

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Mark 10:17-30 *Travel light*

Today we meet a rich man who, like many characters in Mark's Gospel, might be described as 'partially sighted'. He is a thoughtful person, lives a good life and keeps the Commandments. He is eager to learn from Jesus – as long as he likes what he hears! Similar to the disciples, he has a good grasp of the essentials but fails to see the bigger picture. Mark gives us a lovely sentence that 'Jesus, looking at him, loved him.' The rich man might not see Jesus clearly, but Jesus sees him, accepts and loves him. Yes, the man is turned off by the challenging words, perhaps he is fearful, clinging to the familiar, and he 'goes away grieving'. But Jesus plants the seed of change. It is possible that the rich man reflected on the exchange and began to see more clearly, like the blind man healed at Bethsaida (Mk. 8:22-26)? We never find out, but the teaching moment is not over for the disciples, nor for the readers. Jesus goes on to speak about the demands of discipleship, which involve far more than keeping the Commandments, but requires us to detach ourselves from worldly possessions and give our lives in service to others. The rich man is not the only one who finds this hard to accept. But, as Jesus points out, for God, 'all things are possible'. We are all on our 'way', on a journey where we are challenged to shed the old ways and make way for the new.

We might not be people of 'great wealth' like the man in today's Gospel, although those of us who have a roof over our head, enough to eat and some spare change are richer than 75 per cent of the world's population. Most of us accumulate an abundance of belongings over a lifetime. We can cling to possessions, our image, the outward trappings of success, the approval of others. If all the externals were stripped away, what would be left? The momentous challenge that Jesus puts in front of us is to let go of the 'baggage' of our lives, in order to give ourselves space to grow and change, and to love without fear.

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'When we are travelling light, the divine light we carry within us is free to travel as well. *Daniel O'Leary*

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's Talbotstown Sat/Sun, 12th & 13th October, 2024	St. Patrick's Rathvilly 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Assumption Tynock 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 12th & 13th October

Pamela Kenny, Dublin – 1st Anniversary

Peter Ralph, Delacy Abbey

Frankie Dowling, Knocklishen

Jane Kelly 504 Carrigeen

Harry & Mary Byrne, Slaney View

Harry Jnr. & James Byrne, Slaney View

Maureen Quinn nee Byrne, Slaney View

Sat/Sun, 19th & 20th October

LV Conway, Straboe – 1st Anniversary

Elizabeth & James Kelly, Mount Neill

Thomas Donovan, Rathdangan

Frank Fitzpatrick, Mount Kelly

Betty Scott, Ballybit

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday – Mass at 9.30 a.m. **Wednesday – Mass at 9 a.m.**

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

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Saturday, 12th October – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Breedh Murphy.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 20th October – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Fiona Kane.

RORARY FOR OCTOBER – each Tuesday at 7.00 p.m. in Tynock Church.

SACRAMENTS 2025

Special Mass for children preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation takes place on Mission Sunday, 20th October.

First Holy Communion – Tynock Church at 9.30 a.m. Rathvilly Church at 11 a.m.

Confirmation – Rathvilly Church at 11 a.m.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 20th October

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father's Annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries

TRAINING FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 9 November from 10 am – 4 pm. in the Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow.

The day will be led by Fr Tom O'Byrne with Julie Kavanagh. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to become a Minister of Holy Communion.

PINS TO PIONEERS - A presentation of Pins to Pioneers will take place on **Saturday, 19th October** at 7.30 p.m. Mass.

SALE OF FORMER CURATE'S RESIDENCE

As people of the parish know, a few years have passed now since there was an active second priest in Rathvilly Kiltegan Parish. The result is that the Kiltegan house was left vacant. As the one responsible for the parish property, a course of action regarding the house was needed. Bishop Nulty advised a sale; the diocesan consultors (a committee including the Bishop) thought the correct course of action was to offer the house for sale. Informal conversation with parishioners also agreed. The overheads of the house had to be continually paid by the parish (insurance, heating and security). Work to prepare for the sale has been done (a considerable amount with solicitor, BER assessor, valuers, the Bishop's Office etc). An auctioneer has been appointed, Sherry Fitzgerald McDermott, and the house is currently on the market. I want to thank everyone who has been of help over the past while. I am grateful that the people of the parish understand that arrangements have to be altered to manage the whole parish with a single priest. In this regard, we are similar to other surrounding parishes.

