

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Mark 5:21-43 Taking her hand

It's every parents' worst nightmare, their child sick, dying, in desperate need of help. A parent will do anything in that situation; they will make any sacrifice, explore treatment options, look for help and advice wherever they can. When Jarius comes to find Jesus, we sense his desperation; he falls at Jesus' feet and pleads with him to heal his daughter. He believes (rightly) that if Jesus lays his hands on her, her health will be restored, and her life saved.

In the middle of this story, Mark the storyteller takes a detour to bring us the story of another desperate person, a woman suffering from a haemorrhage. As the crowds press around Jesus, she tells herself that even a touch of his garment will be sufficient – and so it is; with the slightest touch, she is healed. The woman's experience of healing offers a clue as to what the outcome will be for Jairus's daughter. She is thought to be dead by the time Jesus arrives but again, with a mere touch – this time Jesus takes her hand – she is restored. With tenderness, Jesus addresses the woman as 'My daughter' and the young girl as *Talitha*, Aramaic for 'little girl'.

Early in 2023, earthquakes brought devastation to parts of Turkey and Syria, leaving over 50,000 people dead and many more missing. One photo from the aftermath showed a Turkish father, Mesut Hançer, sitting in the rubble, holding the hand of his fifteen-year-old daughter, Irmak. Irmak had died in the earthquake and was lying in her bed buried beneath the concrete and bricks that had been their home. Only her hand was visible, and her distraught father clings tightly to it. How many of us have sat and held the hand of a sick loved one, bound together in love even as hope fades or life slips away? Today's Gospel places Jesus in situations of distress, tragedy, even death. We see his response to the pleas of those who are suffering, his impulse to reach out with tenderness to touch, comfort, heal and restore. God who reaches out in compassion through the hands of Jesus reaches out to us, and through us.

© Triona Doherty & Jane Mellet, 2023. *The Deep End: A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Mark*. (Dublin: Messenger Publications 2023)

'Sometimes, reaching out and taking someone's hand is the beginning of a journey. At other times, it is allowing another to take yours. – *Vera Nazarian*

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, Rathvilly/Kiltegan - 083 1494412

Parish Office – Mon-Fri: 10 am – 1 pm - 059 9161114

Email: office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie Website: www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie

Registered Charity Number 20015848

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie Parish Radio 104.3 fm

Local Safeguarding Reps: Mary Phelan Elizabeth Austin David Carton

Diocesan Director of Safeguarding: Ms Ailish Higgins Email: safeguarding@kandle.ie

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's Talbotstown Sat/Sun, 29th & 30th June, 2024 **St. Patrick's Rathvilly 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time** **The Assumption Tynock**

Recent Deaths: Sean Murphy, Killalesh Peg McGrath, Broughillstown
Thomas Colgan, Rathdaniel

Months Mind Mass: Kathleen Deery, Collins Park this Sunday, 30th June at 11 a.m.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 29th & 30th June

Elizabeth Deering, Ballybit Denis Connors, Coole
Anne Kinsella, Tankardstown, Baltinglass Martin Mullin, Rathdangan
Jim Haberlin, Ballybit Big Sean Mullin, London & formerly Rathdangan
Mary & Peter Doyle, The Moate & deceased family members

Sat/Sun, 6th & 7th July

Peter Byrne, Knocklishen – 1st Anniversary
Cicely Hanford, Ballyoliver
Eamon Byrne, 16 Collins Park
Mary Doyle, Lisnavagh

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Wednesday – Mass at 7.30 p.m.

Thursday & Friday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

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

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 30th June – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Lucilla Brophy.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 7th July – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Joe O'Brien.

Months Mind Mass for Mary Byrne, Killalesh.

PARISH CEMETERY MASSES

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

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

PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR JULY

Kiltegan Area on Wednesday, 3rd July 2 – 5 p.m.

Rathvilly Area on Friday, 5th July 2 – 5 p.m.

PETERS PENCE COLLECTION – 29/30th June

The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are to support a range of charities which bring aid and comfort to the poor, children, families, the elderly, the marginalised, victims of war and natural disasters, refugees and migrants and to support the Pope.

