

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Jubilee

As is his custom as a Jew, Jesus attends the service at his local synagogue. Reading from the Prophet Isaiah, he tells the crowd that his ministry will be focused on opening people's eyes and freeing them from oppression. This is Jesus' manifesto, with its proclamation of 'the year of God's favour'. The reference to the Jubilee year which, as we read in the Old Testament, was declared once every fifty years (Lev 25:10). It was a year given over to resting the land but also restoring relationships between people. All debts were to be cancelled, and there was to be a redistribution of wealth within the community. Jubilee, as a sign of God's mercy and justice, was meant to dismantle structures of inequality. It was a year of restoration, a chance to start again.

Jubilee, in that sense, is also the work of the Gospel today. An example that comes to mind is the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement, which started in 2013 in response to the shooting of Trayvon Martin and was most recently involved in protesting the murder of George Floyd by police officer Derek Chauvin. A poster that went viral read: *We said, 'Black lives matter'. We never said, 'Only Black lives matter'. We know that all lives matter. We just need your help with #BlackLivesMatter for Black lives are in danger!*

Jesus urges us to open our eyes to the oppression that exists within our society. It is there, even if it does not affect us personally. We need to be concerned with equality for women in Church, with the rights of LGBTQ+ people and with all those whose voice is not heard. We are not short of injustices. Today's Gospel is a blueprint for all those who consider themselves to be followers of Christ. Just as the Scriptures are fulfilled in Jesus' time, they must also be fulfilled in each of our lives.

© Triona Doherty & Jane Mellet, 2021. *The Deep End: A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Luke*. (Dublin: Messenger Publications 2021).

"Do something outside yourself, something to repair tears in your community, something to make life a little better for people less fortunate than you. That's what I think a meaningful life is – one lives not just for oneself but for one's community".

- Ruth Bader Ginsburg

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam Radio 104.3 fm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, Rathvilly/Kiltegan - 083 1494412

Parish Office – Mon-Fri: 10 am – 1 pm - 059 9161114

Email: office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie Website: www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie

Registered Charity Number 20015848

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie Parish Radio 104.3 fm

Local Safeguarding Reps: Mary Phelan Elizabeth Austin David Carton

Diocesan Director of Safeguarding: Ms Ailish Higgins Email: safeguarding@kandle.ie

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's Talbotstown Sat/Sun, 25th & 26th January 2025
St. Patrick's Rathvilly 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Assumption Tynock 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 25th & 26th January

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

Bridie Gavin, Nenagh

Noel Smith, Coole

Cindy Garside, St. Patrick's Park

Eileen & Christina Balfe, Rahill

Martha & Bill Leonard, Collins Park

Fergus Coleman, Tobinstown

Tom Bolger, Ballybit

Thomas Keegan, Ballyoliver and deceased family members

Tommy Kelly, Williamstown and deceased family members

Sat/Sun, 1st & 2nd February

Brendan Paisley, Rathvilly – 1st Anniversary

Agnes Byrne, Garretstown

Sean Bolger, Rathvilly

Philip Kavanagh, Broughillstown

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday – Mass at 9.30 a.m. (No Mass Friday)

Feast of St Brigid – Mass on Saturday, 1st February at 11.00 a.m.

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

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

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

Reader: Muireann Gartland.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Friday, 31st January – Mass for The Feast of St Brigid at 9.45 a.m.

Saturday, 1st February – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Joe O'Brien.

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.

Feast of St Blaise – 3rd February

The Blessing of Throats will take place after each Mass next weekend, 1/2 February.

SPECIAL MASSES FOR THE SACRAMENTS

This Sunday, 26th Jan. – Tynock Church at 9.30 a.m. & Rathvilly Church at 11 a.m.

Holy Communion & Confirmation children to attend.

RATHMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL

Table Quiz in aid of Rathmore National School this 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.

CHRISTMAS CRIB

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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 18th & 19th January

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €368.54 Envelopes €811.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €129.87 Envelopes €364.00

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

Results from 22nd January, 2025 No Jackpot winner of €20,000

Numbers: 11-23-26-31. 12 Match 3 numbers and get €84 each.

