

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

John 6:51-58 Love feast

We know that table fellowship was Jesus' way of connecting with people: physical and spiritual nourishment going hand in hand. Today's Gospel is rich with 'life' imagery – Jesus speaks of 'living bread', 'life of the world', 'eternal life'. He feeds with life-giving bread, his very self – he is both the gift and the giver.

Sharing a meal is sacred. Where bread and food are broken and shared, there is human connection and love. In *The Irresistible Revolution* Shane Claiborne recalls a party held in Philadelphia. The city had begun to pass anti-homeless legislation, making it illegal for people to sleep in parks, ask for money, lie down on the footpaths. Ironically, a place called Love Park was at the centre of these new laws. It was a place where homeless people gathered and people came to share food and clothing, but now there was an ordinance stating that food was not to be distributed there. 'We started wondering what in the world it meant to love your neighbour as ourselves when they were being jailed for sleeping and eating,' recalls Shane. A group got together to throw a party. 'About a hundred of us gathered in Love Park with homeless friends. We worshipped, sang, and prayed. Then we served communion, which was illegal – Then we continued the "breaking of the bread" by bringing in pizzas. It was a love feast, and then we slept overnight in the park with our homeless friends. The organisers were arrested and tried, but in the end, they were found not guilty by a judge who was impressed with their fight for justice.

Bread is associated with home and hospitality, caring and plenty. When Jesus talks about himself as 'living bread', he is offering all of this and more, but he's also challenging us to go out from this comfortable table and share indiscriminately with others. As followers of Jesus, we are called to give ourselves in service. The breaking and sharing of Eucharist should spill over into breaking and sharing in our lives, so that our lives become a 'love feast', lived with and for others.

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"Every Eucharist challenges us while it nourishes us. Every Eucharist cries out to us that we cannot celebrate, yet every Eucharist calls us to celebrate – to give thanks and praise, even in the face of hunger, of pain, of disunity, of racism, of sexism. Facing into death we agree to life.

- Anne Thurston

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's Talbotstown Sat/Sun, 17th & 18th August, 2024 **St. Patrick's Rathvilly 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time** **The Assumption Tynock**

Recent Death: Fr. Ned Grace, St. Patrick's College, Kiltegan

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 17th & 18th August

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

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Brian & Laura O'Donoghue, Williamstown

Michael & Ellen Tobin, Rathmore

Bridie Tobin, Rathmore

Michael Tobin Jnr., Rathmore

Fr. Christopher O'Brien, Haroldstown

Sat/Sun, 24th & 25th August

George Faulkner, Rathdaniel 1st Anniversary

Sr. Mary Sibbald 1st Anniversary

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

Thursday – Communion Service at 9.30 a.m.

Friday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

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

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Saturday, 17th August – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Breedh Murphy.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 25th August – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Conor O'Leary.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 10th & 11th August.

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €178.77

Envelopes €343.90

Kiltegan: Offertory €54.51

Envelopes €174.00

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER available in Rathvilly Church each week

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

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

Results for 14th August, 2024 One Jackpot winner of €10,000.
Congratulations to Ann Curtin, Ballyfin Parish. Promoter – Denis Daly.
Numbers: 06 – 09 – 11 – 15. 33 Match 3 numbers and get €31.00 each.
One local match three winner this week.
Winner – Laurence Byrne. Promoter – Rathvilly Post Office.
The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.
On **Wednesday, 21st August the Jackpot is €11,000.** 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.

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 handing 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 7 - 9 - 23 - 24
Hazel Burgess, Lisnavagh, 7-9-11-24 Post Office
Keelan, Bailey, Harley Byrne, Woodgrove Ave.1-7-23-24 Kevin Byrne
Patrick Smith, Hawthorn Drive, Tullow 7-11-23-24 Online Winner
Michael Sibbald, Knockroe 6-9-23-24 Molloy`s Bar
Promoter`s prize €20 was won by The Harp Bar, Rathvilly.
Next draw 20th. Aug. 2024 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 1-14-20-30
Match 3 win or share €150
Bernie Sinnott Baltinglass 1-14-20-28 Bingo winner
Next Draw 20 Aug. 2024 **Jackpot € 9,300**
Drive in Bingo continues every Monday night at 8pm sharp, gates open 6.30pm

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!

Graigucullen Bingo on Tuesday 20th August St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.
Jackpot on 50 numbers €2520 Double number €2070 Lotto €500

HERITAGE WEEK EVENTS IN CARLOW

Celebrate John Tyndall, Leighlinbridge Scientist Heritage Week Event
On Monday 19th August from 7pm - 9pm *John Tyndall: A Celebration* in the Lord Bagenal Hotel including: John's Tyndall's 1874 Belfast Address: a lecture by Dr Diarmaid Finnegan; The Belfast Address Imagined by Carlow Little Theatre Society; and for the first time in County Carlow, a recital of Prof. Gráinne Mulvey, Leighlinbridge, Tyndall inspired Piano compositions.

Captain Myles Keogh Heritage Week Lecture:

On Thursday August 22nd Deb Goodrich, Historian in Residence at the Fort Wallace Museum, Kansas, USA, will present a lecture on '*Captain Myles Keogh, Leighlinbridge, Commander of Fort Wallace, Kansas, USA, 1866-1867*'. Keogh saw military service for the Pope in Italy before joining the US army and fighting in the US Civil War. In 1876 he was killed at the infamous Battle of Little Big Horn with General Custer. Free Admission, 7pm on Thursday August 22nd in the Leighlin Parish Centre. Presented by Carlow County Council.

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.

CARLOW SOCIAL PRESCRIBING SERVICE – Improving Health & Wellbeing

To build a Countywide Directory of Local Supports, Services and Recreational Activities for Adults. Send us information on Activities, Groups, Upcoming Events or tell us 'what's on' in your local community. Call Laura on 086 4147511 or email: socialprescribing@catherines.ie Deadline September 27th 2024.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland is a Weekend experience is for married couples who want something more in their marriage - more fun, spontaneity, excitement, communication, understanding, romance, intimacy, passion, joy.
Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is Friday 8 - 10 November 2024
Venue: Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare
Online booking only: www.marriageencounter.ie

ADULT LITERACY FOR LIFE (ALL)

Do you know that in Ireland, 1 in 6 adults struggle with reading and writing, 1 in 4 adults struggle with maths and 1 in 2 adults struggle with digital skills?
Do you or a family member need to improve your reading, writing, maths or digital skills? We can help. All courses are free.
Contact: Kilkenny Adult Learning Service (KCETB) 056 776 3149 or Carlow Adult Learning Service (KCETB) 059 913 5544 or freephone 1800 20 20 65 or email allinnovation@solas.ie