30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 22:34-40 *The lens of love*

The religious elite continue their attempts to discredit Jesus as he teaches in the Temple; they try to trick him by asking which of the laws of Judaism are the most important. Jesus responds by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18: 'love the Lord your God … love your neighbour as yourself'. All other laws 'hang' on these two; they are the lens through which all else is to be interpreted. This Wisdom saying can sometimes be dismissed as sentimentality, but here Jesus is speaking a deep truth. Both commandments are interconnected, 'like' one another, and their foundation is to love God with our entire being, 'heart … soul and … mind'. That means sitting with the truth that God is love and dwells within each person; this is our true self (1Cor 3:16). This brings the question, can we cope with this? Are we able to open our hearts in awareness to this love, to tap into this divine indwelling? Then we can truly love our neighbour as ourselves – not as much as ourselves, but as a complete continuation of our very being. Thomas Keating once said, 'We're all like localised vibrations of the infinite goodness of God's presence. So love is our very nature. Love is our first, middle, and last name.' In Matthew chapter 18, we read what this love of neighbour involves: bringing restoration to the community, solving disputes, forgiving one another … serving others. This is a lifelong task, and we cannot do it alone. Cultivating a deep awareness of the Source of this love that dwells within, in turn allows this love to flow outward. This love invites us to open our hearts fully to the Divine, to reject individualism and embrace a radical solidarity with our fellow human beings and with all creation. The religious leaders dare not ask Jesus any more questions (22:46); they have been 'amazed' (v. 22), 'astounded' (v. 33) and 'silenced' (v. 34).

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"How do we put on the mind of Christ? How do we see through his eyes? How do we feel through his heart? How do we learn to respond to the world with that same wholeness and healing heart? That's what Christian orthodoxy is all about. It's not about right belief; it's about right practice. ***- Cynthia Bourgeault***

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's Talbotstown **St. Patrick's Rathvilly** **The Assumption Tynock**

Sat/Sun, 24th & 25th October 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recent Death: Orla Foley, Talbotstown, Kiltegan

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 24th & 25th October

Maureen Condon
James Doyle, Haroldstown
Edward (Ned) & Kathleen Kelly, Rathmore
Cyril Steward, Woodgrove Ave.
Deceased members of the Steward & Humphries Families
Robert Merrigan, Coolgraney
LV Conway, Straboe
Anne Hanks, Slaney Bank
James Meegan, Castleblayney
Sheila O'Neill, Slaney View

Sat/Sun, 31st October & 1st November

Kevin Barry
Mary, Martin & Padraig Coady, St. Patrick's Park
Martin & Elizabeth Coady, Station Road and deceased family members
Bridget & Michael Byrne, Knockroe

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 25th October – Mass at 6.00 p.m. Reader: Breedh Murphy.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 1st November – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Veronica Byrne.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER

All who have died in the Parish since last November will be remembered at Mass:
Tynock Church at 9.30 a.m. - Sunday, 1st November
Rathvilly Church - Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m. and Monday 11 a.m.
A candle will be lighting on the Altar in memory of our loved ones.

FEAST OF ALL SOULS

Mass will be offered for the Holy Souls on Monday, 2nd November at 11 a.m. in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly.

Congratulations to Rathvilly Senior Football team on becoming Champions for the 11th time.

ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

Names can be written on the sheets provided or in the "Altar List of the Dead" Book in the Church. November offerings go towards the support of our Clergy. There is a Large Cross placed in front of Our Lady's Altar on which to light a candle for a loved one. Candles cost €1 each.

IN MEMORY OF OUR BEREAVED

9 Novena Masses for the Dead will be offered each Monday and Wednesday during the month of November in St. Patrick's Church.

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 – 17th & 18th October

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections.
Rathvilly: Offertory €436.79 Envelopes €480.00
Kiltegan: Offertory €166.93 Envelopes €269.00

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

Results from 21st October, 2026 No Jackpot winner of 13,000.
Numbers: 12-15-18-27. 10 Match 3 numbers get €100.00 each.
One local match three winner this week.
Winner – Peg Faulkner. Promoter – Trish Leonard.
Next draw on Wednesday, 28th October. **Jackpot €14,000.**
The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.

Synodal Pathway Update: National Synodal Assembly

Saturday, 17 October, was a momentous and historic day in the life of the Irish Church in which over a dozen delegates from our diocese participated. Locally in our parishes there is much to receive from the prayer, listening and discernment of the past five years. The working document for the assembly is still a valuable document for parishes and a number of accounts and reports from the day can be viewed in the latest news section of www.synod.ie These are important to read alongside the raw figures on each proposal. *Our delegates will gather with Bishop Denis on 3 November to reflect on the assembly and where it is leads us now.*

Sacred Music Workshop – Booking Up Quickly

Bookings for the Diocesan Sacred Music Workshop Day are very busy and we anticipate that the day will be fully booked. Parish choir members can book their place on Eventbrite. Lunch, Diocesan Music Guide and Music Pack can only be provided for booked places.

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.

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 GAA CLUB

Lotto results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 4-9-23-30
Match 3 win or share €150
Jamie Byrne St. Patrick's Pk. 4-11-23-30 On Line winner
Next draw 27 Oct. 2026 **Jackpot €10,200**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto numbers drawn on Tuesday 20th. October were 10-14-20-24
Valerie Whyte, Garrettstown 6-10-14-20 Post Office
William Gahan, Rathvilly 14-20-21-24 Online Winner
Promoter`s prize €20 was won by Martin Curran, Rathvilly.
Next draw 27th. October 2026. Jackpot €4,000. Thank you for all your support.

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)

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

RATHMORE NS

Enrolment for new pupils into Junior Infants in Rathmore NS is now open. Applications will 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 059 9161375 or rathmorens.ias@gmail.com

The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers

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