16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne Mark 6:30-34 "Come away"

The disciples have returned from their mission, eager to fill Jesus in on everything that's happened. But the buzz around him means they have little space to rest or even eat. Jesus senses that his friends need a break and attempts to bring them away to a 'deserted place' where they can be by themselves – perhaps to encourage them into deeper contemplation and understanding of the journey they are on. However, the plans are disrupted by the crowds who have needs of their own. In this short passage Jesus provides for those around him in different ways – offering his close companions the gift of time and rest, and giving the crowd ('sheep without a shepherd') the teaching they are hungry for.

Rest, contemplation and prayer are important elements of the spiritual journey, and we might feel some sympathy for the disciples whose quiet time is so rudely cut short. Just a few verses later in Mark, we will see Jesus withdraws up a mountain by himself to pray. We all need time out from the busyness of life to recharge our spiritual batteries, reflect and contemplate. "Contemplation is the practice of being fully present – in heart, mind, and body – to what is, in a way that allows you to creatively respond and work towards what could be." Prayer and action are two sides of the same coin - when we open our lives to God, our ordinary experiences become part of our prayer and, as we share our experiences with God, we come to new insights and are inspired to respond anew to the challenges of life.

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'We pray our experiences when we use the content of our lived experience as the content of our prayer. . . All of us have probably prayed this way, although we called it by another name . . . Yet, in retrospect, this time of thinking, questioning, and getting ourselves together might have been as helpful to our faith life as hours of formal prayer. - Joseph E. Schmidt

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's **Talbotstown** Sat/Sun, 20th & 21st July, 2024

St. Patrick's **Rathvilly**

The Assumption **Tvnock**

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recent Deaths: Eileen O'Donoghue, Kevin Barry Road. James Keogh, Talbotstown Fort.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 20th & 21st July

Tom Doyle, Kill – 1st Anniversary Eileen & Jim O'Brien, Ballingarry, Limerick Martin Folan, Dublin

Sat/Sun, 27th & 28th July

Months Mind Mass for Thomas Colgan on Sunday, 28th July at 11 a.m.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

James & Mary Smith Coole Josephine Dovle, Slanev Bank Peter Deegan, Carnew James Doyle, Rathdaniel Joseph (Jo Jo) Dunne, Rathmore

Colm Coleman, The Green, Hacketstown

Leo & Elizabeth Morgan, Ballyoliver and deceased family members

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday – Communion Service at 9.30 a.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – Adoration on Friday 3 – 6 p.m.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 21st July – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Fiona Kane.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 28th July – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Nigel Byrne.

PARISH CEMETERY MASS

Rathvilly Cemetery Mass–Sunday, 4th August at 11.00 a.m.

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER available in Rathvilly Church each week Cost: €3. Please leave the money in the Candle Shrine Box.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS - 13th & 14th July

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €238.55 Envelopes €635.20 Kiltegan: Offertory €16.01 Envelopes €197.80

Tynaclash Cemetery Collection €1,428.53

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

Results for 17th July, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €20,000.

Numbers: 15 - 17 - 25 - 26. 8 Match 3 numbers and get €125.00 each.

No local match three winners this week.

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

On Wednesday, 24th July the Jackpot is €20,000. Tickets €2.

Thank you to all our parishioners who support the Lotto.

Tickets available in the Post Office, Parish Office and lotto promoters.

Tickets also available in Tynock & Talbotstown Church after Mass in the Sacristy.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Takes place this year on the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Sunday 28th July. Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Papal Nuncio of Ireland will lead the pilgrimage. Anointing of the sick takes place at 2.30pm in the Basilica followed by Mass and a Rosary Procession. All are welcome to attend.

FRIDAY, 26th July – Feast of Ss Joachim and Anne

Traditionally named parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord. The earliest reference to their names is the second-century apocryphal Gospel of James. Their feasts were celebrated separately until joined together in 1969. St Anne is patron of Canada, women in labour, grandparents, miners, cabinet-makers and home-makers. St Joachim is patron to grandparents, fathers, cabinet-makers and linen traders.

3-DAY RESIDENTIAL RETREATS 2024

Faith Formation based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and Inner Healing Adoration. Led by: Fr Prince Clarence S.J.

Dates: 30^{th} July -1^{st} August $6^{th}-8^{th}$ August in De La Salle Retreat Centre,

Castletown, Co. Laois. R32 N6D8. Cost: €195 per person, per retreat.

Contact Margaret 087 2313066 or Oonagh 086 1736181. Email

ruachministry5@gmail.com These retreats are strictly residential: arrive Tuesday

9 a.m. and leave Thursday 5 p.m.

DONOUGHMORE SUMMER FETE - Monday, 5 August 2024 (2pm to 5pm)

Donoughmore, Glen of Imaal, Co Wicklow. Off the N81 between Blessington and Baltinglass, at Whitestown - signposted Glen of Imaal. Eircode W91C971

Admission: Adults €3, Children Free. Parking: FREE onsite!

 $Cakes-Plants-White\ Elephant-Books-Bottle\ Stall-Toys-Bowls-Hoopla$

Afternoon Teas, Novelty Races, Horse & Carriage Rides & lots more.

For further information: Email donoughmoredonardparish@gmail.com

THANK YOU

Peg & Andy Faulkner would like to thank everyone who attended their Anniversary Party last weekend. Sincere thanks to Msgr McEvoy for the Special Blessing and enabling the renewal of our Marriage vows at the Saturday evening Mass.

WHITE FATHERS MISSIONARIES

Fr Diarmuid Sheehan would like to thank the people of the Parish for their contribution of €1,391.75 from the recent collection for the Missions.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 4 - 10 - 24 - 25Paula Gavin, Woodgrove Avenue Rathvilly Post Office

Shauna Nolan, Ballyoliver
The Harp Bar
Faye c/o Paula Byrne, Rathvilly
Brendan O`Neill, Baltinglass
Breda Keogh
Trish Harmon, Kiltegan
Fergal Harmon

Promoter`s prize €20 was won by Rathvilly Post Office

Next draw 23rd...July 2024 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support

ASKEA PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Askea Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 18th -22nd August 2024. Spiritual Director Fr Tom Little PP. Bishop Denis Nulty will be travelling with this pilgrimage. Cost €965.00 p/p sharing a twin/double room. For further information, contact Tully's Travel, Carlow 059 9136100.

DUFFY'S COACH HIRE

4 night trip to Killarney from Sunday, 28th July

4 night trip to Westport from Sunday, 18th August

4 night trip to Scotland from Sunday, 27th October.

Full details from Duffy's Coach Hire on 087 2543235 or 059 6471681

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 1-8-13-14

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Jude Kehoe Ladystown

Laura & Jeffrey O'Donoghue Tullow

Marjorie Richter

Shirley O'Neill Rathmore

Josie Leonard Rahill

On line winner

Bingo winner

Bingo winner

Sean Leonard

Next draw 23 July 2024 **Jackpot €8,900**

Drive in Bingo continues every Monday night at 8pm sharp, gates open 6.30pm

RATHVILLY TENNIS CLUB

Committee members are now enlisting support for our Euro Millions Lotto which begins on 23^{rd} July. Cost is $\in 30$ for 2 weekly draws for one year. Forms with fee need to be returned by 12^{th} July.