

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 22:15-21

What bears God's image

In the first of three 'conflict stories', we read today that the Pharisees are looking to Jesus for advice on their taxes. They try to flatter him first, ironically by speaking the truth about him, but the tone is still disrespectful. This is a dangerous situation because in an unlikely alliance, the Pharisees have brought along the Herodians with them. The Herodians were great supporters of the Roman Empire, so tensions here would have been high. If Jesus answers 'no' to their question about paying taxes to Caesar he risks being reported to the Roman authorities as a revolutionary; if he says 'yes' then he may be accused of colluding with the occupying Empire and abandoning the people. Jesus sees through their 'malice' and speaks truth to power. He invites us to explore another way, a third way, one that is not a revolt but neither does it lie down and submit to oppression. Yes, do your civic duty, but do not forget what belongs to God; this overrides any political power. This is how one truly advocates for the Kingdom of Heaven in the here and now. In 2018 and again in 2019, Pope Francis met the CEOs of the world's major fossil fuel companies at the Vatican. He reminded them that today's ecological crisis threatens the very future of the human family and our common home. He told them that 'a radical energy transition was needed to save our common home' and that while 'civilisation requires energy ... energy use must not destroy civilisation.' Pope Francis is not afraid to speak truth to power, urging these powerful corporations to go beyond merely exploring what needs to be done and actually concentrating on what needs to be done. Embarking on this new path will generate new jobs, reduce inequality and improve the quality of life for all. Being a follower of Jesus means that we prioritise the values that Jesus teaches so that we can be co-creators of this wild and wonderful Kingdom of Heaven here on earth.

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"There is no time to lose: We received the earth as a garden-home from the creator; let us not pass it on to future generations as a wilderness. *Pope Francis*

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

Sat/Sun, 17th & 18th October

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

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**The Assumption
Tynock**

Recent Death: Fr Joseph Taylor, St. Patrick's Missionaries, Kiltegan

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 17th & 18th October

Bernie Williams, Coolmanagh

Thomas Donovan, Rathdangan

Josephine Donovan, Tallaght

James & Elizabeth Kelly, Mount Neill

Jack Whyte, Garretstown

Frank Fitzpatrick, Mount Kelly

Garda Aaron McNamara, Barraderry

Sat/Sun, 24th & 25th October

Maureen Condon

James Doyle, Haroldstown

Cyril Steward, Woodgrove Ave.

Deceased members of the Steward & Humphries Families

LV Conway, Straboe

Anne Hanks, Slaney Bank

Edward (Ned) & Kathleen Kelly, Rathmore

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

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

Reader: Muireann Gartland.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 25th October – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Breedh Murphy.

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.

MISSION SUNDAY – 18th October 2026

The theme for this year's celebration is: "One in Christ, United in Mission".

Through your support, we give missionaries the courage they need to go where others fear to tread so that they can keep loving, serving, and sharing God's peace with people who need their help. We are appealing for people to support the Missions – thank you.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT REHEARSALS

Rehearsals will take place in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly, Wednesday evenings from 7pm - 8pm. All are welcome to attend.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 10th & 11th October

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €264.77 Envelopes €506.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €40.15 Envelopes €211.00

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

Results from 14th October, 2026 No Jackpot winner of 12,000.

Numbers: 03-07-15-19. 27 Match 3 numbers get €38.00 each.

No local match three winner this week.

Next draw on Wednesday, 21st October. **Jackpot €13,000.**

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

SYNODAL PATHWAY UPDATE

300 delegates from across the island of Ireland gathered on Saturday in Gormanstown, Co Meath to discern together 35 proposals for action that have emerged in the synodal pathway that the Church has been on since 2021. For each proposal, the assembly had four options: Highly recommend, recommend, needs more discernment, do not recommend. The bishops now have the responsibility of receiving the discernment of the assembly. As the synodal pathway continues, the working document for the assembly remains a valuable document for all interested in the life of our Church and Parishes. It not only outlines the 35 proposals but also describes a vision for the Church that has emerged through the synodal process. This vision is worth taking the time to read and can be accessed on www.kandle.ie and 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 at Centra & The Parish Office.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

St. Luke's General Hospital for Carlow/ Kilkenny Annual Remembrance Mass will take place on Wednesday 21st October 2026 October 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 can also be viewed: <https://www.stcanicesparish.ie/web-cam/>

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

RATHVILLY TIDY TOWNS

Thanks to everyone who donated to 'go fund me'. A total of €557 was raised.

Sacred Music Workshop Day for Parish Choirs – Calling all Choir Members!

Bishop Denis and the Commission for Liturgical Formation are hosting a workshop day for choir members in the diocese on Saturday, 21 November from 11 - 4:30 in Carlow Cathedral. Led by Marian Gaynor and team, this promises to be a lovely day for choir members with a music pack, the diocesan Guide for Music Ministry, a hot lunch and a Big Sing of Liam Lawton's 'Magnificat' all included. The day is free of charge, but places are limited and registration is essential. Music pack and lunch can only be provided for choir members from the diocese who have booked a place. Bookings open on Monday 19 October.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3-5-18-22

Match 3 win or share €150

Jude Keogh Ladystown

On Line winner

Paul Feighery Slaney Meadows

On Line winner

Jody Kennedy c/o Lena Smith

On Line winner

Liz Sibbald Woodgrove

Helen Deering

George Botis Rathvilly

Borza Takeaway

Next draw 20 Oct. 2026 **Jackpot €10,100**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 2-5-13-23

Conor O'Brien, Rathvilly 3-5-13-23

Martin Curran

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Rathvilly Post Office.

Next draw Oct. 20th. Jackpot €3,900. Thank you for all your support.

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to Ned Deering for restoring the bench in the Church grounds and to Mick Kehoe and Abigail and Lara for painting it, helping to keep our Church grounds looking welcoming and well cared for. Their time and efforts are greatly appreciated by the parish community.

RATHVILLY SENIOR FORÓIGE CLUB

We are back after our Summer Break! Big Stone Hall every Friday night from 7.45 – 9.00 p.m. €2 per night. At our last meeting we elected our new committee:

Chairperson: Sean Sheridan; Vice Chairperson: Ruth Cheasty; Secretary: Isabelle Halligan; Vice Secretary: Amelia Duffy; Treasurer: Billy McCarthy; Vice Treasurer: Charlotte Halligan; PRO: Ted Healy; Vice PRO: Michael Sheridan.

What is Foróige about: Meet new people and make new friends; Learn what happens in the community; A safe place to be yourself and explore your horizons; Go on trips; Learn leadership roles; Tea and biscuits nights and fun nights. Have fun!! Interested in Joining? Contact Mary Cunningham 086 3262543 or email: coady.rathvilly@gmail.com

THE IRISH HALLOWE'EN EXPERIENCE - A Talk by Michael Fortune

Venue: Lalor Centre, Baltinglass, County Wicklow, W91 XW57.

Date and Time: 8pm on Tuesday 27 October 2026

Admission: €5 Members | €8 Non-members (cash or SumUp)