

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 21:33-43

The fruits of the Kingdom

Jesus is in the Temple, addressing the chief priests and elders who are questioning his authority. With his parable of the wicked tenants, he issues a rebuke and a challenge to these religious leaders who believe they alone have authority. The tenants in the parable are not fulfilling their responsibilities: instead of tending the vineyard entrusted to them, they are only looking after themselves. If we think of the vineyard as our world, this parable jumps into the modern age. Humanity has been entrusted with this beautiful and bountiful world, but instead of caring for it and sharing its fruits, those in power exploit it for their own benefit. The parable is critical of the entitled attitude of those who take, but refuse to offer anything in return. Jesus ends with a warning that the precious vineyard will be leased to better tenants - 'a people that produce the fruits of the Kingdom'. We've heard this language before in the Beatitudes, when Jesus says the Kingdom belongs to the meek, pure in heart, just, merciful. These are the carers our earth needs. Sr Dorothy Stang was a missionary in Brazil where she dedicated her ministry to farmers and was an outspoken critic of illegal logging in the Amazonian region. Frustrated at the destruction of the rainforest for financial gain, Sr Dorothy campaigned tirelessly for the protection of the people and natural resources of the region. This made her a target among the power brokers of the area. On 2 February 2005, two hired gunmen fired six shots and killed Sr Dorothy as she was walking on a rural road. As the killers approached, she took out her Bible and began to read from the Beatitudes. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness...." Following Sr Dorothy's death, the Brazilian president placed 20,000 square miles of the Amazon under federal environment protection. The dream of this brave woman lives on, even though illegal logging continues elsewhere in Brazil and other places today. Sr Dorothy was a Kingdom person, a 'tenant' dedicated to preserving the Earth for the good of all.

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"We can no longer let people in power decide what is politically possible. We can no longer let the people in power decide what hope is. Hope is not passive. Hope is telling the truth. Hope is taking action. And hope always comes from the people. *Greta Thunberg.*"

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

Sat/Sun, 3rd & 4th October

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

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**The Assumption
Tynock**

Recent Deaths: Fr Michael Maloney, former curate in Kiltegan

Kathleen Dunne, Carlow, sister in law to Deacon Liam Dunne

Margaret (Margie) Dougherty, Feddan, Kiltegan sister of Sean Byrne, Tynock

Months Mind Mass: Bob Douglas, Bohernabreena this Saturday, 3rd October.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 3rd & 4th October

Margaret O'Leary, Williamstown

Maureen Curtin, nee Loughlin, Straboe

Joan Sibbald, Ballyoliver

Margaret Loughlin, nee Dunne, Straboe

Patrick & Kathleen Deering, Ballybit

Maurice Loughlin, Straboe

Michéal Keogh, Williamstown

Rosanna & Patrick Finnegan, Raheendaw and deceased family members

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

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 4th October – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Nigel Byrne.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

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

Reader: Joe O'Brien.

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.

SACRAMENTS 2027

Confirmation – Enrolment for Rathvilly School takes place this Sunday, 4th October at 11.00 a.m. Mass.

ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

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

PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR OCTOBER

Kiltegan Area Wednesday 7th October 2 - 5 pm

Rathvilly Area Friday, 9th October 2 - 5 pm

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT REHEARSALS

Christmas Carol practice begins Wednesday 7th of October at 7pm in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly. Everyone is welcome to come along, sing some Carols and play their instruments.

PARISH TAX RECLAIM FORMS

Thank you to the parishioners who have returned their signed Tax Reclaim Form. If you have overlooked it we would appreciate it if you could return it as soon as you can. By returning the signed form it means the Parish can claim a refund from the Revenue Commissioners which is a great help for our finances. Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 26th & 27th September

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €524.42 Envelopes €430.35

Kiltegan: Offertory €127.87 Envelopes €233.50

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

Results from 30th September, 2026 No Jackpot winner of 10,000.

Numbers: 06-16-23-29. 15 Match 3 numbers get €67.00 each.

No local match three winner this week.

Next draw on Wednesday, 7th October. **Jackpot €11,000.**

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

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

AFTERNOON TEA PARTY

Kiltegan Hall Committee are holding an Afternoon Tea Party in St Tegan's Hall on 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 also, 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.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 10-13-18-21

Match 3 win or share €150 5 Lucky dips

Tina Smith Tullow

On Line winner

Aoife O' Dwyer Rathvilly

On Line winner

Roy Fox Baltinglass

Bingo winner

Yvonne Foley Fr. Flood Ave.

Paul Kelly

Tracy Norton Grangecon

Bingo winner

Next draw 6 Oct. 2026 **Jackpot €9,900**

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.

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.

SYNOD NEWS

The National Synodal Assembly takes place on 17 October in The City North Hotel in County Meath. Over a dozen people from our diocese will be present, along with Bishop Denis, as either diocesan delegates, as a member of a working group of the synod, or as a member of the National Synodal Team. Please keep them in your prayers.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto numbers drawn on Tuesday 29th. September were 13-14-17-19

Claire Murphy, Hacketstown 13-14-17-28

Online Winner

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

Next draw 6th. October 2026. Jackpot €3,700. Thank you for all your support.

THE SLANEY SESSIONS

Rathvilly's First Culture Night a Great Success

Rathvilly's first ever Culture Night, "The Slaney Sessions," was held on Friday, September 18th, in Lawlors, Rathvilly, organised by the *Rathvilly Heritage Interest Group*. The event attracted a full house and provided a wonderful evening celebrating local music, art and creativity.

The evening featured three talented local acts: *Katie Phelan*, singer-songwriter; *Paige Fox*, singer-songwriter; and the duo *Ivor Rampersaud and Anthony Burrows*, who entertained the audience with a varied programme of music.

Adding to the atmosphere was a mixed-media art exhibition showcasing the work of six local artists — *Ann Corrigan, Sasha Sykes, William Kenny, Katelyn Dunne and Eve McLoughlin* — along with artwork from the *Hacketstown Art Group*. The exhibition provided an opportunity to celebrate the wealth of artistic talent in Rathvilly and the surrounding area. The evening was hosted by *Nathalie Lennon*, while *Jake Deverill* provided the sound and lighting, helping to create a professional setting for the performers and artists.

The Rathvilly Heritage Interest Group would like to sincerely thank *Katie and James of Lawlors and all their staff* for their help and hospitality in making the event possible. A big thanks to Eamonn Doyle who organised the Art exhibition and to Ivor for all his help organising the music. The group also acknowledges the support and contribution of the *Carlow Arts Office*.

"The Slaney Sessions" was a celebration of local talent and community spirit, bringing music, art and people together under one roof. The full house and positive response on the night demonstrated the enthusiasm that exists locally for cultural events and provided a fitting first Culture Night for Rathvilly.