No local match three winner this week.

Next draw on Wednesday, 29th 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.

RATHVILLY NS - 6 WEEK DRAW – Results Week 1

€100 – Dessie Mc Conomy. Promoter – Scott Kelly.

€50 – Seamus Cunningham. Promoter – Andy Healy.

€20 – Margaret McNamara. Promoter – Amelia Rai Duffy.

€20 – Emma Kelly. Promoter – Robyn Kelly

Promoters Prize €20 – Noah Dempsey.

CANCER PREVENTION & SYMPTOM AWARENESS

On Tuesday 28th January, 11am to 12.30pm, there will be a Cancer Prevention and
Symptom Awareness Session in Carlow Library, Tullow Street, Carlow

This will be hosted by Ann-Marie Lawlor and Ann Bray, Health Promotion
Department, HSE, South East and all are welcome! Booking is advised through
Carlow Library, Email library@carlowcoco.ie or phone 059 9129705 to book!

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO Tuesday 28th January in St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 44 numbers €1220 Double number €390 Lotto €500

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 6 - 16 - 22 - 29

Kelsey Purcell, Baltinglass 6-16-20-29 Online Winner

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

Next draw 28th. Jan. 2025 Jackpot €13,000. Thank you for all your support.

Important Synod Update – two strands of current work:

The Final Document of the Universal Synod can be viewed on www.kandle.ie/synod.
This document is now part of the ordinary Magisterium (teaching) of the Church and
Pope Francis has asked members of the Church across the world to accept and
implement its findings. This is now a key task for members of parishes, dioceses and
national conferences. The Diocesan Pastoral Council and Council of Priests will
study and reflect on this document and they invite parishioners, especially members
of parish pastoral councils, to take up and begin to reflect and act upon this document

Alongside this important work, the Irish Synodal Pathway continues. The Bishops
intend to hold the first in a series of National Assemblies in 2026. They are now
asking dioceses to identify priorities for action to be addressed at the first assembly.
These priorities for action will be taken from the themes of the Irish Synthesis that
was submitted to Rome. These themes have now incorporated the findings of the
Universal Synod Final Document. During Lent a series of two hour meetings will
take place across the diocese to agree and name the priorities for action. The findings
of the meetings will form one K&L submission. A national meeting in October will
decide the focus of the first assembly in light of the submissions from all 26 dioceses
and other Church bodies on the island of Ireland.

Diocesan Pilgrimage for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Coinciding with the Jubilee for Teenagers, during the Jubilee Year of Hope,
the Diocese is travelling for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis
25th - 29th April. This pilgrimage includes a day trip to Assisi, trips to the pilgrims' sites
of Rome and of course the Mass on Sunday in St. Peter's Square when Blessed Carlo will
be declared the first 'Millennial Saint.' Bishop Denis will join us for the pilgrimage as
well as Fr. David Vard. Places are limited and can be booked through Marian
Pilgrimages or forms and itinerary can be collected in Portlaoise Parish Centre.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3 – 5 – 17 – 27.

1 match 3 receives €150 – Theresa Cullen, Delacy Abbey – online winner.

Next draw Tuesday, 28th Jan. Jackpot €11,600. **Membership now open for 2025.**

CONFERENCE – Ireland to turn back to God

Ireland! Let us turn back to Christ the King and the tender love of His mother.

Come join us for HLI Ireland's upcoming Conference on Saturday 1st February 1:30pm –
6:30pm at the Seafield Hotel, Gorey Co Wexford.

Speakers include Sr Mary Magdalene OP, ex London Gangster John Pridmore and GAA
Manager Mickey Harte who joins us via Zoom. Tickets €20 includes food buffet. Phone
0949375993, mail@humanlife.ie Join us beforehand at St Michael's Gorey at 10am, for
Mass and Holy Hour, prayerfully uniting with Derry, Medjugorje and elsewhere as we
pray for a return to God, for Ireland and the whole world.

TOUR TO WESTPORT & KNOCK

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th February 2025.

Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.