Christ is with us on this journey; 'For where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them'. Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett, 2022. The Deep End. A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew.

"The climate crisis is a deeply spiritual crisis ... Our faith offers us a wonderful vision to rekindle these relationships, to renew a childlike sense of awe, wonder and beauty and thus set out in living the first commandment God gave to us, to be guardians and protectors of this beautiful world, not its polluters and destroyers. - *Archbishop Dermot Farrell*

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's
Talbotstown

Sat/Sun, 5th & 6th September

St. Patrick's
Rathvilly

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The Assumption
Tynock

Recent Death: Robert Healy, London son of the late Brendan Healy, London & Ricketstown.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 5th & 6th September

Pat & Margaret Osborne, The Green, Rathvilly

Peter Mullin, Rathdangan

James Doyle, Tankardstown Cross

Sat/Sun, 12th & 13th September

Deceased members of the Bray and Sheedy Families

Terry O'Brien, Collins Park

Edward, Ellen & Margaret Carson, Rathmore

Peter Kelly, Waterstown & deceased family members

Kathleen & Bob Myers, Bough

Joseph Plant, Rahill

Jim Breen, Waterstown

Sean Kehoe, Mount Lucas

Kate Bulmer, Waterstown

OLD KILTEGAN GRAVEYARD

Cemetery Mass on Friday, 11th September at 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 6th September – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Fiona Kane.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 13th September – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Mary Kelly, Feddan.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 29th & 30th August

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €280.74

Envelopes €771.80

Kiltegan: Offertory €112.95

Envelopes €196.00

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

Results from 2nd September, 2026 No Jackpot winner of 10,000

Numbers: 07-08-26-29. 10 Match 3 numbers get €100.00 each.

No local match three winner this week.

Next draw on Wednesday, 9th September. **Jackpot €11,000.**

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

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

This year's theme, "Living Water", explores Ezekiel 47:9 and 12 as a powerful biblical vision of hope and ecological healing. Set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing that renews land, water, biodiversity, and human responsibility towards the whole creation. The symbol depicts water flowing from the Temple of God - at first a tiny stream that grows deeper, and deeper and as it does so, it brings life to dead areas and restores fertility to damaged or barren ecosystems. Through living water comes healing; but in order to receive new life, we too must step into the water and become part of God's river of life, taking part in the healing of creation.

Slí an Chroí, St Patrick's Kiltegan – Autumn Grace Retreat

This weekend retreat offers an opportunity to look back on the year and on the journey of our lives, in the gentle light of God's grace. Through guided reflection, prayer, silence, time nature and shared conversation.

Friday 18th September to Sunday 20th September, price €315 including accommodation and meals. Enquires to Michele Sinnott, slianchroi@spms.ie or phone 089 4690508.

RATHVILLY HERITAGE INTEREST GROUP

'The Slaney Sessions' – for Culture Night on Friday, 18th September in Lawlor's Function Room from 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. Featuring 3 talented local acts – Katie Phelan singer/songwriter; Paige Fox singer/songwriter; Ivor Rampersaud and Anthony Burrows; plus Art Exhibition. This evening will include a mixed media Art Exhibition by six local artists. Live Music – Local Art – Community. Adm Free.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 5-11-22-23
Chloe Smith, Michael Collins, Park 5-11-19-23 Jenny Donegan
Promoter's prize €20 was won by Brian Curran, Woodgrove Avenue
Next draw Sept 8th. **Jackpot €3,300.** Thank you for all your support.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3-22-25-30
Match 3 win or share €150
Sheila Gibbons Station Rd. 3-13-25-30 On Line winner
Next draw 8 Sept. 2026 **Jackpot €9,500**

TULLOW DAY CARE CENTRE

AGM will be held on Tuesday, 22nd September in Tullow Day Care Centre at 6 p.m. Come along to hear what is happening in the centre. Share your ideas and help us shape the year ahead. Everyone is welcome. We would be delighted to see you.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. As a volunteer driver you would be bringing patients undergoing chemotherapy to the hospital and back home for their treatment. Gifting your time means that cancer patients will have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their lifesaving treatment.

If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving licence, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. The Irish Cancer Society will provide you with training before you start as a driver for us. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most. The feedback we receive from patients that have relied on the Transport Service in the past is heart-warming and underlines the need of its existence. We would be extremely grateful for your support, as it will help us to continue supporting those who are impacted by cancer. For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie

LEIGHLIN DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

We would like to welcome people living with Dementia and their carers to join us on Friday, September 11th in Leighlin Parish Centre (R93KR83) for a cuppa and a chat, 11.00 am - 12.30 p.m. Looking forward to meeting you.

CLEANER AVAILABLE – MORNINGS ONLY Phone Kate 086 8671926.

SUPPORT RATHVILLY TIDY TOWNS

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!

Graiguecullen Bingo Tuesday 8th September St Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm

Jackpot 44 numbers € 1350 Double Number € 320 Lotto € 3050 Bonus Ball € 2350

LIBRARY NEWS

Singing For Wellbeing started back in Carlow Library Wednesday 2nd September, 11.30am to 12.30pm, Email library@carlowcoco.ie or phone 059 9129705 to join up!
Toddler Storytime in Tullow Library every Friday at 10am, no booking required, all welcome!

RECOVERY COLLEGE SOUTHEAST

You are invited to join us in our new Recovery Education Programme for Autumn/Winter 2026. All our courses and workshops are co-produced and co-delivered by those who have lived experience in partnership with professional expertise, *"the expert by experience working alongside the expert by profession"*. Courses and workshops at the Recovery College South East are for everyone and are free. For more detailed information on the workshops, please go to the Workshop Section of our Website – www.recoverycollegesoutheast.com or phone 086 1746330.