

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Luke 6:17, 20-26 Blessed are you

What's so great about being poor, hungry, or sad? On the surface, these Beatitudes of Jesus seem strange. 'Blessed are you who are poor': surely, it's better to be well off and well fed, and to enjoy good times – or at the very least, to be comfortable and content? Are these not the things we strive for in life? Jesus, however, is not interested in comfort or in maintaining the status quo. The Jesus of Luke's Gospel is a revolutionary. He has come to turn the social order on its head: the last become the first and the least becomes the greatest. His concern is always for the poor and marginalised. Jesus' vision is of a world where the unjust structures that cause poverty, hunger and oppression are swept away.

Sadly, in our world inequalities are more pronounced than ever. Jesus challenges us to look around us. When he says the Kingdom of God belongs to the poor, Jesus is not only talking about the afterlife. He is also asking us if our communities, here and now, belong to the poor. Is everyone welcomed as a full member? Do we meet everyone's needs, or do some people go hungry, either physically or spiritually? We are called to model our communities on Jesus' vision of our world.

Pope Francis has offered six 'new Beatitudes' for the modern era. Like the teachings of Jesus, they remind us of the importance of recognising the dignity of all and living in solidarity with those on the margins. Here they are:

- "Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others, and forgive them from the heart.
- Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised, and show them their closeness.
- Blessed are those who see God in every person, and strive to make others also discover him.
- Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.
- Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.
- Blessed are those who pray and work for full communion between Christians"

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ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's Talbotstown **St. Patrick's Rathvilly** **The Assumption Tynock**
Sat/Sun, 15th & 16th February 2025 **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 15th & 16th February

Joe Curran, Collins Park	Ellen Byrne, Maplestown
Mick & Mary Byrne, The Moate	Christy Gahan, Collins Park
Laurence (Chappie) Byrne, Knockroe	Helen Smith, St. Patrick's Park
Molly & Jim Nolan, Ballyhackett	Vena Doyle, Foxcover
Laurence & Mary Dowling, Rathmore	
Mai & Myles Carson, Rathmore and deceased family members	

Sat/Sun, 22nd & 23rd February

Eithne Condon, Cnoc Mhuire
James & Mary Ellen McNamara, Ballyoliver & deceased family members
James & Elizabeth Byrne, Ballyoliver
Peter Reilly, Kevin Barry Road
Elizabeth & James Byrne, Tobinstown

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

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

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 16th February – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader – Breedh Murphy.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 23rd February – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Nigel Byrne.

SPECIAL MASSES FOR THE SACRAMENTS

Sunday, 16th February – Talbotstown Church 9.30 a.m. Rathvilly Church 11 a.m.
First Holy Communion and Confirmation children to attend.

ECUMENICAL TABLE QUIZ

Ecumenical Table Quiz takes place on Friday, 21st February in The Harp Lounge at 8.30 p.m. Team of 4 - €40. Please support.

SPECIAL MASS

This weekend, February 15th/16th will be a celebration of love. Special prayers and blessings will be included in all the Parish Masses to celebrate St. Valentine. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in the celebration and prayers.

ST PATRICK'S DAY IN RATHVILLY

Weather permitting Rathvilly Parish will celebrate St Patrick's Day in a special way this year. People are invited to gather at St Patrick's Well on March 17th at **10:15am** where shamrock and water will be collected. Prayers will be said at the well in honour of St Patrick. We will then process to St Patrick's Church for Mass. After this celebration all are invited for light refreshments in the parish meeting room.

PARISH SURVEY

Copies of the Parish Survey are available in each Church or you can fill out the Survey on line at the Parish Facebook Page or our Parish Website. A special box will be available in the Churches for the return of physical surveys. This will guide the work of the redevelopment group in the parish and allow all parishioners voices to be heard. Your support and time is much appreciated in completing this activity.

COLLECTION FOR CHURCH FLOWERS

Collection for flowers for the Church will take place Sat/Sun, 15th /16th February. Donations of Flowers for the Altar would also be much appreciated.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 8th & 9th February

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €378.60 Envelopes €764.75
Kiltegan: Offertory €88.90 Envelopes €291.00

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

Results from 12th February, 2025 No Jackpot winner of €11,000

Numbers: 08-11-16-18. 21 Match 3 numbers get €48 each.

No local match three winner this week.

Next draw on Wednesday, 19th February. **Jackpot €12,000.**

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 COMMUNITY CENTRE AGM

Rathvilly Community Centre Committee will hold its AGM on the 25th February 2025 in Lawlor's Bar at 7.30pm. Open invite to anyone interested in the School House Community and Enterprise Centre, please come along and show your support.

The School House Community & Enterprise Centre

The committee of our local centre will be shortly going door to door seeking support for our Buy-A-Brick Fundraiser. This is an opportunity for your name, a family name, or a loved one's name, or a family crest to go on the wall of the building when renovated and be part of the history of the building. There are single brick (€100) and double brick (€150) options available. There's also a business/corporate option available. Please keep an eye out for our committee members and support if you can.

RADIO MARIA IRELAND – Streaming on our Website: www.radiomaria.ie

RATHVILLY NS - 6 WEEK DRAW – Results Week 5

€100 – Meabh Doyle.

Promoter – Meabh Doyle.

€50 – Msgr McEvoy.

Promoter – Parish Centre.

€20 – Robyn, Scott, Ruby Kelly.

Promoter – Scott Kelly.

€20 – Phil Heenan.

Promoter – Danny McNamara.

Promoters Prize €20 – Fiadh Curran.

Results Week 6

€100 – Peter O'Neill.

Promoter – Andy Healy.

€50 – Alise Ale.

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€20 – Maria O'Rourke.

Promoter – Rosie Bowes.

€20 – Paul Murphy.

Promoter – Thomas Murphy.

Promoters Prize €20 – Kate Kelly.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 2 - 7 - 15 - 24

Ivy O'Brien, Collins Park

Post Office

Rose Hanlon, Fr. Cullen Terrace

Post Office

Bridget Byrne, Knockavagh

Post Office

Danny Kehoe, Knockroe

Peg Kehoe

Josie Sheehan, Knockananna

Anthony Byrne

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Brennan's Centra.

Next draw 18th. Feb. 2025 Jackpot €13,300. Thank you for all your support

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 9-15-20-23

Match 3 win or share €150

Sean Kavanagh Mountkelly 9-15-20-27

On Line winner

Josh Moore Carlow 9-14-20-23

On Line winner

Next draw 18 Feb. 2025 **Jackpot € 2,600**

PIONEER DINNER DANCE 2025

CARLOW Regional Pioneer Dinner Dance will be held at 1:30pm on Sunday 23rd February, 2025 in Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow. Music by Teresa and The Stars, Tickets €30. Tickets from Anne McDarby on 087 7638695 (after 6pm).

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is an agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. We are seeking to employ an Office Administrator (30 hours per week) for our Carlow Centre. The role involves dealing with enquiries and administrative work. Please email C.V (including references) together with a covering letter to Susan Shorten, Regional Director, sshorten@accord.ie. Closing Date is Thursday 27th February 2025

KILKENNY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICE

Kilkenny Bereavement Support invites you to an evening with Fr. Jim Cogley, Thursday, 20th February, from 7.00pm to 10.00pm, In Newpark Hotel. Admission is free. Phone 086 0670566 / website: www.kilkennybereavementsupport.com