

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Luke 6:39-45 *Can the blind lead the blind?*

In today's Gospel, Jesus is teaching 'a great multitude of people from all of Judea' who have come to hear him (Lk 6:17). He reminds the disciples that if they are to teach others, then they must first be students who have learned to imitate their Teacher; otherwise everyone will end up in the ditch! This is also a reminder to each of us to remain close to Jesus, so that we are continuously nourished and taught by him.

There is another warning in this text too: against hypocrisy. In an almost hilarious image, Jesus warns his opponents not to miss the log in their own eye when they point out the speck in someone else's eye. The lesson is clear: we must begin with ourselves. In the encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis speaks about universal love, noting that it is much more than just a nice concept. Universal love involves loving actual human beings, in all their messiness and brokenness. We are urged to stop and think before we make harsh comments about others or pass judgement on them, because we never really know what is going on in another person's life. There is also the real danger that the faults we find in others are mirroring something that we need to pay attention to in ourselves. The call is to interiority and a reminder of our common humanity.

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“Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the people of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so love - **Pope Francis**

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, 1st & 2nd March 2025 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Months Mind Mass: Ned Byrne, Knockavagh this Saturday, 1st March

Recent Deaths: Maura Sheppard, Tullow mother of Mary Kelly, Williamstown
Margaret (Maggie) Byrne, Patricks Well Brian Byrne, Kiltegan

Pray for Pat Kirton whose Funeral takes place on 4th March in Great Yarmoth, Norfolk

Sat/Sun, 1st & 2nd March

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Tommy & Bridget Cassells, Ricketstown
Johnnie & Annie Dempsey, Ricketstown
Nan Sibbald, Phelan Street and deceased family members
Peter Carroll, Knocklishen and deceased family members
Jim Smith, formerly Coole & London
Mary Kelly, Knockboy

Sat/Sun, 8th & 9th March

James O'Toole, Bough
Nan & Jim Kennedy, St. Patrick's Park
William Smith, Coole
Paddy Doyle, Foxcover
Mick & Dan Abbott, Ballyoliver & deceased family members

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

Ash Wednesday - Mass at 11.00 a.m. Blessed Ashes will be available

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – each Friday of Lent at 7.00 p.m.

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

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 2nd March – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Fiona Kane.

Ash Wednesday – Mass at 9.45 a.m.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 9th March – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Conor O'Leary.

PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR MARCH

Kiltegan Area on Wednesday, 5th March from 3 – 5 p.m.

Rathvilly Area on Friday, 7th March from 2 – 4 p.m.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES AVAILABLE IN EACH CHURCH – please take one home

WELCOME – Fr. John, Fr. Lawrence and Fr. Vincent

Members of St Patrick's Missionary Society commenced their appointment in Baltinglass last weekend. Fr. John Heinhold, Fr. Lawrence Kurgat and Fr Vincent Agunbiade. Fr John Heinhold will celebrate Mass this Sat. 1st March at 7.30 p.m.

PASTORAL VISIT FROM BISHOP DENIS NULTY

Bishop Denis will celebrate Mass next Saturday, 8th March in St. Patrick's Church at 7.30 p.m. He wishes to meet the confirmation candidates and their families.

ASH WEDNESDAY – Fasting and Abstinence Ash Wednesday is a day of Penance. It sets our hearts on the journey we are undertaking in Lent – a journey back to God and to the joy of Easter.

ST PATRICK'S DAY IN RATHVILLY

Weather permitting the 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

All surveys to be filled out or returned this weekend. 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.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 22nd & 23rd February

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €350.54

Envelopes €569.55

Kiltegan: Offertory €40.95

Envelopes €161.00

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

Results from 26th February, 2025 No Jackpot winner of €13,000

Numbers: 15-26-29-32. 2 Match 3 numbers get €500 each.

No local match three winner this week.

Next draw on Wednesday, 5th March. **Jackpot €14,000.**

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 SENIOR FOROIGE

We have 23 members this year and 4 leaders to help us on our journey.

On 8th January 8 of us did officer training in Kilkenny. We learned about the roles of Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Communications officer. We attended two rugby matches in January and February. On 15th February 7 members attended the regional conference in Waterford city. We are looking forward to the rest of the year.

TABLE QUIZ – THANK YOU

The Organising Committee of the Table Quiz in aid of St. Patrick's and St. Mary's Churches say Thank you for your sponsorship and support. The quiz was very successful and your support contributed greatly to the success. Each Church received €1,368.00.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDUGORJI – 12th – 19th April

Further details from Duffy's Coach Hire 087 2543235 or 059 6471681

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 6-7-25-30

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Shirley O'Neill Rathmore

On line winner

Ann Callaghan Slaney Bank

On line winner

Tom Kavanagh Mountkelly

On line winner

Ned Deering Patricks Well

Post Office

A J Doyle c/o T. Whyte

Tom Whyte

Next draw 4 March 2025

Jackpot € 2,800

JOURNEYING IN HOPE THROUGH LENT

Lenten Retreat - Morning of Prayer and Reflection at Teach Bhride on

Saturday, March 8th, 2025: 10:00am – Finishing with lunch at 1:00pm

Facilitators: Brigidine Sisters--- Teresa Phelan & Teresa Carter

RSVP: Call 089 970 5761 or 083 392 8708 by Thursday, March 6th.

€15.00 fee –includes lunch.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 5 - 19 - 20 - 22

Victoria Corrigan, Rathvilly 5-19-20-29

Online Winner

Geraldine Doyle, Monavothe 1-5-19-22

Post Office

E.and G. Sleator 5-15-19-20

Breda Keogh

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Carole McGrath, Rathvilly.

Next draw 4th. March 2025 Jackpot €13,500. Thank you for all your support.

Pilgrims of Hope in Lent... follow and like the Kildare and Leighlin Diocese Facebook and X accounts for daily posts on hope in Lent.

Sunday Scripture Sharing Lent 2025

See Kandle.ie to access this year's resource for reflecting on the Sunday gospels of Lent, featuring reflections from the late Fr John Cummins as well as prayer resources. If there isn't a group in your parish, why not be the person to start one!

Pioneer Lenten Challenge & Invitation

Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to "journey in hope together".

A short-term pledge is available via www.pioneerassociation.org for parishioners who wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living under the shadow of addiction.