

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

John 6:60-69 'Who can accept it?'

Children are often good at looking beyond the concrete and seeing the possibilities. Where an adult sees only a messy room in need of tidying up, a child sees an obstacle course, a castle, a jungle, a magical forest. Their inner world is as alive and real to them as the outward, tangible world. Adults could take a leaf out of their book and remember to listen to their hearts as well as their heads, for it is in our hearts that God speaks to us,

In today's Gospel, some of those who hear Jesus find it difficult to see beyond the physical. Jesus has been teaching the crowds that he is the living bread, the bread of life, the answer to human hunger and thirst. But we are told that the Jews complain about him and dispute among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' (John 6:41, 52). Now, the disciples are also struggling. They complain that Jesus' teaching is difficult and wonder 'who can accept it?' Some of them even 'turn back'. The Greek verb used for 'complained' is *gongyzousin*, which signifies grumbling or an attitude of discontent. It is the same word used in the Greek version of the Old Testament (The Septuagint) for the grumbling of the Israelites in the wilderness before God provides them with *manna*, or 'bread from heaven' (Exodus 16). In that instance God 'heard the complaining' and provided them with their fill of bread. Here, Jesus hears and responds with further teaching about the gift he offers – living bread, his very self, eternal life. To understand this, the disciples must not think and operate by human standards, but seek to see with the eyes of God. Simon Peter gets to the heart of it with his confession of faith: 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.' He has heard the truth and declares his desire to follow Jesus. The path of discipleship requires a continuous 'letting go' of our fixed ways of seeing the world and an open heart to embrace the gift of Jesus and to realise where we truly belong.

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"Your vision will become clear only when you look into your heart. Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes. – *Carl Jung*

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's Talbotstown
St. Patrick's Rathvilly
The Assumption Tynock
Sat/Sun, 24th & 25th August, 2024 **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 24th & 25th August

George Faulkner, Rathdaniel 1st Anniversary

Sr. Mary Sibbald 1st Anniversary

Sat/Sun, 31st August & 1st September

Months Mind Mass for Sean Doyle, The Moate on Saturday, 31st August

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Marie Doyle, The Moate

Mary Hanlon, Rathvilly

Rojanie Cortes

Eileen & William Byrne, Hacketstown

Declan O'Toole, Bough

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

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

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

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

Reader: Conor O'Leary.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 1st September – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Joe O'Brien.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 17th & 18th August.

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €282.44

Envelopes €280.50

Kiltegan: Offertory €115.37

Envelopes €554.50

PARISH TAX RECLAIM FORMS

Thank you to all the parishioners who have returned their signed Tax Reclaim Form. If you have overlooked it we would appreciate it if you could return it as soon as you can. By returning the signed form it means the Parish can claim a refund from the Revenue Commissioners which is a great help for our finances. Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes to all who received their Leaving Certificate Results on Friday.

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

Results for 21st August, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €10,000.

Numbers: 01 – 15 – 16 – 23. 17 Match 3 numbers and get €59.00 each.

No local match three winner this week.

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

On **Wednesday, 28th 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 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 1 - 14 - 17 - 20

Maire O Connor, Kevin Barry Road 1-7 -17-20 Online Winner

Eireann Sibbald Nolan, 9 Ballyoliver Road 1-2-14-20 Post Office

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Breda Keogh

Next draw 27th.Aug. 2024 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 15-20-23-29

Match 3 win or share €150

Shane Carroll Castledermot 7-15-20-23 On Line winner

Next draw 27 Aug. 2024 **Jackpot €9,400**

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

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.

Harvesting Gratitude – Dominican Retreat 13th -15th September 2024

This weekend retreat offers us the invitation to pause, ponder, acknowledge and celebrate with gratitude the many blessings in our lives.

Cost: €280.00 Residential, €180.00 Non-Residential. For bookings please contact the

Dominican Retreat Centre Tallaght, call: 01 4048189 or

email: dominicanretreat@gmail.com

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER available in Rathvilly Church each week

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

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 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

DUFFY’S COACH HIRE

Day trip to Our Lady’s Island on Sunday 8th September for the closing ceremonies.

Day pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 29th September.

Two night trip to Knock on Saturday 16th November.

For further details or to book your place on any of the trips please contact Duffy’s Coach Hire on 087 2543235 or 059 6471681

Mortgage Arrears / Abhaile Scheme

If your mortgage is in arrears and you are worried about your mortgage repayments, there is help. You may be entitled to free financial advice under the Abhaile Scheme, which is a State funded service. For more information, please contact Tatiana McGreal on 085 867 4883 or visit www.fsireland.ie

Graiguecullen Bingo on Tuesday 27th August St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 50 numbers €2620 Double number €2140 Lotto €550

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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