Feast of All Saints Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 5:1-12 *What makes a saint*

In 1987, Dr Paul Farmer founded *Partners in Health* in Haiti. Its mission was to provide high-quality healthcare to patients from impoverished backgrounds and those who lived far from healthcare facilities. Over the following thirty years, the organization expanded across Africa, Latin America, Russia and the Navajo Nation in the US. Dr Farmer's goal was to make the latest sophisticated treatments, which were available only in wealthy regions, available to all people. He was instrumental in bringing lifesaving HIV drugs to the people of Haiti in the early 2000s and was later involved in founding a medical school in Rwanda, where he had been teaching before he passed away unexpectedly in February 2022. Described as a 'global health champion', Dr Farmer's driving forces were equality, solidarity and love. His central philosophy could be summed up in his own words: 'The idea that some lives matter less is the root of all that is wrong with the world.' Dr Farmer was a social justice campaigner, what some might call a modern saint. Aware of the disparities around the world, he set about finding creative ways to narrow the gap.

Saints are all around us, teaching us about God through their actions. They persevere in all they do for their communities and those on the margins. They are the blessed ones. The Paul Farmers of this world inspire us to strive to live the Beatitudes of Jesus in our daily lives. The Beatitudes are an urgent call to honour the dignity of all people, especially those whose suffer. The most pressing need of our time is to bridge the gap between the haves and the haves-nots. When we hear of the disparity between the income and lifestyles of the super-rich and the poorest people in the world, it can be hard to stomach. Becoming aware of our privilege is the first step towards solidarity. The Beatitudes call us to put our hunger for justice into action. Perhaps that is the making of all saints. Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett. The Deep End: A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew (Dublin: Messenger Publications, 2022).

"[Saints] make our hypocrisy so apparent that we want to change our lives – not because of guilt but because we want to be alive, we want to be more like Jesus. . . [they] leave us the scent of God, the aroma of Christ. God occasionally drops a handkerchief – and these handkerchiefs are called saints. ***- Shane Claiborne***

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's Talbotstown	St. Patrick's Rathvilly	The Assumption Tynock
Sat/Sun, 31st Oct/1st Nov	Feast of All Saints	31st Week in Ordinary Time

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

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
Baby Róisín Margaret Slye

Sat/Sun, 7th & 8th November

Michael Sheedy & Family	Marian Cassells, Knocklishen
Eamonn Dunne, Tankardstown	Trish Ryan, Knockroe
Kathleen Faulkner, Bough	Bridget Carroll, Rathvilly
Tom Doyle, Morning Star	Attracta Doyle, Raheendaw
Doyle Family, Bigstone	Sheila Dempsey, Collins Park

Christy Nolan, Ballyoliver & Kilkea, Castledermot

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

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

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Feast of All Souls – Monday, 2nd November – Mass at 9.30 a.m.
Sunday, 8th November – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Conor O'Leary.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Monday, 2nd November – Feast of All Souls – Mass at 11.00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

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

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
Talbotstown Church – Feast of All Souls – Monday at 9.30 a.m.
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.

As we remember in a particular way in November those who have died, you are invited to follow the daily scripture posts from the diocese on the Kandle Facebook and X accounts, as well as prayers for particular days. A prayer leaflet is also available on kandle.ie with prayers for a visit to the grave, a visit to the Church and a prayer at bedtime in the month of November. Copies are available in each Church.

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 ALL OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

Carols by Candlelight rehearsals will take place every Monday and Wednesday evening from 7pm - 8pm in St Patrick's Church Rathvilly. Anyone who can sing or play an instrument is welcome to come along.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 24th & 25th October

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections.
Rathvilly: Offertory €313.64 Envelopes €431.50
Kiltegan: Offertory €61.60 Envelopes €153.00

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

Results from 28th October, 2026 No Jackpot winner of 14,000.
Numbers: 12-14-25-31. 6 Match 3 numbers get €167.00 each.
No local match three winner this week.
Next draw on Wednesday, 4th November. **Jackpot €15,000.**
The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.

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 this 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 the door.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 12-17-23-26
Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky Dips

Theresa Cullen De Lacey Abbey	On Line winner
Martha Keogh Talbotstown	On Line winner
Tom Kavanagh Mountkelly	On Line winner
Wm. Burgess Lisnavagh	Post Office
Antoinette Kelly Fr. Cullen Tce.	Paul Kelly

Next draw 3 Nov. 2026 **Jackpot €10,300**

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

November Novena in Baltinglass Parish for all the Faithful Departed begins on Monday 2nd and ends on Tuesday 10th. There is daily Mass in St. Paul's Oratory at 10am (Monday to Friday) and in St. Joseph's Church at 7.30pm (Monday to Friday). Saturday Evening 6pm, Sunday at 9.30am (Grangecon) and 11am (St. Joseph's, Baltinglass). On Saturday 7th at the 6pm mass, we have our annual mass for all who have died in the past 12 months with a special welcome to their families and friends.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 6-11-12-25

Grainne Curran, Rathvilly	Martin Curran
Tommy Donegan, Collins Park	Jenny Donegan
Denise Nolan, Bough	Post Office
Trish McCall, c/o Seller	Breda Keogh
Marie Curry, Rathvilly	Peg Kehoe

Promoter`s prize €20 was won by Breda Keogh.
Next draw Nov.3rd. Jackpot €4,100. Thank you for all your support.

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

INFORMATION SESSION

Headway Ireland is organising an information session on Wills, Enduring Powers of Attorney, Advance Healthcare Directive and Co-Decision Making on Thursday 19th November from 7.30pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre Carlow R93xv10. Everyone is very welcome. There is no cost. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine at 0879361998 or oharec@headway.ie.

GENTLE YOGA

7 WEEK COURSE – starting on Monday, 2nd November in Castledermot Community Centre at 6.30 p.m. Full course €75.00 Drop in €12.00
Call Maria for bookings on 087 6421820

INFORMATION EVENING

For older persons and people living with dementia or conditions affecting memory. Please come along to Leighlin Parish Centre on Thursday, November 5th. Brief presentations will be given by the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland, Carlow Older People's Network, ASI Bethany House and ALONE. Commencing at 7.30 p.m. ALL WELCOME

TULLOW LIBRARY - Toddler Storytime in Tullow Library every Friday at 10am, no booking required, all welcome!