

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Gospel: John 2:1-12 The Wedding at Cana

This Sunday we return to what the Church calls “Ordinary Time”, when we read the accounts of Jesus’ earthly ministry. There is nothing “ordinary” about this time, however, as it is during these weeks that we hear about all the *extra-ordinary* things that Jesus did during his earthly life. Today’s Gospel is one example. John calls this account a “*sign*” something that points us to a deeper reality. In the Jewish tradition, a wedding symbolised the Kingdom of God, and Jesus regularly use the image of a wedding feast to refer to God’s dream for the world.

At this particular wedding feast, we are told that Jesus provides an extraordinary amount of wine for the celebration: “There were six stone water jars . . . each holding twenty or thirty gallons”. This amounts to a minimum of 500 litres of wine or 600 bottles by today’s measure! Not only does Jesus produce this huge amount of wine, it is also the “*best*” wine at the wedding. Sounds like a great party! In our wedding, however, we might focus on the generosity of Jesus in the story, remembering that this wedding event is showing us something of who Jesus is, what the Kingdom of God is like and how God operates in our lives.

In this story, the stone jars involved hold the water used in purification rituals at the time. This story, then, is a significant reminder of how Jesus can transform anything, including that which has become stale, into something that brings joy and new life, inviting people to dance and celebrate. This event was “*the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him*”. As followers of Jesus, we too are called to be agents of generosity, celebration and transformation.

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“Transformation . . . begins with the people of God who start turning the things of death into things of life. And the kings and presidents and nations will follow”

- **Shane Claiborne**

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Sunday, 2nd February is The Presentation of the Lord – Candlemas Day

Donations of Candles is welcome for use in the Liturgy throughout the year and also people might like to have Candles blessed for use in the home.

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid’s Talbotstown Sat/Sun, 18th & 19th January 2025	St. Patrick’s Rathvilly Sat/Sun, 18th & 19th January 2025	The Assumption Tynock 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Recent Death: John Jackson, Bortlemore, Hacketstown father of Shirley Jackson.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 18th & 19th January

Mary Faulkner, Raheen, Baltinglass – 1st Anniversary

Bill Gahan, 18 Collins Park and deceased family members

Frances Faulkner, Collins Park

Joe & Sheila Kirwan, Mount Kelly

John St. Ledger, Waterstown

James Kearns, Rathvilly

Billy Keegan, 8 Ballyoliver

Tom & Olive Griffin, Kevin Barry Road

Sat/Sun, 25th & 26th January

Timmy Kelly, 20 Fr Cullen Tce., 1st Anniversary

Bridie Gavin, Nenagh

Cindy Garside, St. Patrick’s Park

Martha & Bill Leonard, Collin Park

Tom Bolger, Ballybit

Thomas Keegan, Ballyoliver and deceased family members

Tommy Kelly, Williamstown and deceased family members

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

Wednesday – Mass at 12.30 p.m. Grandparents Mass.

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

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 19th January – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Siobhan Doyle.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 26th January – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Muireann Gartland.

Catholic Schools Week 2025 will run from Sunday 19th January to Saturday 25th January, 2025 ‘Alive in Christ’.

Grandparents Mass takes place on Wednesday at 12.30 p.m. in Rathvilly Church.

PARISH RE-DEVELOPMENT GROUP

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 21st January in Rathvilly Parish Meeting Room at 7.30 p.m. (R93 DR53) Deacon Patrick Roche will speak at the meeting and give some guidance.

CHRISTMAS CRIB

The Crib will remain open until 2nd February, The Presentation of the Lord. We welcome donations for Homeless Charities.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 11th & 12th January

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections.
Rathvilly: Offertory €322.34 Envelopes €435.00
Kiltegan: Offertory €36.60 Envelopes €418.70

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

Results from 15th January, 2025 No Jackpot winner of €20,000
Numbers: 08-20-29-30. 9 Match 3 numbers and get €112 each.
No local match three winner this week.
Next draw on Wednesday, 22nd January. Jackpot €20,000.
The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.
Thank you to 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.

SPECIAL MASSES FOR THE SACRAMENTS

Sunday, 26th January – Tynock Church at 9.30 a.m. & Rathvilly Church at 11.00 a.m.
Holy Communion & Confirmation children to attend.

Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 5th April at 11 a.m. in Rathvilly Church.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Rathmore NS & Rathvilly NS – Saturday, 10th May at 11 a.m. in Rathvilly Church.
Talbotstown NS & Tynock NS – Saturday, 17th May at 11 a.m. in Tynock Church.

RATHVILLY COMMUNITY ALERT

Rathvilly Community Text Alert are looking for new members to join our scheme. For as little as €10.00/year you can receive SMS warnings directly to your mobile phone. If you are interested in joining, please contact us by email at rathvillycommunityalert@gmail.com and we will provide you with the relevant information to get you registered.

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO on Tuesday 21st January - St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm.
Jackpot on 43 numbers €1090 Double number €320 Lotto €1550

RATHMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL

Table Quiz in aid of Rathmore National School on Saturday, 25th of January 2025
In Lawlor's Rathvilly at 8:30pm sharp. Team of 4 - €40.
Prizes, raffle and light refreshments on the night.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results – No jackpot winner. Winning numbers 10 – 15 – 22 – 23.
Shirley Jackson & Tamara Byrne Online winners
Promoters Prize €20 – Fergal Harmon.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 2 – 10 – 15 – 21.
2 match 3 - €75 each. David Deering, Knockavagh & Rachel Sibbald, Knockroe.
Next draw on Tuesday, 21st January. Jackpot €11,500.

TOUR TO WESTPORT & KNOCK

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th February 2025. €699.00
pps. Price includes return train, 4 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with
Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and
transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick,
Fr. Peyton Centre, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry.
Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES

For 2025 we will continue the great offer of **€50 off per person** for all bookings
to Medjugorje before 1 February! This means that 7 nights in Medjugorje could be as
low as €745 pps. Plus you will only have to pay a deposit of €200 to book. With the
balance of payments not due till 8 weeks before departure.
Details from Marian Pilgrimages Dublin: (01) 878 8159 38-39 Pearse St., D. 2

NANNY/CHILDMINDER REQUIRED

To care for twins at parents home – 8 am – 5 pm - Monday – Friday.
Contact: 086 1039863.

DIRECTORY OF IRISH SAINTS

Scarcely a parish in Ireland is without one or more dedications to saints, in the form of churches in ruins, holy wells or other ecclesiastical monuments. Professor Pádraig Ó'Riain's Dictionary of Irish Saints is intended to serve as a guide to the (mainly documentary) sources of information on the saints named in these dedications, for those that have an interest in them scholarly or otherwise. Professor Ó Riain has been working in the field of Irish hagiography for upwards of forty years, and the material for the over 1,000 entries in his *Dictionary* has come from a variety of sources, including martyrologies, genealogies of the saints, collections of folklore, Ordnance Survey letters, and other documents.

The book is due for publication on 24 January 2025 and will be available in bookshops but to avail of a 10% discount, you can purchase directly from www.fourcourtspress.ie or alternatively, call 01 4534668.