

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 22:1-14

Invite everyone you find

The parable we hear today is the third of three parables that Jesus aims at the chief priests and the elders about the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a great wedding banquet and this is symbolic of God's relationship with God's people. When invitations to this feast are rejected, we are told that the king sends troops to destroy the city. It's a rather fierce reaction when we consider the king represents God. The context here is important, as Matthew's community would have been trying to make sense of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans (AD 70) including the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple, the holiest of places in Judaism. Some probably saw it as punishment from God for Jesus' death. The judgement sound harsh, but the criticism here is directed at some of the religious leaders and how they have interpreted the Law for ordinary people, often in extremely oppressive ways. If God is portrayed as a tyrant in this parable, it is because some of the religious elite have inflicted this image of God on the people. If the parable challenges us to do anything, it is to critique certain interpretations of how God operates in the world. In Jesus' teaching, the Kingdom is opened wide and new guests are invited from the 'main streets'; he says: 'invite everyone you find'. The invitation to the banquet is not restricted to the social elite and powerful; it is wide open to those considered unwanted and the hall is 'filled with guests'. Matthew's addition to this parable about the wedding robe seems harsh; how could this poor man be expected to find wedding robes at such short notice? There was a tradition in the early Christian community that 'putting on' a new robe was symbolic of a new way of life, 'cloth yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience ... cloth yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony' (Col 3:12, 14). These are attitudes that the Christian community are to wear so that everyone can attend this mighty feast. Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett. The Deep End: A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew (Dublin: Messenger Publications, 2022).

"The Church is not a select circle of the immaculate, but a home where the outcast may come in... a hospital where the broken-hearted may be healed, and where all the weary and troubled may find rest.
James H. Aughey

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

Sat/Sun, 10th & 11th October

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

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**The Assumption
Tynock**

Recent Deaths: Donal Foley, Talbotstown, Fr Sean Carroll, St. Patrick's Missionaries.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 10th & 11th October

Julia & Michael Byrne, Ricketstown

Deceased members of the Byrne Family, Ricketstown

Deceased members of the Connors Family, Rathdaniel

Frankie Dowling, Knocklishen

Peter Ralph, Delacy Abbey

James, Teresa, Johnny and Sarah McGuire, Kylebeg, Lacken

Jane Kelly, 504 Carrigeen

Sat/Sun, 17th & 18th October

Bernie Williams, Coolmanagh

Thomas Donovan, Rathdangan

Josephine Donovan, Tallaght

Jack Whyte, Garretstown

Frank Fitzpatrick, Mount Kelly

Garda Aaron McNamara, Barraderry

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Saturday, 10th October – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Joe O'Brien.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 18th October – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Muireann Gartland.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

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

ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

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

SACRAMENTS 2027 - Family Mass – Sunday, 18th October

First Holy Communion –

Tynock Church at 9.30 a.m. for children attending Talbotstown & Tynock NS.

Rathvilly Church at 11 a.m. for children attending Rathmore & Rathvilly NS.

Confirmation – Rathvilly Church at 11 a.m. for children attending Rathvilly NS.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT REHEARSALS

Carols by Candlelight Rehearsals will be held every Wednesday evening at 7pm in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly. All are welcome to attend whether you can play an instrument or sing a tune or want to come along to just help out.

MISSION SUNDAY – 18th October 2026

The theme for this year's celebration of Mission Sunday is:

“One in Christ, United in Mission”.

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. World Mission Sunday collections take place in every single parish where the Church is present. This includes not only Ireland and Europe, but also in poorer parishes in developing countries. It is a moment of universal solidarity when each member of the Church family, regardless of location or background, play their part in supporting each other. This is what makes it such a special celebration.

100 years of World Mission Sunday. Many missionaries work in difficult and dangerous situations. 17 Catholic missionaries died tragically in 2025, 10 of them in Africa. The missionaries who were killed included 6 priests, 2 seminarians and 2 catechists. We are appealing for people to support the Missions. You can put your donation in an envelope with your name on it. Some envelopes available in the Church – Thank you.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 3rd & 4th October

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €311.50 Envelopes €720.15

Kiltegan: Offertory €88.39 Envelopes €181.00

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

Results from 7th October, 2026 No Jackpot winner of 11,000.

Numbers: 02-09-19-26. 14 Match 3 numbers get €72.00 each.

One local match three winner this week.

Winner – Bridget Cassells. Promoter – Breda Reilly.

Next draw on Wednesday, 14th October. **Jackpot €12,000.**

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

SYNOD NEWS

The Working Document for the Irish National Synodal Assembly, taking place in Gormanston, Co Meath, on 17 October, brings together the fruits of five years of prayer, listening and discernment and will guide delegates as they consider and vote on suggested actions to be presented to the bishops of Ireland. While the Assembly marks an important moment in the journey, the Synodal Pathway is now moving towards a new phase of implementation. Everyone is invited to read, pray with, and reflect on the Working Document and the question: "What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?" Please pray for all those taking part in the Assembly and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. see www.synod.ie

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.

AFTERNOON TEA PARTY

Kiltegan Hall Committee are holding an Afternoon Tea Party in St Tegan's Hall this Sunday 11th October 2026 from 3.00pm to 5.00pm in aid of Kiltegan Senior Citizens entry is €5 and a Raffle will be held on the day, come and have a chat & a cuppa, catch up with old friends and even make new friends everyone is welcome, your support would be greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

St. Luke's General Hospital for Carlow/ Kilkenny Annual Remembrance Mass will take place on Wednesday 21st October 2026 at 7:30pm in St. Canice's Parish Church, Kilkenny for families and loved ones of patients who have died in our hospital. The Mass, organised by the End of Life Care Committee, particularly remembers patients who have died between 1st September 25 & 31st August, 2026.

The Mass can also be viewed via the following link:

<https://www.stcanicesparish.ie/web-cam/> All are welcome.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 9-12-18-22

Match 3 win or share €150

Pat Deering Ballybit 9-12-18-21

On Line winner

Next draw 13 Oct. 2026 **Jackpot €10,000**

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.

RATHVILLY TENNIS CLUB

End of Season American Tournament (weather permitting)

For new and past members – Adults only (over 18 years)

Sunday, 25th October from 12 – 3 p.m. Prizes on the day. Refreshments served.

Tennis Club mobile number 089 4028018

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto numbers drawn on Tuesday 6th. October were 10-11-15-16

Liam Lawlor, St. Patrick's Park 3-10-11-15 Gabriel Deering

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Anthony Byrne, Woodgrove Avenue

Next draw 13th. October 2026. Jackpot €3,800. Thank you for all your support.

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