

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Mark 4:26-34 ‘The earth produces of itself

Mark chapter 4 is a collection of parables about the Kingdom of God, mostly using the image of a seed. Parables are more than just a story with a hidden meaning, they are the great wisdom teachings of Jesus. They demand an alertness from us, speaking to our hearts through what is said, and often through what is left unsaid. There is an irony in the parable of the mustard seed because the mustard seed does not grow into a magnificent tree, as we might assume. It is more like a shrub, growing to a height of 2–6 feet. People who heard Jesus telling the parable probably laughed at the analogy but may also have been concerned because this shrub is a hardy plant which germinates quickly. Once planted, it can lie dormant for years and then, out of nowhere, it becomes wild and out of control. It is known to attract unwanted birds. No lofty cedars of Lebanon here. Shane Claiborne compares it to kudzu, a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas, smother trees, even crack cement buildings. The shrub has been banned in certain areas of Palestine because of how it could upset the order of a ‘tide garden’.

The Kingdom of God, like the mustard tree, will grow in places where it is not wanted, sprout unexpectedly, one ‘does not know how’. Once it takes root, it is difficult to get rid of, interfering with our intentions and plans. We can try to tame it, try to make it fit a specific political or cultural message, but this Kingdom of God is going to seep through the cracks and require us to get close and personal with those we would rather ignore. Its ‘large branches’ will provide shelter for all. While the preceding parables talk about seed that does not grow, those who hear and read these parables can take comfort in knowing that despite the difficulties and failures, growth and harvest come. Despite our best efforts, ‘the earth produces of itself’. That doesn’t mean we sit back and do nothing, but Jesus knows that even the smallest of seeds can lead to great things.

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‘Did you hear about the rose that grew from a crack in the concrete? . . . Long live the rose that grew from the concrete when no one else even cared. – Tupac Shakur

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid’s Talbotstown Sat/Sun, 15th & 16th June, 2024	St. Patrick’s Rathvilly 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Assumption Tynock 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 15th & 16th June

Jeremiah & Mary Clarke, Knockboy	Maura & Liam Dunne, Rathmore
Derek, Joey & Billy Faulkner, Bough	Martin Dunne, Rathmore
Michael & Kathleen Byrne, Barnhill	Eamonn Dunne, Tankardstown

Sat/Sun, 22nd & 23rd June

Funeral Mass for Mary Moore Corr nee Byrne, Oxford & formerly Williamstown on Saturday, 22nd June at 12 Noon with burial of Ashes after Mass.

Months Mind Mass: Terry Allen, Collins Park on Sunday, 23rd June at 11 a.m.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Bridget Keegan, Ballyoliver	Pauline (Penny) Kearns, Rathvilly
Noel Lyttle & deceased family members	Bob & Kay Allen, Collinstown, Westmeath
Margaret Meegan, Castleblayney	Bud & Tom Mills, formerly Tullowland
Rosie Corcoran, Rathvilly	

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

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

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 16th June – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Fiona Kane.

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Saturday, 22nd June – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Conor O’Leary.

ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

The Rosary will continue in Tynock Church on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. for the month of June – the month of the Sacred Heart.

MISSION APPEAL Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers)

Fr. Diarmuid Sheehan will celebrate the two Masses in Rathvilly this weekend and will preach at Mass on Sunday in Tynock. Envelopes will be available on the seats in the Churches in support of their work. Please support the missions.

‘Day for Life’: 16th June

a dedicated day celebrating the beauty and dignity of all human life

Day for Life Sunday is celebrated annually with a special message by the Catholic Church across Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day specifically dedicated to raising awareness and reflecting on the deep value and meaning of human life at every stage, and in every condition. On Sunday 16 June, the Church will mark Day for Life 2024 with a message on the theme: *The Lord is my shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the End of Life*.

This year’s message reminds us that Jesus did not send the sick away, rather He showed that life always has dignity and that there is no such a thing as a useless life. Catholics are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. In this way, we are encouraged to support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love.

This message also includes a brief human-interest story about a young man named Matt, and the experience of a priest who ministered to Matt and his loved ones in his final months and days. This grace-filled time proved to be a period of intense compassion and profound dignity, as well as faith enriching experience of love and generosity for all concerned.

PARISH CEMETERY MASSES

Tinneclash Cemetery – Sunday, 14th July at 7.00 p.m.

Rathvilly Cemetery – Sunday, 4th August at 11.00 a.m.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 8th & 9th June

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €254.12

Envelopes €317.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €105.60

Envelopes €198.10

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

Results for 12th June, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €20,000.

Numbers: 04 – 18 – 22 – 26. 15 Match 3 numbers and get €67.00 each.

One local match three winners this week.

Winner – The Brady Bunch. Promoter – Breda Reilly.

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

On **Wednesday, 19th June** the **Jackpot is €20,000**. Tickets €2.

Thank you to all our parishioners who support the Lotto.

Tickets available in Centra, Post Office, Parish Office and lotto promoters.

Graigucullen Bingo Tuesday 18th June - St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 45 numbers €1350 Double number €1440 Lotto €1450.

RATHVILLY POST OFFICE: Significant change

As you are aware the Post Office in its present location will cease on Friday, 28th June and when it reopens it will be in its new location in Centra Shop, Rathvilly. We are thrilled that Rathvilly will have Post Office Services.

To mark this event we would like to make a presentation to Mick & Mary Kehoe who have overseen the Post Office for many years and to mark this change.

Anyone who would like to be associated with this presentation can leave a donation in the Parish Office before Wednesday, 26th June or at the Masses next weekend.

Mark envelope Post Office Presentation.

RATHMORE NS – DISCO

80's & 90's Disco in Molloy's Bar on Friday 28th June, fancy dress optional, tickets €10 available on the door or from Rathmore National School - rathmorens.ias@gmail.com or phone 059-9161375. All proceeds to Rathmore NS.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto results. No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 7 – 8 – 12 – 21

Match 3 win or share €150

Ann Rooney Rathoe 8 – 12 – 19 – 2. On line winner

Next draw 18 June 2024 Jackpot €8,400

RATHVILLY PARKS TENNIS CAMP

2hr/day Cost €45 Date: 8th-12th July 5 - 15 yrs start 2.30pm

All equipment provided Register on www.carlowtennis.ie

Contact: Helen Chalton 0861675663

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 4 - 9 - 12 - 24

Tommy Kirwan, Woodlands, Castledermot 4-12-18-24 Online Winner

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

Next draw 18th. June 2024 **Jackpot €20,000**. Thank you for all your support

RALLY FOR LIFE 2024

Ireland's largest annual pro-life march takes place Saturday, 6th July 2024 at 1.30 p.m, Parnell Square, Dublin. Contact 01 8730465 to book a seat on a rally bus from your area. See www.rallyforlife.net and www.thelifeinstitute.net/rally2024

DUFFY’S COACH HIRE

Tour to Killarney on Sunday, 28th July for 4 nights

Tour to Westport on Sunday, 18th August for 4 nights

Tour to Scotland on Sunday, 27th October for 4 nights

For details please contact 087 2543235 or 059 6471681

ALL-IRELAND POLLINATOR PLAN FOR JUNE

Local communities can lead the way in creating an Ireland where pollinators can thrive. Our Bees and other pollinating insects are in trouble.

Download the set of pollinator friendly garden guidelines www.pollinators.ie