The next phase will involve more lay involvement in the pastoral work of each parish. New initiatives and training will be offered by the diocese. Watch for other notices. Fr John McEvoy

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 5th & 6th October

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

Rathvilly: Offertory € 352.82

Envelopes €520.35

Kiltegan: Offertory €110.85

Envelopes €294.50

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

Results from 9th October, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €17,000

Numbers: 06-11-14-17. 27 Match 3 numbers and get €38 each.

Two local match three winners this week.

Winner – Sean Leonard. Promoter – Post Office.

Winner - Peter Pender. Promoter – Post Office.

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

On **Wednesday, 16th October the Jackpot is €18,000.** Tickets €2.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Hacketstown SES is holding its AGM on Tues 29th Oct at 7 p.m. in St John's Caring Centre, Hacketstown. All are welcome.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 7-12-17-20

H. Germaine, Parkmore, Baltinglass 7-12-20-24 Breda Kehoe

Eoin Curran, Father Cullen Terrace 4-7-12-20 Martin Curran

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Brian Curran, Woodgrove Avenue

Next draw 15th.Oct. 2024 Jackpot €20,000. Thank you for all your support.

CLOTHING SWAP SHOP EVENT IN CARLOW TOWN

Carlow College on Thursday, 17th October 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

KANDLE IS CALLING

Bishop Denis Nulty Announces New Lay Pastoral Minister Training Programme in Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin

The Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, under the leadership of Bishop Denis Nulty, is inviting people with the courage to step forward and answer an important call to service. A new training programme has been developed to equip laypeople with the essential skills they need to serve as Lay Pastoral Ministers within parishes and pastoral areas. The Lay Pastoral Ministers (Diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Level 7) programme aims to nurture and develop the talents of lay leaders, preparing them to undertake significant roles within their parishes and pastoral areas. "The role of laypeople in our Church is crucial to ensure we invigorate faith in our communities. This is an exciting and important opportunity for people who want to explore their faith on a deeper level and be part of the future of our Church."

Members of the public are being invited to a series of information meetings across the diocese to find out more about the Diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Level 7. These meetings will offer an opportunity to anybody who is curious to learn more about the course, its objectives, and the benefits it offers to participants and their communities.

Information Sessions take place on Monday, 4th November: Mount Wolseley, Tullow and Thursday, 7th November: Dolmen Hotel, Carlow

All meetings will commence at 7.30 pm, with tea and coffee available from 7.15pm

Further information from Patrick Roche, Diocesan Director of Parish Development, Ph 083/8305681; email parishdevelopment@kandle.ie.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 5-11-12-16

Eamon Kelly Lucan 1-5-11-12 On Line winner

Mary Lennon Knocklishen 5-11-16-20 On Line winner

Bernie Dunne Roscommon 5-6-11-12 Bernie Dunne

Next draw 15 Oct. 2024 **Jackpot €10,100**

ST MARY'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

PARISH SALE in D'Israeli School, Bough on Saturday, 26th October at 2 p.m.

Bric-a-brac, Cakes and home bakes, Preserves, Plants and Books.

Raffle & Teas with treats served on the day.

CLIMATE ACTION CONVERSATION

A Climate Action conversation for the Over 60's takes place on Thursday 17th October, in Askea Parish Community Centre at 11am.

For information contact environment@carlowcoco.ie or phone 059- 9136231

RATHMORE NS

Enrolment for new pupils into Junior Infants in Rathmore NS will open on 25th October 2024 and be accepted until 15th November 2024. The Admissions Notice, Enrolment Policy and Application Forms are available from the school website (<https://rathmorens.webador.ie>) or by contacting the school office on 0599161375 or rathmorens.ias@gmail.com