

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

John 6:41-51 Bread that nourishes

We continue our hiatus from Mark's Gospel and our detour into John's 'Bread of Life' reflections. In today's Gospel, Jesus faces complaints and disbelief over his assertion that he is 'the bread that came down from heaven'. This 'bread of life' language is difficult for his listeners, and it presents a challenge for us readers as well. The choice of bread – physical food as a symbol for true gift and giving is no accident. Hunger was a reality in the world of Jesus, and it is a reality for so many in our world today. According to a survey carried out by the Irish charity Barnardo's in February 2023, one in five parents stated that there had been times in the previous year that they did not have enough food to feed their children. In our cities and towns, food banks and shelters are providing food to growing numbers of people who are homeless or in need. One such group is the Muslim Sisters of Eire, a voluntary group that organises a 'soup run' in Dublin city centre, distributing hundreds of hot meals and other food items to people on a regular basis. On 7 April 2023 they reported serving almost 600 meals in one night, stating 'There were a lot of people tonight waiting for a hot meal ... We see a lot of families with children, and it breaks our hearts each time.

God is encountered in our world through the many examples of service and generous giving we see around us. The bread we share is a symbol of Divine love in our world. There is more than enough food for everyone in our world, yet so many go hungry. Jesus provided for the hungry crowds before he nourished them with his presence and teachings. Eucharist is first and foremost a meal, bread broken and shared. We cannot speak of the nourishing bread of life without considering our obligation to care for those in need.

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"If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world ... In the Eucharist we receive Christ hungering in the world. He come to us, not alone, but with the poor, the oppressed, the starving of the earth.
Pedro Arrupe SJ

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's Talbotstown Sat/Sun, 10th & 11th August, 2024	St. Patrick's Rathvilly 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Assumption Tynock 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Recent Deaths: Sean Doyle, The Moate
Edward Patrick Con Foley, Carlow and formerly Rathvilly
Sean Byrne, St. Patrick's Park

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 10th & 11th August

Michael Osborne, Garretstown & deceased family members
Peter Blake, Garretstown

Sat/Sun, 17th & 18th August

Months Mind Mass for Eileen O'Donoghue, Kevin Barry Rd on Saturday, 17th August

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Brian & Laura O'Donoghue, Williamstown
Michael & Ellen Tobin, Rathmore
Bridie Tobin, Rathmore
Michael Tobin Jnr., Rathmore

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Monday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday - Communion Service at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday – Vigil Mass at 7.00 p.m.

Thursday – Holy Day – Feast of the Assumption – Mass at 11.00 a.m.

Friday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

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

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 11th August – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Fiona Kane.

Thursday, 15th August, Feast of the Assumption – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Saturday, 17th August – Mass at 6.00 p.m. Reader: Breedh Murphy.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 3rd & 4th August.

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

Rathvilly: Offertory € 1334.76

Envelopes €1029.90

Kiltegan: Offertory €67.02

Envelopes €263.00

Thursday, 15th August – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption of Mary honours the fullness of blessedness that was her destiny, the glorification of her immaculate soul and virginal body that completely conformed her to the risen Christ. This is a celebration that offers to the Church and to all humanity an exemplar and a consoling message, teaching us the fulfilment of our highest hopes. Their own future glorification is happily in store for all those whom Christ has made his own brothers and sisters by taking on their flesh and blood.

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

Results for 7th August, 2024 One Jackpot winner of €20,000.

Winner – Dick Wynne, Newbridge Parish.

Numbers: 08 – 11 – 13 – 22. 31 Match 3 numbers and get €33.00 each.

One local match three winner this week.

Winner – Marie Curry. Promoter – Thomas Donovan.

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

On **Wednesday, 14th August the Jackpot is €10,000.** Tickets €2.

Thank you to all our parishioners who support the Lotto.

Tickets available in the Post Office, Parish Office, lotto promoters and also in Rathvilly, Tynock & Talbotstown Churches after Mass in the Sacristy.

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 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 TIDY TOWNS

Rathvilly Tidy Towns are raising funds towards the upkeep of the village. Funds help pay for flowers, purchase and servicing of equipment, fuel, paint etc. This year we purchased new planters and hanging baskets, painted 2 of the Grottos and planted loads of flowers. We have more projects in the works. We have a GoFundMe page (www.gofundme.com) and just search for Rathvilly Tidy Towns. We would also like to thank the many businesses who have kindly donated this year.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 16 - 17 - 22 - 24

David Keppel, Rathrush, Ballon 17-20-22-24 Online Winner

Mike Foley, Kiltegan 7-17-22-24 Online Winner

Margaret McNamara, Fr. Cullen Avenue 7-16-17-22 Online Winner

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Breda Keogh.

Next draw 13th Aug. 2024 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 6-13-15-27

Match 3 win or share €150

Julie Byrne Williamstown 6-15-26-27

On Line winner

Next draw 13 Aug. 2024 **Jackpot €9,200**

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

Thank you for your continued support.

A CALL TO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION REVIVAL

The Diocesan Adoration Committee invite you to a day of Prayer, Adoration & Revival in Mt. St Anne's Conference and Retreat Centre, Killenard, Portarlinton on Saturday 24th August from 9.30am – 4.00pm. Lunch (€10) 12.30pm – 1.00pm. Joins us with Bishop Denis Nulty, Fr Ruairi O'Domhnaill, Fr Chiriyankandath Prince and Ms Margaret Brennan. Confessions available, Mass at 3.00pm. Come along and bring a friend!

BURREN WEEKEND RETREAT, CO CLARE 6-8 SEPTEMBER

Would you like to come on a guided journey through the Burren? Experience the silence and beauty of this unique landscape through walking mindfully on ancient pathways or limestone pavements. Get to know some of the rare flora and appreciate our rich faith heritage in one of the many ancient sacred sites.

Further information: Mary 087 970 1130. Booking: Des 085 161 4951.

Graiguecullen Bingo on Tuesday 13th August St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 50 numbers €2390 Double number €2000 Lotto €1850

Nearly €10,000 in prizemoney to be won!!

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER available in Rathvilly Church each week

Cost: €3. Please leave the money in the Candle Shrine Box.

Some of the items covered in this week's issue -

Extraordinary demand for Miraculous Medals in Dublin

Since the world was on pause because of the COVID pandemic in 2020, there has been a notable demand for Miraculous Medals, a symbol of faith and divine intervention that dates back to 1830. . . .

Catholic athlete's creative way to glorify God at Olympics

Rayssa Leal, a 16-year-old Brazilian skateboarder competing in the Paris Olympics, used sign language to quote Scripture before winning the bronze medal in the competition.

Leal, a Christian, won the bronze medal in the women's street skateboarding final on July 28. At one point during the competition, Leal smiled into the camera and signed John 14:6, which reads: "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'".