

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Season of Creation 2 *Mark 7:31-37* *Ephphatha*

In today's Gospel, Jesus heals a man who is deaf and has a speech impediment, the Greek word – *kóphos* – literally means that he was unable to hear anything. In order to heal this man, Jesus not only looks to the heavens but he responds to this man's suffering with action: he takes the man aside and, putting his hand in his ear, he spits, he touches his tongue, he makes a deep sigh, and then there is a command of healing, '*Ephphatha* – Be opened'. Mark writes that it was the man's hearing (*akoai*) and not just his ears (*óta*) that was opened up. The crowd are amazed and they say 'he has done things well'. There are echoes here of Genesis 1 where, after everything God had made, God saw 'that it was very good' (Genesis 1:31). Jesus brings restoration to the man in this healing story, restoring creation to how it should be.

Our planet, our common home, desperately cries out for a similar restoration today and it seems as if those who hold power are deaf to the cries of the earth. We too may be closed to hearing because the issue overwhelms us and we feel that there is nothing we can do. Today's healing encounter can provide us with inspiration. Those who bring the man to Jesus do not do this for themselves; they have seen his suffering and do not look away. In spring 2023, the Irish Bishops asked parishes in Ireland and care for 30% of parish grounds as a haven for pollinators and biodiversity. They said, 'In embracing this initiative we encourage parishes to expand their circles of solidarity, to protect and care for biodiversity and recommend that, by 2030, 30% of Church grounds be returned to nature.' There is plenty to do.

Just as the man's healing is unblocked, may we be open to hearing creation's beautiful song, so that it may inspire us, and hear creation's cry so that it may move us. *Ephphatha!* May we hear the cry of all creatures in this earth community. *Ephphatha!* © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellet, 2023. *The Deep End: A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Mark.* (Dublin: Messenger Publications 2023).

'Nature as a whole not only manifests God but is also a locus of his presence. The Spirit of life dwells in every living creature and calls us to enter into relationship with him.

-Laudato Si' §88

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www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam Radio 104.3 fm

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's **St. Patrick's** **The Assumption**
Talbotstown **Rathvilly** **Tynock**
Sat/Sun, 7th/8th & 14th/15th Sept. 2024 **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Recent Deaths: Pattie Byrne, Paulville
Fr. Tommy Scott, St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan

Sat/Sun, 7th & 8th September

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

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Pat & Margaret Osborne, The Green, Rathvilly	Peter Mullin, Rathdangan
Joe & Maureen Deering, Patrickswell	James Doyle, Tankardstown
Seamie Doyle, Mansfield & Rathdaniel	Camillus Kenny, Tallaght
Peter & Annie Conway, Barnhill	

Sat/Sun, 14th & 15th September

Terry O'Brien, Collins Park	Sean Kehoe, Mt. Lucas
Joseph Plant, Rahill	Peter Kelly, Waterstown
Edward & Ellen Carson, Rathmore	Katie Bulmer, Waterstown

Sat/Sun, 21st & 22nd September

Jim & Agnes Byrne, Ballybit	James O'Leary, Bray
Jim Breen, Knockboy	Thomas O'Grady, Rathmore
Gerald & Annie Cullen, Knockavagh	

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

10th – 13th Sept - Tuesday & Thursday – Communion Service at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday & Friday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

17th – 20th Sept – Tuesday & Thursday – Mass 9.30 a.m. Friday – Mass 10 a.m.

Wednesday – Communion Service at 9.30 a.m.

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

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

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

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 15th September – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Mary Kelly, Feddan.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday – 11.30 am – 1 p.m. Wednesday 10 am – 11 a.m.

Contact Fr. McEvoy on 086 3232403. Email: office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie

PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR SEPTEMBER

Kiltegan Area – Wednesday, 11th September

BEGINNING OF TERM SCHOOL MASSES

Monday, 9th September – Talbotstown School in Talbotstown Church at 9.45 a.m.

Thursday, 12th September – Rathmore School in Rathmore School at 9.45 a.m.

Monday, 16th September – Tynock School in Tynock Church at 9.45 a.m.

Friday, 20th September – Rathvilly School in Rathvilly Church at 10 a.m.

SACRAMENTS 2025

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Information Meeting for all parents on Thursday, 19th September at 7.30 p.m. in Rathvilly Church for all four Schools in the Parish.

