

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne
Mark 9:30-37 Leaning into the mystery

The central story of Mark's Gospel is framed by two stories about healing of blind people, and today we hear the second one. In contrast with the disciples, who often suffer from spiritual blindness. Bartimaeus sees clearly. In addition to the gift of physical sight that he receives, he 'sees' clearly after his healing when he courageously calls out to Jesus, and he 'sees' clearly after his healing when he follows Jesus 'on the way'. As always in Mark, this denotes more than physical following and is a term used to describe the path of discipleship. In this story, the other characters are blind to both Bartimaeus and Jesus, pushing Bartimaeus to the back of the crowd, and failing to understand Jesus' mission to reach out to the vulnerable and marginalised. This story continues the trend in Mark of confessions of faith coming from unexpected people.

In this short story, Bartimaeus is presented as a model of faith. To be a true disciple one must overcome blindness – and we start by recognising our own blindness. "Somebody has 'gotten it'. But to 'get it', to understand, is precisely to confess one's blindness and say, 'My teacher, let me see again'". Can we recognise our blind spots, the people or situations we ignore or push to the back of our minds because they are uncomfortable or distressing to deal with? On our faith journey, sometimes we see things clearly, and sometimes we are blind to the bigger picture. Dark clouds can come down, perhaps we are struggling, we can stray off the path. Jesus walks with us on the rocky path of discipleship, inviting us always to see more clearly.

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"I think there is more going on than we can see or understand, and we need to find a way to lean into the mystery of things – the impossibility of things – and recognise the evident value in doing that, and summon the courage it requires to not always shrink back into the known mind. – *Nick Cave*

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's Talbotstown Sat/Sun, 26th & 27th October, 2024
St. Patrick's Rathvilly
The Assumption Tynock 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recent Death: Aaron McNamara, Barraderry, Kiltegan

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 26th & 27th October

Anne Hanks, Slaney Bank – 1 st Anniversary	Mary Coady, St. Patrick's Park
Margaret Ready, Nurney	Martin Coady, St. Patrick's Park
Kathleen Kelly, Rathmore	Padraig Coady, St. Patrick's Park
Edward (Ned) Kelly, Rathmore	James Doyle, Haroldstown
James Meegan, Castleblayney	

Friday, 1st November - Anniversary Mass for Kevin Barry

Sat/Sun, 2nd & 3rd November

Marian Cassells, Knocklishen	Trish Ryan, Knockroe
Sheila O'Neill, Slaney View	Bridget Carroll, Rathvilly
Bridget & Michael Byrne, Knockroe	

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Tuesday & Wednesday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday – Vigil Mass for the Holy Day at 7.30 p.m.

Friday – Holy Day – Feast of All Saints – Mass at 11 a.m.

A Memorial Mass for Kevin Barry will take place in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly on Friday, 1st November at 11.00 a.m.

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

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 27th October – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Siobhan Doyle.

Friday, 1st November – Holy Day – Feast of All Saints – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 3rd November – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Nigel Byrne.

Rosary will be recited in Tynock Church on Tuesday evening at 7 pm.

IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER

All who have died in the Parish since last November will be remembered at Mass on Sunday, 3rd November – Tynock Church at 9.30 a.m. & Rathvilly Church at 11 a.m. A candle will be lighting on the Altar in memory of our loved ones.

PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR NOVEMBER –

Kiltegan Area Wednesday, 6th Nov 2-5 pm Rathvilly Area Friday, 8th Nov 3 – 5pm

ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD Names can be written on the sheets provided or in the “Altar List of the Dead” Book in the Church. November offerings go towards the support of our Clergy. There is a Large Cross placed in front of Our Lady’s Altar on which to light a candle for a loved one. Candles cost €1 each.

IN MEMORY OF OUR BEREAVED 9 Novena Masses for the Dead will be offered during the month of November.

1st November – All Saints. The ultimate object of veneration of the Saints is the glory of God and the sanctification of man by conforming one’s life fully to the divine will and by imitating the virtue of those who were pre-eminent disciples of the Lord.

2nd November – All Souls – Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.

Belief in the resurrection of the dead is an essential part of Christian revelation. It implies a particular understanding of the ineluctable mystery of death. Death is the end of earthly life, but not of our existence since the soul is immortal. Our lives are measured by time, in the course of which we change, grow old and, as with all living things on earth, death seems like the normal end of life. The death of a Christian is an event of grace, having a positive value and significance in Christ and through Christ.

Indulgences at the Commemoration of All Souls

Indulgences are the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven. The faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains the indulgence under prescribed conditions for either himself or the departed. Indulgences are granted through the ministry of the Church which, as the dispenser of the grace of redemption, distributes the treasury of the merits of Christ and the Saints.

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.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 19th & 20th October

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €402.45 Envelopes €756.10

Kiltegan: Offertory €108.15 Envelopes €161.70

Mission Sunday – Rathvilly €755.88 Kiltegan €338.42 – Thank you.

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

Results from 23rd October, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €19,000

Numbers: 08-23-25-26. 2 Match 3 numbers and get €500 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, 30th October** the **Jackpot is €20,000.** Tickets €2.

OLD PHOTOS EXHIBITION

The 4th exhibition of **Old Carlow Photos** will be held in the **Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow from Sat Nov 09th** (10am-6pm) and Sunday Nov 10th (11am-5pm). This exhibition will feature photographs supplied by the community from all over the county. More info Dermot 0876431386.

KANDLE IS CALLING

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. Information Sessions take place on Monday 4th November, Mount Wolseley, Tullow and Thursday 7th November, Dolmen Hotel, Carlow at 7.30 p.m. Further information from Ph 083/8305681; email parishdevelopment@kandle.ie.

RATHMORE NS

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

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

New members urgently needed to keep SVP Conference (which has only two members) going in Rathvilly. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 4-8-11-14

Carole McGrath, Rathvilly 4-8-10-14 Carole McGrath

Ann Marie Kavanagh 4-7-11-14 Online Winner

Marie O Rourke c/o Martin Curran 8-11-14-22 Martin Curran

Margaret Byrne 4-8-14-18 Online Winner

Promoter’s prize €20 was won by Rathvilly Post Office.

Next draw 29th Oct. 2024 Jackpot €20,000. Thank you for all your support

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 1-5-12-29

Match 3 win or share €150

Eamon Kelly Lucan 1-5-11-12 & Fiona Dunne Castledermot 1-5-26-29 On Line winners

Next draw 29 Oct. 2024 **Jackpot €10,300**

FREE FILM VIEWING

You are invited to see “Once Upon a Forest” film on Wed the 6th of Nov in the Visual, Carlow town at 7pm. This film is about a celebrated Swedish artist who when a climate related crisis strikes the forest where she lives and works, is forced into a new type of creativity in order to save the place that once upon a time saved her. Discussion about Irish forestry and climate related issues upstairs in the bar after the film. All welcome. FREE admission, but booking is necessary: <https://visualcarlow.ie/whats-on/film>

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.

Drugs & Mental Health Awareness in Sports Talk on October 30th at 7pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Panel is Davy Fitzgerald (Antrim Manager), Richie Power (Former Kilkenny Hurler), Bernard Horohan and Ray McKenna. MC is Brendan Hennessy. Admission is Free.