32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 25:1-13 Keep the lamps lit

As we approach the end of the Church year, the Gospel for the next few Sundays turn their focus to talk of end times. The early Christians expected Jesus to return quite quickly and Matthew's community must have been wondering what was taking so long. So, as Matthew prepares them for a long wait, these parables are all concerned with how the Christian community should live in the meantime. This parable of the bridesmaids is unique to Matthew. In first-century Palestine it was custom for the bridegroom to be escorted to the home of the bride by the bridesmaids. Then the bridesmaids would escort the couple to the house where the wedding and the party would take place. We hear of the different levels of preparedness of the bridesmaids, those who took extra oil for the lamps and those who 'took no oil with them'. We can speculate as to what the oil in the lamps represents, and perhaps it is different for each of us: the inner wisdom we know we should trust but are afraid to, that deep awareness of God's indwelling presence, a sense of fulfilment that we experience from doing acts of justice and mercy (5:20; 7:21-27), loving God and neighbour (22:37-38). The 'foolish' were lacking in evidence of such deeds and so, the Lord does not know them. But to hear that they were then 'shut out' is horrifying; the disappointment, anxiety and regret can be felt off the page. Sometimes, we too find ourselves in this 'foolish' position, and when that happens the challenge is not to let ourselves close down. It is during such times we have the opportunity for conversion and through that the grace of gaining some insight or wisdom. We learn much from these experiences, unpleasant though they may be. If this parable leaves us confused, appalled, with tons of questions even a bit shaken, then, good! This is the parable doing its thing, Jesus was certainly not a boring teacher and at this stage of the Gospel, as he is about to be arrested, it is not surprising that he is warning those around him to have enough oil for their lamps.

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"Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. Wisdom. 6:12

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

Sat/Sun, 7th & 8th November 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 7th & 8th November

Michael Sheedy & Family
Eamonn Dunne, Tankardstown
Kathleen Faulkner, Bough
Tom Doyle, Morning Star
Doyle Family, Bigstone
Sheila Dempsey, Collins Park
Christy Nolan, Ballyoliver & Kilkea, Castledermot
Marian Cassells, Knocklishen
Trish Ryan, Knockroe
Bridget Carroll, Rathvilly
Attracta Doyle, Raheendaw
Paddy Donegan, Collins Park
Thomas Donegan, Ballyoliver
Nonie Doyle, Bough

Sat/Sun, 14th & 15th November

Joe Byrne, Sunnyside & Bristol
Mary Kelly, Haroldstown
Joseph Elliott, Monavothe
Catherine O'Leary, Williamstown
Kathleen Keegan, Ballyoliver
Maureen Byrne, 16 Kevin Barry Road
Pat Leonard, Rahill
Paul Reilly, Dublin
Harry Doran, Ballyhackett
Jimmy Kelly, Broughillstown

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 8th November – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Conor O'Leary.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 15th November – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Lucilla Brophy.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

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

IN MEMORY OF ALL OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

Congratulation to Rathvilly NS on winning the Carlow Final of Cumann na mBunscol against Borris in the Centre of Excellence, Fenagh.

EVENING PRAYER

Remembering our Dead during the month of November
St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly on Friday, 20th November at 7.30 p.m.
Church of the Assumption, Tynock on Friday, 27th November at 7.30 p.m.

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 are welcome to come along.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 31st October & 1st November

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections.
Rathvilly: Offertory €244.22 Envelopes €636.00
Kiltegan: Offertory €141.12 Envelopes €443.00

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

Results from 4th November, 2026 No Jackpot winner of 15,000.
Numbers: 14-16-23-27. 10 Match 3 numbers get €100.00 each.
One local match three winner this week.
Winner – Breda's Group. Promoter – Breda Reilly.
Next draw on Wednesday,11th November. **Jackpot €16,000.**
The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.

Caragh Church to Enshrine Relics of St Carlo Acutis

The Church of Our Lady and St Joseph in Caragh, Co. Kildare, will host a special celebration at 6.30pm on Thursday, 19 November 2026, for the enshrinement of the first-class relics of St Carlo Acutis. The chief celebrant will be Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin. The occasion follows a special journey to Assisi in September by Fr. Ruairí Ó Domhnaill, PP Newbridge, and Fr. Joe McDermott, PE CC Caragh, to retrieve the relics and accompany them on their journey home to Ireland. Their pilgrimage marks a significant moment for the local faith community, bringing a tangible connection with the life and witness of one of the Catholic Church's most inspiring modern saints. All welcome.

SLÍ AN CHROI ADVENT RETREAT

We invite you to join us at Slí and Chroí in the grounds of St Patrick's Missionary Society, as we pause to reflect and celebrate a moment in time on your unique journey. For enquiries please contact Michele at slianchroi@spms.ie or 089-4690508.

FASHION SHOW

An evening of Fashion and Style in Ballyconnell Hall on Tuesday, 10th November at 8 p.m. Clothes from Serena boutique, Carlow and Elanna Boutique, Tullow. Tickets €10. All proceeds to Co. Carlow Homecare Team. Everyone welcome.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3-4-8-26
Match 3 win or share €150
John Corcoran Knockroe 1-4-8-26 On Line winner
Michelle Moore Carlow 3-4-8-19 On Line winner
Next draw 10 Nov. 2026 **Jackpot €10,400**

THE 3 TENORS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Christmas O Holy Night Concert takes place in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath, Sunday 29th Nov. 2026, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets €30 available locally and online at www.willwego.com

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 8-14-23-25
Laurence Byrne, Woodgrove Ave, Rathvilly Post Office
Kevin Byrne, Rathvilly Kevin Byrne
Bridget Cassels c/o Seller Breda Keogh
Niamh and Alana Curran, Woodgrove Ave. Brian Curran
Michael O`Brien c/o Seller Brian Curran
Promoter`s prize €20 was won by Brian Curran.
Next draw Nov.10th. Jackpot €4,200. 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

The Irish Lung Cancer Community (ILCC)

The ILCC is the united voice of people impacted by lung cancer in Ireland and the ILCC empowers all those affected by lung cancer through the provision of education, information and support. The ILCC also works to promote more positive perceptions about the disease.
This year the ILCC is organising a FREE event called "All Ireland Lung Cancer Patient Symposium" in Portlaoise on Saturday the 14th Nov from 11am until 5pm. There will be a great lineup of speakers on multiple interesting topics and also a number of information services present, finally and very importantly we will build in time for networking as it is often very difficult for lung cancer patients to meet each other and get some peer support. Register using the following link: - https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/all-ireland-lung-cancer-patient-symposium-2026-tickets-2003702442945

Leighlin Dementia Friendly Community

We would like to welcome people living with Dementia and their carers to join us on Friday, November 13th in Leighlin Parish Centre (R93KR83) for a cuppa and a chat, at 11.00 a.m. - 12.30p.m. Looking forward to meeting you.

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.