

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Mark 6:1-6 'Isn't this the carpenter ...?'

The story we hear today from Mark is one that transcends place and time. Picture the scene: a young man from a local family, fresh from building a dedicated following for himself, returns to his home town with his band of disciples. The locals are 'astounded' and initially impressed by his teachings, but they seem incapable of seeing beyond their prejudice. Isn't this our neighbour, they wonder, whose family they know well? Their begrudgery and rejection is almost comical – who does he think he is? – but it sits in sharp contrast to the rapturous reception Jesus has received elsewhere. Those who should be his greatest supporters become the opposition – a sign of things to come for Jesus as he journeys towards the Cross.

At times we can feel trapped by our past or the perceptions other people have of us. The weight of others' assumptions is a heavy burden, keeping us stuck and unable to reach our potential. We can be equally guilty of doing the same to others. When our hearts are closed to people because of their social status, ethnic origin, gender, sexuality or disability, we miss out on so much richness. Jesus couldn't minister to the people in his home town – we read that he was 'amazed at their unbelief'. In Mark's Gospel, the opposite of faith is fear. Judgement often comes from fear of the unknown.

There is a project called the Human Library that originated in Denmark over twenty years ago and is now active in more than eighty countries. Instead of borrowing a book, the Human Library allows people to 'borrow' a person and listen to their story. Each person from the 'bookshelf' represents a group in society that is typically subjected to prejudice, stigmatisation or discrimination. The events aim to encourage people to have conversations to which they would not usually have access. When we listen to other people's stories, we come to realise that we can't judge a book by its cover. Jesus knew the sting of judgement, rejection and betrayal. He stands with all those who experience such judgment, and he calls us to do the same.

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'Speak to me: I will spend my lifetime trying to understand you. – *Kamand Kojouri*

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Sat/Sun, 6th & 7th July, 2024

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recent Death: John Nolan, Knockboy

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 6th & 7th July

Peter Byrne, Knocklishen – 1st Anniversary

Cicely Hanford, Ballyoliver

Eamon Byrne, 16 Collins Park

Mary Doyle, Lisnavagh

Margaret & Michael Walsh, Tobinstown

Sat/Sun, 13th & 14th July

Eithne Molloy, Rathvilly

Brid & Michael Moloney, Bough

Michael O'Neill, Slaney View

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Monday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday – Communion Service at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday – **Mass at 7.00 p.m.**

Thursday & Friday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

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

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 7th July – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Joe O'Brien.

Months Mind Mass for Mary Byrne, Killalesh.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Saturday, 13th July – Mass at 6.00 p.m. Reader: Catherine Carroll.

PARISH CEMETERY MASSES

Tynaclash Cemetery – Sunday, 14th July at 7.00 p.m.

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

PETERS PENCE COLLECTION – 29/30th June

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the recent Peters Pence Collection.

A total €770.12 was collected from the Parish.

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

Results for 3rd July, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €20,000.

Numbers: 01 – 23 – 27 – 29. 12 Match 3 numbers and get €84.00 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, 10th 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.

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.

MESSAGE FROM GARDAI TO PARISHIONERS

Important Reminder - Please be aware that the Garda do not call looking to check if your money is counterfeit and take it from you. Another such theft occurred in Laois during the week. Stay vigilant and protect yourself from fraud.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3-8-20-21

Match 3 win or share €150

Ian Curran Slaney Bank 3-8-11-21 On Line winner

Peadar Doyle Knockavagh 3-8-15-21 On Line winner

Next draw 9 July 2024 **Jackpot €8,700**

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

ST. MARYS CHURCH, RATHVILLY

TRACTOR RUN – Sunday, 14th July at 2.00 p.m. at Bough Old School in aid of St Mary's Church, Rathvilly & The Lalor Centre, Baltinglass.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 1 – 3 – 5 - 18

Tom Whyte, Woodgrove Avenue, Rathvilly Joe Curran

Kathleen Ivory c/o Breda Keogh Breda Keogh

Majella Gahan, Fr. Cullen Terrace, Rathvilly Martin Curran

Faye Byrne, Rathvilly Gabriel Deering

Cuan Byrne, Rathvilly. Anthony Byrne

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

Next draw 9th. July 2024 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support

PIONEER PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 21 July.

Mass at 3pm will be followed by Eucharistic Blessing and Procession to the Shrine.

Pioneers along with friends and relations of people who are living "one day at a time" with addiction are welcome.

THANK YOU

Michael & Mary Kehoe would like to take this opportunity to thank the Community of Rathvilly for all the good wishes, cards and gifts. We would also like to thank you for all your support over the past 30 years.

RATHVILLY TENNIS CLUB

The Club are delighted to report we have been busy and our Courts are ready to invite you all to play tennis! Membership fees are remaining the same:

Family – 2 adults and 2 children €30; Adults €10; U18 years €5;

Student & visitors €10; Non playing members €10;

Membership forms are available behind the counter at Centra. Please complete and return with fee to Centra or we are having an Open Night on Wednesday, 10th July at 7 p.m. and we will have forms available. Only signed up members will have access to Courts. Committee members are now enlisting support for our Euro Millions Lotto which begins on 23rd July. Cost is €30 for 2 weekly draws for one year. Forms with fee need to be returned by 12th July. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, 10th July.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES APRIL – OCT 2024

7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you.

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SUNDAY 14TH JULY DUCKETTS GROVE

Carlow Arts Festival and Carlow Sports Partnership invite you to get on your bikes on Sunday, July 14 for 'Cycles', an exciting collective cycling experience. This event was postponed in September 2023 but it's now back in gear. The 18km cycling and arts event begins with registration at 10:30 am at Ducketts Grove and will take you on a leisurely cycle through the landscape as you listen to a specially-created audio piece via an app you will download onto your phone. Carlow Community Choir will be singing a song specially written for this event by Ye Vagabonds as the cyclists return to Duckett's Grove. Booking is advised as places are limited, to secure a place go to the website: <https://www.tickettailor.com/e...>

A nominal fee of €5 per adult, €2 per child also covers a post cycle barbecue.

Bikes will be available to hire and there will be options to take a bus to the event from Carlow Town. Some hand cycles, trikes and rickshaws will also be available to use. This unique experience has been developed by artists, Michelle Browne and Eszter Némethi with community members from Rathvilly, Graiguecullen, Tullow and Hacketstown. Through a series of workshops, together they have been looking back to 1923 and imagining our future in 2123.

RATHVILLY PARKS TENNIS CAMP Date: 8th-12th July

2hr/day Cost €45 5 - 15 years start 2.30pm All equipment provided Register on www.carlowtennis.ie Contact: Helen Chalton 0861675663