**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

**Season of Creation 4 *Mark 9:30-37* Welcome little children**

Leaving the relative safety of Galilee, Jesus and the disciples are beginning their journey towards Jerusalem. For the second time, Jesus mentions that he will be handed over and killed and will rise again. The disciples probably wish that Jesus would stop talking about the cross – to their ears it must have sounded ludicrous. How could the Messiah be killed? Jesus does not deceive them, he is honest about where this is leading (9:31). But the disciples have not been transformed by Jesus’ teachings. Blocked by fear, it would appear that they are regressing, more concerned with their own status in the Jesus community. On the upside, their incompetence gives Jesus an opportunity to teach them, and us, the realities of the way of discipleship.

We often have to come face to face with the crosses in our own lives, in our communities and in our world. Many would rather not hear any more news about the environmental crisis, but we simply cannot look away. ‘Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political … It represents one of the principle challenges facing humanity in our day’ (*Laudato Si’*, §25). Yet the pace of consumption does not ease. Fossil fuel emissions continue to rise, having disastrous effects around the world. In 2022, the five largest oil and gas companies made a combined $200bn in profit, and at present show no sign of changing course despite the solutions available to them. It is the desire for power and wealth that drives the climate crisis.

 In the Gospel today, Jesus puts before the disciples a little child, stating that whoever welcomes one such as this welcomes him and welcomes God. It is a beautiful image. Children in the ancient world did not have rights, so to welcome the child is to welcome the most vulnerable in society. Instead of wondering who is the greatest of all, Jesus’ way involves caring for those who are considered the least, identifying with all victims of injustice and asking how we are welcoming the generations to come.

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‘Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start. - *Laudato Si’*, §205

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**RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

**NEWSLETTER**

 **St. Brigid’s St. Patrick’s The Assumption**

 **Talbotstown Rathvilly Tynock**

**Sat/Sun, 21st & 22nd September, 2024 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

 Jim & Agnes Byrne, Ballybit Edward Drea, Rathmore,

 Jim Breen, Knockboy

 James O’Leary, Bray

 Thomas O’Grady, Rathmore

 Gerald & Annie Cullen, Knockavagh

**Sat/Sun, 28th & 29th September**

 John Byrne, 22 Fr. Cullen Tce Jenny Curran, St. Patricks Park

 Siobhan Farrell, Haroldstown Patrick & Kathleen Deering, Ballybit

 Margaret O’Leary, Williamstown Bob & Kathleen Myers, London & Bough

Frank McArdle, Ricketstown.

**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.

**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK**

Sunday, 22nd September – Mass at 6.00 p.m. Reader: Mary Byrne.

**ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN**

Sunday, 29th September – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Siobhan Doyle.

**WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 14th & 15th September**

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €297.27 Envelopes €343.55

Kiltegan: Offertory €115.30 Envelopes €237.92

**PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS**

Tuesday to Friday – 10 am. – 1 p.m.

**FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI** – (4th October)

**BLESSING OF PETS** - Sunday, 6th October at 12 Noon in the grounds of

St. Patrick’s Church, Rathvilly. St. Francis was a lover of nature and things of creation. It is tradition to bless pets on this day.

**THE SEASON OF CREATION**

In this Season of Creation, in which we try to become more aware of the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor:

- let’s work on creating the right attitudes in our lives,

- let’s become aware which divisions am I part of and try to heal them

- let’s try to look at life with the clear look of a child, let’s wonder at Nature, let’s think of every person in this planet

-independently of race, colour, sexual orientation, religion or politics

- with the infinite dignity of having been created in the image of God

- let’s think how we can contribute to help heal the damage created in this world and how we can help those in countries suffering most from climate change, not out of pity nor even compassion, but out of justice.

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

1. Results for 18th September, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €14,000
2. Numbers: 04-22-25-32. 4 Match 3 numbers and get €250 each.

No local match three winner this week.

1. The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.
2. On **Wednesday, 25th September** the **Jackpot is €15,000.** Tickets €2.
3. Tickets available in the Post Office, Parish Office, lotto promoters and also
4. in Rathvilly, Tynock & Talbotstown Churches after Mass in the Sacristy.

**Set Dancing** on a Tuesday night in St Tegan’s Hall, Kiltegan from 8.30pm –10.00pm. New members welcome

**SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.**

Lotto Numbers 04-12-18-26 No €20,000 Jackpot winner

4 match three’s. Michael Conroy, Ballycumber, Offaly seller On line,

Eddie Kelly, Ballyhackett seller Post Office, Tony Kirwin c/o Laura Kavanagh

Sean Leonard seller Post Office.

Promoters prize Jenny Donegan,Collins Park.

Next draw 24th September. Jackpot €20,000

**ADULT LITERACY FOR LIFE (ALL)**

Carlow Adult Learning Service (KCETB) 059 913 5544 or freephone 1800 20 20 65 or email allinnovation@solas.ie

**Graiguecullen Bingo**

on Tuesday 24th Sept St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm

Jackpot on 50 numbers €3170

Double number €2420

Lotto €750

**Visit of the Relic of St Bernadette to Carlow Cathedral**

The Relics of St. Bernadette will visit the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Monday 7th October. The Relics will be received by Bishop Denis at the 10am Mass. A water ritual, with water from the Grotto, is scheduled for 12 noon, Mass for the Sick and the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated at 3pm. The visit of the Relics will conclude with a torch light procession at 8pm. The torch light procession will commence at both Holy Family Church, Askea and St. Claire’s Church, Graiguecullen.
The Relics may be visited throughout the day in the Cathedral, which will remain open on the evening until 10pm, the visit of the relics concluding with a prayer of thanksgiving.  The relics will visit the Church of Ss Peter and Paul, Portlaoise on Tuesday 8th October.

  **County Carlow Environmental Network (CCEN) Free Film Viewing Event** You are invited to see “The Rights of Nature” film on Wed the 25th of September in the Visual, Carlow town at 7pm. It is an Irish-made film about what if species had rights? Learn about how to speak for species without a voice, and how we can redefine our relationship with the natural world. You will be invited after the film to a discussion about the film in the Visual bar area. There will be a guest speaker.

FREE admission, but booking is necessary:

<https://visualcarlow.ie/whats-on/the-rights-of-nature>

**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](http://www.marriageencounter.ie/)

**West Wicklow Day Care** are holding a clothes collection on Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd September and Friday 27th & Saturday 28th September. Times Friday 9.00am - 11.00am & 3.00pm - 6.30pm Saturday 10.00am - 2.00pm. So get your hot press and wardrobes winter ready, have a good clear out and bring your unwanted clothes, shoes, sheets, pillowcases, duvet covers, curtains & towels. Please DON’T bring dirty garments, NO duvets, pillows, rugs, blankets or carpets. Drop off your bags at the old ambulance depot at Baltinglass Hospital only. We look forward to seeing you there.

 **DUFFY’S COACH HIRE** Are running the following coach trips: Day pilgrimage to Knock on September 29th. 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.