

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Mark 12:38-44 The Widow's Mite

In ancient Israel, a woman whose husband had died had no inheritances rights and was at the bottom rung of the economic ladder, alongside orphans, beggars and prisoners. Fully dependent on charity, widow's lives were full of struggle and impoverishment. To make a donation at the Temple treasury you approached one of the thirteen trumpet-shaped chests, each labelled for its different purpose – Temple taxes, offerings for sacrifices and so on. The coins, made of copper, would reverberate when tossed into the chests, no doubt drawing attention to the donation and the donor. Jesus is watching this spectacle.

A poor person who gives 'everything she had ... her whole life' despite her situation of poverty is certainly the more generous giver, but we should be cautious here. To say that Jesus holds the widow up as an example of true religious devotion would be to miss something. Jesus does not say 'go and do likewise' here because behind the widow's actions is the unjust system that encourages her to part with the little she has. Instead of romanticising the generosity of the poor, Jesus is inviting us to take a seat beside him and notice this widow, as he does. The religious institution that was meant to care for widows and orphans has become a place that takes everything from them. The Temple is a symbol of opposition to Jesus in Mark and in the verses following this passage, Jesus prophecies its destruction (Mark 13:2), an event that would take place in AD 70. This is Jesus' final teaching in the Temple, just days before his crucifixion. Just as the widow gives all, so too will Jesus give all at the hands of an oppressive regime. In many ways, this woman models Jesus. The widow has much to say to us. Of course we should have the heart of a giver, but let that not free us from the obligation to challenge the very systems that keep people trapped in poverty, that diminish the flourishing of life on earth. As we throw the coins down, may we also raise our voices for those who have no voice.

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'As Christians we must know that paradise must be reflected also on this earth ... where we feel we are truly brothers and sisters and where our relationships are more human, more equal, less oppressive and less miserable. – *St Oscar Romero, Good Friday 1978*

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

Sat/Sun, 9th & 10th November, 2024

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recent Death: Betty Farrell, Maynooth, mother of Carmel Kelly, Ricketstown

Months Mind Mass for Julia Byrne, Ricketstown this Saturday, 9th November

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 9th & 10th November

Christy Nolan, Ballyoliver & Kilkea – 1st Anniversary

Eamon Dunne, Tankardstown

Maureen Byrne, 16 Ballyoliver

Doyle Family, Bigstone

Mary Kelly, Haroldstown

Tom Doyle, Rathdaniel & Morning Star

Attracta Doyle, Raheendaw

Deceased members of the Connors Family, Rathdaniel Nonie Doyle, Bough – 2nd

Deceased members of the Byrne Family, Ricketstown

Sat/Sun, 16th & 17th November

Months Mind Mass for Jack Whyte, Garretstown on Saturday, 16th November

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Brigid Reilly, Collins Park – 1st Anniversary

Catherine O'Leary, Williamstown

Joseph Elliott, Monavothé

Liam McGrath, Knockroe

Pat Leonard, Rahill

Deceased members of the McGrath & Byrne families

Paddy Donegan, Collins Park and deceased family members

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

Tuesday, 12th November – Communion Service 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, 10th November – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Mary Kelly.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Saturday, 16th November – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Byrne Family.

CONFIRMATION – Special Mass this Sunday, 10th Nov. in Rathvilly Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Special Masses next weekend.

Saturday, 16th November in Tynock Church at 6 p.m.

Sunday, 17th November in Rathvilly Church at 11 a.m.

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.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 2nd & 3rd November

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

Rathvilly: Offertory € 404.34

Envelopes €583.45

Kiltegan: Offertory €190.42

Envelopes €512.95

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

Results from 6th November, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €20,000

Numbers: 05-15-22-27. 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, 13th 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.

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

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 1 -14 - 20 - 29

Con Cashen 12-14-20-29

Online Winner

Eireann Sibbald Nolan. Rathvilly 1-2-14-20

Post Office

Promoter’s prize €20 was won by Martin Curran, Fr. Cullen Terrace, Rathvilly.

Next draw 12th. Nov. 2024 Jackpot €20,000. Thank you for all your support

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto results: No Jackpot Winner. Numbers drawn 8-9-10-27. 5 Lucky dips.

Amanda Dempsey Bough

On Line winner

Aisling Maher Slaney Bank

On Line winner

John Smith Haroldstown

On Line winner

Kitty Kennedy Ballybit

Post Office

Anne Britton Knockavagh

Helen Deering

Next Draw 12 Nov. 2024 **Jackpot €10,500**

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.

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 Thanks to grant funding from Carlow County Council and Creative Ireland.

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS RETREAT

Morning of prayer and reflection on the deeper meaning of Christmas at Teach Bhríde, Tullow on Saturday, Decembe7th--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.**

Graiguecullen Monster Christmas Bingo in St. Fiacc's Hall, Graiguecullen.

Sunday 10th November @ 3pm. OVER €13,000 in prizemoney to be won.

Chocolates left and right of the winners & Great raffle prizes too.

Bingo as usual Tuesday 12th November.

FARMERS’ AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKSHOP

Mental Health Awareness Night, Thursday 21st November 2024 @ 8.30pm in Myshall Community Centre. All Welcome. Refreshments served. Further details: contact Lester Scott 087 2504322.

Job Vacancy at Mount St Anne’s Retreat Centre, Killenard, Portarlinton

Mount St Anne’s is looking for dynamic and experienced Operations Assistant to join our team at this busy Centre. For detailed job description, please email ceo@mountstannes.com or phone 057 8626153 for further details.

For information about the Centre visit our website: www.mountstannes.com, Mount St Anne’s is an equal opportunities employer. Closing date is November 25th 2024

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

RATHVILLY TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 2024

Adjudication Report – 2024 - 332 Marks 2023 – 327 Marks

An increase of 5 Marks this year. Copy of full report available in the Church.