

Feast of Christ the King Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

John 18:33-37 The Dream of God

Physicists tell us that everything in our universe had its roots in that originating moment of creation, that great Flaring Forth, even you and I! Yet 'each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary.' Each of us plays a part in being a co-creator in God's Dream for this world, what Jesus heralds as the 'Kingdom of God'.

At baptism, Christians are anointed as 'priest, prophet and king' and therefore share in this kingship that Pilate is wondering about today. Throughout his life and ministry, Jesus has led by example, showing that the reign of God on earth is built on love, service, justice, reconciliation and peace. It involves a restoration for those crushed by society and a turning of expectations on their heads; a Kingdom where 'the last shall be first'. One of the most radical things we can do is surrender to this Dream of God. but it does not come without cost. This is what Jesus did, this is what his followers did, this is what Christians are called to do, through awakening to this greater cosmic plan. It is not simple but requires discernment and a constant letting go of the 'kingdoms' of this world. Nor is it a deluded fantasy; 'it requires every bit of our freedom to choose, every piece of a courageous commitment to the work that bring it forth. We dream of it not because it is impossibly far away but because it is within us.'

We know that the story doesn't end here, for Jesus or for us. May we live out our call to 'testify to the truth' in our words and actions, through our encounters with all those we meet. On this Feast of Christ the King we celebrate a type of kinship that is a display of love. 'What counts is people. Jesus' interpretive key is compassion and justice not holiness and purity. Love is at the heart of the Reign of God.'

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'Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, my entire will, everything I have and call my own. You gave me every gift, and to you I return them. Use each one entirely according to your will. Give me only your love, and the grace, and that is enough for me.
— *St Ignatius Loyola*

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's Talbotstown Sat/Sun, 23rd & 24th November, 2024
St. Patrick's Rathvilly
The Assumption Tynock Feast of Christ the King

Sat/Sun, 23rd & 24th November

Months Mind Mass: Garda Aaron McNamara, Barraderry this Sat. 23rd November

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Mary McGrath, Oldtown – 1st Anniversary

Mylie & Alice Carson, Raheendaw

Anne Moore, Williamstown

Michael Curry, Ballybit

Michael Loughnane, Dublin

Ciaran Dunne, Rathmore

Elizabeth & James Joyce, Knockavagh and deceased family members

Sat/Sun, 30th Nov & 1st December

Months Mind Mass: Betty Farrell, Maynooth on Saturday, 30th November

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Seamus Williams, Coolmanagh

Michael & Elizabeth Deering, Ballybit

Christina & Matthew Hanly, Williamstown

Matt & Rita Hanly, Dublin

John Colgan, Rathdaniel

Cora Cullen, Knockavagh

Liam McCarney, Monaghan

Kathleen Keegan, Ballyoliver

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

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.

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

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 24th November – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Breedh Murphy.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 1st December – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Muireann Gartland.

EUCMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

A Prayer Service Commemorating Victims of Domestic Violence and all Violence against Women and Children takes place on Wednesday, 27th November in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly at 7.30 p.m.

Rathvilly/Kiltegan Parish INVITATION

Calling all lay people to become involved in working together to build our Parish Redevelopment Group. The group will work to shape the future of our Parish. This is an exciting opportunity to contribute ideas, plan initiatives, and work together to enhance our parish facilities and programmes. If you are passionate about making a difference and improving our shared space, we'd love to have you. Everyone has talents and skills and we invite you to be brave and step forward and come along to:

An open meeting to have a conversation on Tuesday 3rd December in Rathvilly Parish Meeting Room at 7.30 p.m. (R93 DR53)

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 16th & 17th November

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections.
Rathvilly: Offertory € 485.18 Envelopes €425.85
Kiltegan: Offertory €112.37 Envelopes €170.00

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

Results from 20th November, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €20,000
Numbers: 08-20-23-29. 13 Match 3 numbers and get €77 each.
One local match three winner this week.
Winner – Jean & Rody McEvoy. Promoter – Fr. John McEvoy.
The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.
On **Wednesday, 27th November the Jackpot is €20,000.** Tickets €2.
Thank you to all our parishioners for supporting the Lotto.
Tickets available in the Post Office, Parish Office, Lotto promoters and also in Rathvilly, Tynock & Talbotstown Churches after Mass in the Sacristy.

RATHVILLY SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL New members urgently needed.
Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

THE SCHOOLHOUSE COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE CENTRE

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – St Patrick's Church, Rathvilly
Starring the Celtic Brothers on Sunday, 8th December at 7.00 p.m.
Tickets €30 available from Lawlor's Bar, Brennan's Centra, The Green Lemon.

RATHVILLY HERITAGE INTEREST GROUP

We wish to Thank all involved in hosting the Rathvilly Rambling night in Lawlor's on 17th Nov '24. It was a wonderful evening of music, songs, storytelling and poetry. Also thanks to Creative Ireland and Carlow County Council for funding towards the event.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 8 - 16 - 19 – 21
Michael Conroy Online Winner 4-16-19-21
Promoter's prize €20 was Kevin Byrne, Woodgrove Avenue, Rathvilly
Next draw 26th. Nov. 2024 Jackpot €20,000. Thank you for all your support

TALBOTSTOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Our Annual Christmas Craft Fair & Raffle will take place in Germaine's, Baltinglass on Sunday 1st December from 10.30am - 5.30pm.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 1-4-6-12.
Match 3 win or share €150
Tom Kavanagh Mountkelly 4-6-12-19 On Line winner
Carmel Doyle Knockavagh 1-6-12-19 On Line winner
Louise Faulkner Rathvilly 1-4-12-15 Post Office
Next draw 26 Nov. 2024 **Jackpot €10,700**

ARDATTIN NS FUNDRAISER

Michael English and his Band in concert on December 1st in Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Tullow. Tickets €30 available from Tullow & Castledermot Parish Centre or on www.eventbrite.com all proceeds to Ardattin NS development fund.

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS RETREAT

Morning of prayer and reflection on the deeper meaning of Christmas at Teach Bhride, Tullow on Saturday, Decembe^{7th}--beginning at 10:00a.m. and finishing with lunch at 1:00p.m. Facilitators: Brigidine Sisters—Sr. Teresa Phelan and Sr. Teresa Carter. 15.00 fee. **R.S.V.P. by calling 0899705761 or 0833928708 no later than Tuesday, December 3rd.**

BIGSTONE NS CHRISTMAS PLAY

Bigstone National School are looking forward to putting on their Christmas play 'It's a Cracker' in Bigstone Community Hall on Thursday 5th December at 7 pm. There will be calendars for sale that the students have produced themselves and also a raffle on the night. Everyone is welcome to come join us for a wonderful evening of music and song!

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO on Tuesday 26th Nov. St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 50 numbers €4470 Double number €3120 Lotto €1250.
Coming soon.....MONSTER Christmas Bingo - Sunday 15th December @ 3pm.

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. 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.

"Planet Soil" - Free Film Viewing in the Visual Carlow:

You are invited to see the "Planet Soil" film on Tues 3rd of Dec in the Visual, Carlow town at 7pm. This film showcases the secret world beneath our feet. Hear a powerful call to action with practical solutions to nurture and restore the soils. Short discussion about soil and soil related issues upstairs in the Visual bar after the film. Everyone is welcome. FREE admission, but booking is necessary:
<https://visualcarlow.ie/whats-on/film>