

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Mark 12:28-34 Love without borders

The central question of today's Gospel, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' is the third in a series of four questions directed at Jesus. Jesus responds in the Temple, with direct quotes from the Torah, placing him as an authoritative teacher of Scripture. There is no conflict here between Jesus and the scribe who poses the question; Mark's Jesus is calling for his followers to live up to the Torah ideals of care for all, particularly the poor, oppressed and vulnerable. Love of God, manifested in care of neighbour, is central to the Gospel.

To 'love one's neighbour as oneself' can be extremely challenging, especially when we find our 'neighbour' difficult to get along with. What if the person we are called to love is our 'enemy', who belongs to a different community or tradition, or whose viewpoint is at odds with our own? Yet experience tells us that even the most entrenched conflicts can be resolved through respectful dialogue. More than twenty-five years ago, on 10 April 1998, the Good Friday Agreement was signed, marking the end of thirty years of violence in Northern Ireland, a conflict that claimed more than 3,600 lives. It was the culmination of years of negotiation and relationship-building at many levels, not just the political. Building peace is a slow and complex process, but it begins with respecting the dignity of our neighbours, no matter the difference between us. The late Fr Gerry Reynolds, who was instrumental in the peace ministry and ground-breaking talks during this time, often spoke of the importance of friendship in opening hearts to mutual understanding: "We witness to a God who is with us in every human face – a God who sets no bounds to his love and compels us to set none on ours." Jesus calls us to love, not suspicion, to openness and not hardness of heart. We are to create a new community where enemies become friends, everyone is our neighbour, and everyone's needs are provided for. © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellet, 2023. *The Deep End: A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Mark*. (Dublin: Messenger Publications 2023).

'Dialogue is a new name for faith in the spirit of God present in every person; it is a new name for the patient hope that sustains us in the long haul; it is the new name for love of one's neighbour – and indeed of one's enemy. – Fr Gerry Reynolds

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

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| St. Brigid's Talbotstown Sat/Sun, 2nd & 3rd November, 2024 | St. Patrick's Rathvilly 24th & 25th November, 2024 | The Assumption Tynock 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time |
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ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 2nd & 3rd November

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

Sat/Sun, 9th & 10th November

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| Eamon Dunne, Tankardstown | Maureen Byrne, 16 Ballyoliver |
| Doyle Family, Bigstone | Mary Kelly, Haroldstown |
| Tom Doyle, Rathdaniel & Morning Star | Attracta Doyle, Raheendaw |

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

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

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 3rd November – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Nigel Byrne.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 10th November – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Mary Kelly.

IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER

All who have died in the Parish since last November will be remembered at Mass this Sunday, 3rd Nov. – 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 November 2-5 pm

Rathvilly Area Friday, 8th November 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 Novena Masses for the Dead will be offered each Monday & Friday at 9.30 a.m. for the month of November.

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 – 26th & 27th October

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €301.81

Envelopes €321.25

Kiltegan: Offertory €48.70

Envelopes €123.00

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

Results from 30th October, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €20,000

Numbers: 10-20-22-28. 16 Match 3 numbers and get €63 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, 6th November the Jackpot is €20,000.** Tickets €2.

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.

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. All welcome. FREE admission, but booking is necessary: <https://visualcarlow.ie/whats-on/film>

PIONEER PLEDGE FOR THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Contact the Pioneers on 01 805 4226 or via www.pioneers.ie/pray "Dilexit nos - He loved us" - Encyclical of Pope Francis. Prayers and Reflections based on "the Human and the Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ" are available on www.pioneers.ie

SYNODALITY: PATH AND PRACTICES ONLINE COURSE 2024

The online course will be delivered via Zoom from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm over 6 nights (6th, 13th, 20th, 27th November and 4th, 11th December). Speakers include:

Bishop Brendan Leahy, Bishop Michael Router, Julie Ann Moran, Dr Anne Codd, Dr Oonagh O'Brien and Bishop Patricia Storey. Enquiries: The Secretary 057 8626153 Email: secretary@mountstannes.com For all our courses see www.mountstannes.com.

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

AFTERNOON TEA

Kiltegan Hall Committee are having Afternoon Tea on Sunday 10th November 2024 from 3.00pm – 6.00pm in St. Tegan's Hall, €5 per person come along & join us for a cup of tea & a chat, all are welcome.

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 4-10-11-25

Bridget Pendergast, Baltinglass 10-11-15-25

Breda Keogh

Josie Sheehan, Knockanna 4-5-10-11

Anthony Byrne

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Declan Clarke, Waterstown

Next draw 5th Nov. 2024 Jackpot €20,000. Thank you for all your support

U12's Emphatic Win To Progress In The SFAI National Cup

Slaney U12's hosting East End Utd.(Kilkenny), got off to a great start and were two up after only two minutes, following fine strikes from Charlie O'Donoghue and Harry Keogh. The lads were relentless and three more goals arrived shortly afterwards a long-range strike from Charlie O'Donoghue; a brilliant solo goal from Odhran Nolan and a cool finish from Jack Murphy. East End came into it midway through the half and scored twice which left it 5-2 at half time. After the break, a super strike from Jack Murphy and a fine finish from Charlie for his hat-trick, secured an emphatic win and progress to the next round of the SFAI National Cup.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 1-3-17-25

Match 3 win or share €150

Kate Murphy Slaney Bank 3-12-17-25

On Line winner

Next draw 5 Nov. 2024. **Jackpot €10,400** Thank you for your continued support.

AN EVENING WITH JOHN LONERGAN

Renowned Public Speaker and former Governor of Mountjoy, John Lonergan, will be in Lawlor's Bar Function Room on Monday, 4th of November at 8p.m. sharp, for a discussion on Building and Sustaining a Community. This event is in association with The Rathvilly Schoolhouse Committee with donations accepted on the door towards the refurbishment of the Community Centre. Please join us for what is sure to be an enjoyable and informative evening. Free door prize and light refreshments included.

RAMBLING EVENING

Lawlors Bar-Function Room on Sunday, 17th November at 6.00 p.m. Join us for an evening of nostalgia, stories & music. All welcome. Topics for the evening include Railways, Showbands & More. It's organised by 'Rathvilly Heritage Group'. Enquiries to rathvillyhig@gmail.com

ST WILLIBRORD BIENNIAL LECTURE 2024

On Thursday November 7th, the 4th St Willibrord Biennial Lecture will take place in St Laserian's Cathedral, Old Leighlin, starting 7pm. All welcome. Admission free.