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

Results for 26th June, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €20,000.

Numbers: 07 – 11 – 12 – 14. 29 Match 3 numbers and get €35.00 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, 3rd July 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.

THANK YOU

On behalf of Rathvilly Kiltegan Parish we would like to congratulate Mick and Mary Kehoe on their retirement from Rathvilly Post Office. We would also like to thank them for their 30 years plus dedicated service to the people and community of Rathvilly. We wish them many enjoyable years of retirement together.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Takes place this year on the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Sunday 28th July. Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Papal Nuncio of Ireland will lead the pilgrimage. Anointing of the sick takes place at 2.30pm in the Basilica followed by Mass and a Rosary Procession. All are welcome to attend.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 6-9-19-25

Match 3 win or share €150

Pat Doyle Slaney Bank 2-6-9-19

Helen Deering

Byrne Family Hacketstown 6-7-9-19

Helen Deering

James Brennan Ballyoliver 6-9-19-28

Eithne Brennan

Next draw 2 July 2024 **Jackpot €8,600**

Drive in Bingo continues every Monday night at 8pm sharp, gates open at 6.30pm.

Thank you for your continued support.

RATHVILLY PARKS TENNIS CAMP

Places still available - 2hr/day Cost €45 Date: 8th-12th July 5 - 15 years start 2.30pm All equipment provided Register on www.carlowtennis.ie

Contact: Helen Chalton 0861675663

ST. MARYS CHURCH, RATHVILLY

TRACTOR RUN – Sunday, 14th July at 2.00 p.m. at Bough Old School in aid of St Mary's Church, Rathvilly & The Lalor Centre, Baltinglass.

PROVIDING COMPASSIONATE CARE AT THE END OF LIFE

To address the sensitive issue of compassionate care at the end of life, and in response to the need to inform the faithful of Catholic teaching on this important life issue that affects so many families, the Bishops of Ireland have published the pastoral letter: *Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes*. You are invited to read this letter and view the accompanying video *Through the Valley*, which offers personal testimonies by carers and people with terminal illness. The key message of both letter and video asserts that every person possesses inherent, infinite dignity that remains intact regardless of their circumstances. In this context, bishops strongly oppose the Oireachtas Committee's proposal to Government to legislate for assisted suicide, and call on support for healthcare workers who uphold the sanctity of life.

To read *Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes* and to watch *Through the Valley*, visit the following link:

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2024/06/24/bishops-statement-on-end-of-life-care-freedom-to-live-fully-until-death-comes/>

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 4 – 14 – 22 – 27

John Plant, Parkmore. Baltinglass 4-19-22-27

Breda Keogh

Gabriel Deering, Patrickswell, Rathvilly 11-14-22-27

Gabriel Deering

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Laura Kavanagh.

Next draw 2nd. July 2024 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support.

Officers elected at the club's 45th. AGM on June 24th. 2024: Chairman - Peter Kehoe; Assistant Chairman - Anthony Byrne; Secretary - Karen Kelly; Assistant Secretary - Daniel Curran; Treasurer - Gabriel Deering; Assistant Treasurer - David Kelly; PRO: Danny Curran; Child Welfare Officer - Amanda McCabe.

Field Committee: Anthony Byrne; Christy Connors; Dylan Connors; David Kelly; Peter Kehoe; Gabriel Deering; Stephen Darcy; Martin Timmons.

Fundraising Committee: Tanya Darcy; Jenny Donegan; Amanda McCabe; Elaine O'Brien, Marie Sibbald and David Kelly.

RALLY FOR LIFE 2024

Ireland's largest annual pro-life march takes place Saturday, 6th July 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 for more information.

CAN YOU EXPLAIN YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?

Have you an adult understanding of the reasons for belief?

Come to Prosperous parish centre next September where we study and discuss the Catechism in easy stages week by week.

Study sessions are on – Monday evenings 8.00pm – 9.30 pm/ Thursday mornings 10.30 am – 12.30 am.

For Mondays, phone Alice: 087 6505803/For Thursdays, phone Brid: 045 860170