

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

John 6:24-35 Mind the gap

Jesus connects with people through table fellowship, it was an extremely important part of his ministry. It is not only the food that is important; Jesus nourished people in a more significant way. The failure of the crowd to grasp this significance is a cause of frustration for Jesus in the Gospel today. The crowd, who have been searching everywhere for him (6:22-24), demands that he give 'bread from heaven'. It is more than astounding that the crowd ask Jesus for another 'manna' miracle when they have just seen him feed 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish. They seem to want Jesus only for what he can physically give them and have not been touched on a deeper level.

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis challenges all Christians to undergo an ecological conversion and invites us to look at the world from *within* rather than from without. He notes how, at its root, the ecological crisis is a deeply spiritual crisis. Christianity offers an alternative understanding of the quality of life, it encourages a prophetic lifestyle, but this requires a contemplative lifestyle too, "one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption. We need to take up the ancient lesson that 'less is more'. A constant flow of new consumer goods baffles the heart and prevents us from cherishing each thing and each moment" (*Laudato Si'*, §222). This constant desire for more exists because ultimately we are not at peace with ourselves. Only God can fill that gap, all else is 'food that perishes'. We are invited to an inner attitude that is happy with less and being spiritually detached from what we possess. This is not a lesser life, it can be liberating, 'a way of living life to the full' (*Laudato Si'*, §223). The people want to know 'What must we do to preform the works of God?' But there is only one thing, be present to Jesus as he is present to you. Out of that, all else will flow, Jesus is the 'Bread of Life', food for the long-haul journey of life. food that truly satisfies.

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'Place your heart in the figure of the divine substance! And transform your whole being into the image of the Godhead Itself through contemplation! So that you too may feel what His friends feel as they taste the hidden sweetness which God Himself has reserved from the beginning for those who love Him. – *St Clare of Assisi*

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's **St. Patrick's** **The Assumption**
Talbotstown **Rathvilly** **Tynock**
Sat/Sun, 3rd & 4th August, 2024 **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Months Mind Mass for Oliver Byrne, New Road, Ballyoliver on Sat/Sun, 3/4 August

Months Mind Mass for John Nolan, Knockboy on Sat/Sun, 3/4 August

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Rose & Hugh Foley, St. Patrick's Park	Paddy Kelly, Ballyhackett
Kevin & Margaret Curry, New Road, Ballyoliver	Kitty Nolan, Rathmore
Brendan O'Grady, Rathmore	Pat Nolan, Rathmore
Kathleen Burke, Bough & deceased family members	Bridget Gahan, Lisnavagh
John & Sarah Doyle, Bough & deceased family members	Mary Doyle, Knockavagh
Joe & Bridget Keogh, St. Patrick's Park	

Sat/Sun, 10th & 11th August

Michael Osborne, Garretstown & deceased family members

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.

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

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 4th August – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Mary Kelly, Feddan.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 11th August – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Fiona Kane.

RATHVILLY CEMETERY MASS

Mass will take place in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Rathvilly this Sunday, 4th August at 11 a.m. (weather permitting) otherwise Mass will be in the Church.

PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR AUGUST

Kiltegan Area on Wednesday, 7th August 2 – 5 p.m.

Congratulations to Bishop Denis Nulty on the 11th Anniversary of his Ordination as a Bishop this Sunday, 4th August.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 27th & 28th July

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections.
Rathvilly: Offertory €278.15 Envelopes €312.10
Kiltegan: Offertory €216.71 Envelopes €360.50

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

Results for 31st July, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €20,000.
Numbers: 03 – 04 – 20 – 29. 14 Match 3 numbers and get €72.00 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, 7th August 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, lotto promoters and also in Rathvilly, Tynock & Talbotstown Churches after Mass in the Sacristy.

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE

Poor Clares, Carlow are holding a Monastic Experience on Saturday 17th August from 2.30 p.m. to 4p.m. Any ladies interested please contact poorclaresvoc@gmail.com before 17th August.

DONOUGHMORE SUMMER FETE - Monday, 5 August 2024 (2pm to 5pm)

Donoughmore, Glen of Imaal, Co Wicklow. Off the N81 between Blessington and Baltinglass, at Whitestown - signposted Glen of Imaal. Eircode W91C971
Admission: Adults €3, Children Free. Parking: FREE onsite!
Cakes – Plants – White Elephant – Books – Bottle Stall – Toys – Bowls – Hoopla
Afternoon Teas, Novelty Races, Horse & Carriage Rides & lots more.
For further information: Email donoughmoredonardparish@gmail.com

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

Graiguecullen MONSTER Bingo on Tuesday 6th August St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.
Jackpot on 50 numbers €2260 Double number €1930 Lotto €1800
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 -

800 years thanksgiving Mass in Knock highlights lasting mission of the Order of Preachers, says OP provincial

The Irish Dominicans commemorated 800 years since the first Dominicans arrived in Ireland with a special Mass broadcasted by RTÉ from Knock on July 28th. The basilica was filled with Dominican nuns, sisters, lay Dominicans, the choir from St Mary's, Co. Cork, friars, members of Dominican youth groups, and communities linked with the Order of Preachers.

Ireland needs to learn how to 'see' again, Bill Donaghy

Two Catholic young-adult groups based in Dublin, 'Youth Rathmines' and 'Pure in Heart', have joined forces to bring 'The Way of Wonder' to Ireland from the USA. The event, which took place on July 26 at Mary Immaculate Church in Rathmines, Co. Dublin, attracted over 200 attendees eager to experience a unique three-hour immersive journey...

Lough Derg, the isle of smiles and hope

Located in Co. Donegal, almost at the border with Tyrone and Fermanagh, St Patrick's Purgatory, most commonly known as Lough Derg, is the "most hidden Irish Catholic church treasure," according to James McLoughlin, a member of the Lough Derg team. Last Saturday, The Irish Catholic sent two reporters to discover the wonders of the island's popular three day pilgrimage.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 8 - 13 - 18 - 26
Shauna Nolan, Ballyoliver 13-15-18-26 The Harp Bar
Promoter's prize €20 was won by Breda Keogh.
Next draw 6th Aug. 2024 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 9-11-22-27
Match 3 win or share €150
Florrie Gibbons Station Rd. 7-11-22-27 On Line winner
Next draw 6 Aug 2024 **Jackpot €9,100**

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

Thank you for your continued support.

AN TAIRSEACH AUTUMN 2024 PROGRAMME

An Tairseach, the Wicklow based, Cabra Dominican sponsored Centre for Ecology, Spirituality and Theology is delighted to share with you our upcoming courses, workshops, and 4-week sabbatical programme for the autumn season with wide-ranging events planned from September 13th to November 1st, 2024.
Booking essential, please contact: info@antairseach.ie /0404 61833.
For further details, see www.antairseach.ie/events.