

3rd Sunday of Advent Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Luke 3:10-18 Quiet joy

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist cautions against the temptations to get caught up in having more than we need. If you have enough, share it with others, he advises; do not charge more than your due, and be fair and honest in your dealings. His preaching leads people to question whether John himself might be the messiah, but John sets them straight. He is laying the groundwork for Jesus, preparing the way for his radical vision of a world where justice reigns. John's message is clear and practical, and every bit as relevant for us today as it was in his time. It is easy for us to forget what is truly important when we are caught up in the merry-go-round of consumerism that pervades our world at this time of year; we lose touch with the heart of the season. By way of contrast, we should remember that for many people this is also a time of great generosity, with the outpouring of support for charities collections, appeals for food and toys, and ethical gifts.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday, "Gaudete" means rejoice. It's an ideal time to recapture what Pope Francis refers to as "*quiet joy*" – the joy of God's love, of the blessings in our lives, of being able to share with others. It is a good time to take stock of how our Christmas preparations are going. If you are fortunate enough to have enough of everything, you might see a way to cut back on spending and donate some money or time to a favourite charity. If you are struggling with seasonal expenses, perhaps you might take a breather and consider reaching out for help. We pray that the Joy of the Gospel will fill our hearts as we continue our Advent journey. © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellet, 2021. *The Deep End: A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Mark.* (Dublin: Messenger Publications 2021).

"Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of [God's] love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades" - Pope Francis - Evangelii Gaudium: The Joy of the Gospel

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Flowers are welcome for the Church for Christmas before Friday, 20th Dec.

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown
Sat/Sun, 14th & 15th December, 2024**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock
Third Sunday of Advent**

Recent Death: Theresa Curran, Collins Park

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 14th & 15th December

Gerard Cullen, Dublin

Joe McGuirk, Ricketstown

Eamon Lawlor, Coole

Bill Gahan, 25 Collins Park

Paddy Donoghue, Kevin Barry Road

Months Mind Mass: Ann McNamara, Baltinglass next weekend, 21/22 December

Sat/Sun, 21st & 22nd December

Kevin Barry, Tombeagh – 1st Anniversary

Michael Mullin, Rathdangan

Patrick & Breda Molloy, Ricketstown & Rathvilly

Moya Mullin, Rathdangan

John Dunne, Carlow

Eileen & Denis Byrne, St. Patrick's Park & deceased members of the Byrne family

Fr Nicholas Cullen

Fr Edward Flood

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday – Mass at 9.30 a.m. **Friday – Mass at 9 a.m.**

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

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 15th December – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Fiona Kane.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Saturday, 21st December – Mass at 6.00 p.m. Reader: Mary Kelly, Feddan.

RATHVILLY SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL New members urgently needed.

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the recent SVP Collection. €1,228.60 was collected.

CHRISTMAS PENANCE SERVICE

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly on Thursday, 19th December at 7.30 p.m.

Baltinglass Church on Friday, 20th December at 7.30 p.m.

SACRAMENTS 2025

First Holy Communion & Confirmation Mass this Sunday, 15th December -

Tynock Church 9.30 a.m. for First Holy Communion children

Rathvilly Church 11 a.m. for First Holy Communion & Confirmation children.

CAROL SERVICE

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly on Sunday, 22nd December 6 p.m. All welcome.

Third Sunday of Advent

A Jubilee of JOY

Welcome to the celebration of the Third Sunday of Advent – a Sunday we call Rejoice Sunday as we move closer to the feast of Christmas. At this Mass we will light the third, pink candle on the wreath. The light of our faith grows ever more, reminding us that God's light overcomes all darkness. This Advent we pray that we will welcome into our lives the message of joy at the centre of our faith, a joy that brings us hope and calls us to trust in the Lord always.

Advent Joy - "Joy is not the same as happiness. We can be unhappy about many things, but joy can still be there because it comes from the knowledge of God's love for us... Joy is the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing — sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war or even death — can take that love away." Henri Nouwen

"The Christian identity card is joy, the Gospel's joy, the joy of having been chosen by Jesus, saved by Jesus, regenerated by Jesus; the joy of that hope that Jesus is waiting for us, the joy that - even with the crosses and sufferings we bear in this life - is expressed in another way, which is peace in the certainty that Jesus accompanies us, is with us." Pope Francis

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 7th & 8th December

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €265.13 Envelopes €284.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €85.50 Envelopes €210.10

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

Results from 11th December, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €20,000

Numbers: 01-02-25-28. 8 Match 3 numbers and get €125 each.

No local match three winner this week.

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

On **Wednesday, 18th December** 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.

SENIORLINE

Would you like someone to talk to over Christmas? SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm Freephone 1800 80 45 91. You may feel isolated, alone, bereaved or far from family. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support and refer to other helpful services if necessary. So don't be alone and lift the phone. Phone SeniorLine 1800 80 45 91, No problem too big or too small.

JUBILEE 2025

A JUBILEE – or Holy Year is marked every twenty-five years by the Universal Church as a time of dedicated prayer so as to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

The theme for the Jubilee Year is 'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'. This theme invites us to recognise the Christian hope that is at the centre of our faith, a hope we carry with us into every experience of our life. It also encourages each of us to be messengers of hope in our very troubled world.

The Jubilee Year 2025 opens in Rome on Christmas Eve, 24 December, with the opening of the HOLY DOOR in St Peter's Basilica by Pope Francis after the celebration of Mass in St Peter's Square. Further doors will open at the basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome and, perhaps, at a prison.

The opening of the Holy Year will be marked universally in a liturgy celebrated by the diocesan bishop on the following SUNDAY, 29 DECEMBER.

Mass takes place in Carlow Cathedral at 7.00 p.m. All are welcome.

A Jubilee Prayer and A HYMN has been composed for the year.

CAKE SALE

Junior Foroige Cake Sale and Fun Evening including Raffle in Bigstone Hall on Friday, 20th December 6.30 – 7.30 p.m. to raise funds to purchase new hoodies.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 2 - 9 - 21 – 25

Emma Barrett- Rathvilly 2-9-23-25 Online Winner

Ger and Laura Kavanagh, Rathvilly 2-9-12-25 Laura Kavanagh

Liz and Nuala, Rathvilly 2-3-9-25 Jenny Donegan

Yvonne Whyte, Rathvilly 2-9-16-25 Joe Curran

Joe Curran, Rathvilly 2-21-25-28 Joe Curran

Yvonne Foley, Rathvilly 2-8-9-21 Post Office

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

Next draw 17th. Dec. 2024 Jackpot €20,000. Thank you for all your support

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Numbers drawn 6-17-20-25

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Bernie Molloy Ricketstown On Line winner

Fiona Dunne Castledermot On Line winner

Brendan Flood London On Line winner

Martina Byrne Monavothe Post Office

Eithne Brennan Ballyoliver Eithne Brennan

Next draw 17 Dec. 2024 **Jackpot € 11,000**

Graiguecullen Monster Christmas Bingo Sunday 15th December @ 3pm.

Jackpot on 40 numbers €700 Double number €3330 Lotto €1400

Bingo as usual Tuesday 17th December.