CONFIRMATION – Information Meeting for parents of children attending Rathmore and Rathvilly Schools on Thursday, 19th September in Rathvilly Church at 8.15 p.m.

Enrolment Ceremony for First Holy Communion on Sunday, 29th September – Talbotstown Church at 9.30 a.m. for children attending Talbotstown & Tynock Schools and Rathvilly Church at 11 a.m. for children attending Rathmore & Rathvilly Schools.

Enrolment Ceremony for Confirmation on Sunday, 6th October in Rathvilly Church for children attending Rathmore & Rathvilly Schools.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 31st August & 1st September

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €331.36

Envelopes €388.05

Kiltegan: Offertory €59.45

Envelopes €208.20

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

Results for 4th September 2024 No Jackpot winner of €12,000.

Numbers: 06 – 08 – 23 – 32. 9 Match 3 numbers and get €112.00 each.

One local match three winner. Winner – Anne Dunne. Promoter – Breda Reilly.

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

On **Wednesday, 11th September the Jackpot is €13,000.** Tickets €2.

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. Contact Rosaleen on 0860789241

Email info@taichiandwellnessacademy.com www.taichiandwellnessacademy.com

PINS TO PIONEERS

We hope to organise a presentation of Pins to Pioneers in October. If anyone would like to become a Pioneer or if any young person who took the pledge at Confirmation who would like to receive an adult Pin please contact the Parish Office or contact Sophie Kelly on 087 1302587 and calling out to any Pioneer who feels they are due a Silver Pin for 25 years a Pioneer, Gold Pin for 50 years a Pioneer or Diamond Pin for 60 years a Pioneer please let us know.

CARLOW HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Carlow Historical and Archaeological Society present a talk by Dr Fergus Kelly 'Farming in Ireland before the Norman Invasion' on 18th September at 8pm in Lawlor's Bar Rathvilly. All Welcome.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of the late Oliver Byrne wish to thank those who sympathised with them on their recent sad loss. Thanks to everyone who sent Mass Cards, left messages of sympathy, attended the house and Funeral Mass. Sincere thanks to Msgr McEvoy and Fr Whitney for celebrating the Funeral Mass. Thanks to Dr Gallagher and his team, Rathvilly Pharmacy, Carlow/Kilkenny Home Care Team. Thanks to John & Pauline Halligan for their kindness. To Liam, Gillian & Kerry for music & singing. Thanks to Rathvilly GAA for Guard of Honor. To our wonderful neighbours and friends for their help at that difficult time. As it is impossible to thank everyone individually the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

RATHVILLY SENIOR FORÓIGE

Rathvilly Senior Foróige Club reopens in Bigstone Hall on Friday, 20th Sept at 7.45 p.m. till 9 p.m. The Club is open to boys and girls 12-18 years attending secondary school. Please contact Mary Cunningham on 086 3626543. We are also looking for new leaders to help out or ex-members who would like to give up an hour or two on Friday evenings so please let me know.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 1-4-13-19

Amanda Dempsey, Bough 1-4-19-20

Online Winner

Andy Byrne, Naas 1-4-7-13

Anthony Byrne

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Fergal Harmon, Kiltegan.

Next draw 10th.Sept. 2024 Jackpot €20,000. Thank you for all your support.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. No: 16-19-21-23. Match 3 win or share €150

Grania & Brian Murphy Bough 6-16-21-23

On Line winner

Marie O'Brien Ricketstown 16-21-22-23

Post Office

Next draw 10 Sept. 2024 **Jackpot €9,600**

LOUGH DERG ONE DAY RETREAT

Lough Derg one-day retreat, Saturday 21st September 2024. Experience the beauty and peace of the holy island of Lough Derg in Co. Donegal. Return bus from Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Maynooth, Kilcock and Dunboyne Park and Ride. Cost: €45 for island (includes lunch) and €35 bus return. deirdregleeson@medwise.ie or 0872467594 after 6p.m. www.loughderg.org

CARLOW CHORAL SOCIETY - Return to Rehearsals

Carlow Choral Society is delighted to announce that they are returning to rehearsals on Monday 09 September in the Cathedral Parish Centre, R93 XV10, with an open evening at 7:30 pm. We are recruiting new members for the coming season and welcome all voice parts, especially tenors and basses. An ability to read music is an advantage but not a prerequisite, as support is provided.

For more information about the society visit www.carlowchoralsociety.net or email carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com.