

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Season of Creation 1 *Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23* **What's on the inside**

Jesus is again questioned about the actions of his followers, who this time are accused of eating with 'unclean hands'. He responds with a quote from the prophet Isaiah criticising those who honour God in words but not in their hearts. We may notice that doesn't speak out against the laws about ritual cleanliness but focuses instead on interior disposition. Jesus has a powerful message for us about the tension between outward appearances and what's on the inside. It is not rigid laws or rituals that are important but the true nature of our hearts.

During the Season of Creation, we are called into an awareness of our planet's growing ecological crisis. Humans have impacted the natural world most negatively in the past 200 years. Yet this crisis also conveys a deeper message of humanity's fractured relationship with God's creation. At the heart of the ecological crisis is a spiritual crisis. We have become disconnected from the earth and forgotten the relationship that exists between nature and the society that lives in it. As Pope Francis reminds us, 'We are part of nature, included in it and lives in it' (*Laudato Si'*, §139). We cannot separate our relationship with God from our relationship with God's creation. Everything is connected (*Laudato Si'*, §91) – every organism, every plant, every animal, every person – the vast community of creation of which we are all part.

Awakening to the realities of the damage that is being done to our planet, our common home, can be painful. Interior conversion, a radical change of heart, is essential if we are to begin to repair our broken relationship with the natural world. In today's Gospel Jesus challenges us to examine our relationship with ourselves and others. What human traditions or worldly things do we 'cling' to? Do we recognise our inherent connectedness with the world around us, not separate from it but part of it? Our interior awareness, the love we cultivate in our hearts for creation and humanity, will be evident in our relationship to others creatures and to the world around us.

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'Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.'
- Pope Francis

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's **St. Patrick's** **The Assumption**
Talbotstown **Rathvilly** **Tynock**
Sat/Sun, 31st Aug & 1st Sept, 2024 **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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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

Sat/Sun, 7th & 8th September

Months Mind Mass for Edward 'Con' Foley on Saturday, 7th September

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Pat & Margaret Osborne, The Green, Rathvilly

Joe & Maureen Deering, Patrickswell

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Tuesday, Wednesday & 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

Sunday, 1st September – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Joe O'Brien.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Saturday, 7th September – Mass at 6.00 p.m. Reader: Muireann Gartland.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 24th & 25th August.

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €290.42

Envelopes €590.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €50.05

Envelopes €307.90

PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR SEPTEMBER

Rathvilly Area – Friday, 6th September

Kiltegan Area – Wednesday, 11th September

Double Issue of the Newsletter next week. If you want to include Anniversary Masses for the next few weeks please leave them in before Thursday, 5th September.

THE SEASON OF CREATION

The season of creation is a global ecumenical season which runs from the World Day of Prayer for Creation (1 September) to the Feast of St Francis of Assisi (4 October). During this Season, Christians are invited to think more deeply about what is happening to the earth, the environmental destruction that now threatens our world, and the call to 'eco-conversion'. This Season offers all of us a unique opportunity to renew our vocation to care more deeply for God's creation, our common home.

See separate sheet with full text or view text on our Parish Website.

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

Results for 28th August, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €11,000.

Numbers: 16 – 24 – 25 – 29. 8 Match 3 numbers and get €125.00 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, 4th September the Jackpot is €12,000.** Tickets €2.

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

FREE DRAW FOR ALL LOCAL LOTTO SUPPORTERS

PRIZE	WINNER	PROMOTER
€50	Paddy Dunne	Tommy Donovan
€25	Tommy Donovan	Tommy Donovan
€25	Matt Tobin	Parish Office
€25	Mary Darcy	Trish Leonard
€25	Liam Dunne	Breda Reilly
€25	Gerry Gavin	Sinead Kehoe
€25	Promoters Prize – Mary Cunningham.	

Thank you to all our parishioners who support the Lotto.

SLÍ AN CHROÍ, KILTEGAN

Nature is Calling..... A weekend of Spiritual Renewal with Rosaleen Fadden on Fri 20th - 22nd September 2024 at Sli an Chroi Centre for Spirituality, Ecology and Wellbeing, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow. The weekend will include Tai Chi, Chi Kung, Meditation and Healing Sounds. For details and Bookings contact Rosaleen on 0860789241 Email info@taichiandwellnessacademy.com
www.taichiandwellnessacademy.com

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers 4-6-7-27. No match 3 - 5 Lucky dips -
Pat Deering Ballybit On line winner
Paul Balfé Rahill On line winner
A J Doyle Rathvilly Tom Whyte
Anne Britton Knockavagh Helen Deering
Bernie Dunne Roscommon Helen Deering
Next draw 3 Sept. 2024 **Jackpot €9,500**

CLEAN COASTS BIG BEACH (RIVER) CLEAN-UP

Registrations Open for Clean Coasts Big Beach (River) Clean-Up in County Carlow During the weekend of the 20th to 22nd September, Carlow County Council are delighted to be supporting the An Taisce **Clean Coasts Big Beach (River) Clean-Up**, supported by Kia Ireland.

In a land locked county, you might be wondering why the people of Carlow are being asked to get involved in what sounds like a beach clean-up?? Statistics reveal that litter dropped in towns and cities is the primary cause of marine litter. No matter where we live, we can help prevent litter from entering our precious waterways. We can tackle this problem at source, in our local rivers, wherever we are!

This initiative is also an opportunity for volunteers to get involved in a worldwide citizen science project, which includes collecting the amount and types of litter and filling in Litter Data Cards. This will help heighten awareness and the magnitude of the problem, helping to shape future policies and campaigns.

Community groups from across the country are being asked to support this initiative, from Residents Associations and Sports Clubs to Tidy Towns and Men & Women's Sheds. The Environment Department at Carlow County Council will support groups by disposing of any litter collected during the big river clean up event, and once registered, groups will be covered under the An Taisce Public Liability insurance. Please register with Clean Coasts to receive a FREE clean-up kit, along with resources in relation to the citizen science project, as well as to help you organise and publicise your clean up event. Secure your spot by registering and learn more about the Big Beach Clean initiative here at: <https://cleancoasts.org/our-initiatives/big-beach-clean/> or email dsewell@carlowcoco.ie for more information.

RATHVILLY SENIOR FORÓIGE

The Club will be opening in the next couple of weeks to boys and girls 12-18 years attending secondary school. Foróige Youth Club is each Friday night from 7.45 – 9.00 p.m. in Bigstone Hall. If interested please contact Mary Cunningham on 086 3626543. We are also looking for new leaders to join, so please contact me if interested in becoming a leader.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 21 - 22 - 23 - 24
Pat Kehoe, St. Patrick's Park, Rathvilly 21-23-24-30 Peg Kehoe
Promoter's prize €20 was won by Martin Curran, Fr. Cullen Terrace
Next draw 3rd.Sept. 2024 Jackpot €20,000. Thank you for all your support.

TULLOW RFC - Novelty Bingo Night - Friday 6th September, 2024

Venue – Tullow RFC The Blackgates Doors Open – 6.30 p.m. Bingo – 7.00 p.m.

ADULT LITERACY FOR LIFE (ALL)

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