

Pentecost Sunday – Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Gospel: John 20:19-23 Peace be with you

We read today that the disciples are locked away in a house. Fear has gripped them. Their friend has been killed, their hopes and dreams have been shattered and now they fear for their own lives. This scene takes place after Mary Magdalene has already told them that she has seen the risen Jesus, but they don't believe her. The disciples remain closed.

There are times in our own lives when we too isolate ourselves, and other times when we have no choice but to do so. One only has to recall the COVID-19 pandemic that began in 2020. At the beginning of that year, no one could imagine the way the pandemic would unfold across the world: the rapid spread of the infection, the staggering death toll, overburdened hospitals, the world in lockdown, businesses closed. In the first weeks of social distancing many people were in shock, and this shock would soon turn to anxiety and fear. Many vulnerable people were left alone and afraid. We experienced a collective grief as the new reality unfolded.

Today's gospel reminds us that dark situations can be transformed. During the pandemic, we witnessed many extraordinary acts of kindness and generosity. Think of the heroes on the frontline who put their lives at risk for those suffering, or the good neighbours and friends who reached out to one another. These rays of light help us to remember that the Spirit is constantly at work in the world, transforming situations, moving us to act in spaces that seem hopeless. Any period of isolation can be tough, but it can also be an opportunity to take stock, to think about what kind of world we want to live in, and how we can contribute to the emergence of that world. One does not emerge from a crisis unchanged. The Risen Christ *breathes* the Spirit into our lives continuously, offering us peace – *Shalom* – and the opportunity for renewal.

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“Historically, pandemics have forced humans to break with the past and imagine their world anew. This one is no different. It is a portal, a gateway between one world and the next. We can choose to walk through it, dragging the carcasses of . . . our dead ideas, our dead rivers and smoky skies behind us. Or we can walk through lightly, with little luggage, ready to imagine another world.

- Arundhati Roy

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

Sat/Sun, 7th & 8th June, 2025

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Pentecost Sunday

Recent Deaths: Evan Fitzgerald, Kiltegan, Fr. Martin O'Connor St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan Fr. Dick Kelly, Limerick brother of Fr. Michael Kelly.

Sat/Sun, 7th & 8th June

Months Mind Mass for Joe McKnight this Saturday, 7th June at 7.30 p.m.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Pat Condon, Cnoc Mhuire

George Byrne, Maplestown

Derek, Joe & Billy Faulkner, Bough

Philomena Whyte, Garretstown

Vincent Balfe, Rahill

William Osborne, Maplestown

Mai Osborne, Maplestown

Mickey Osborne, Maplestown

Winnie Osborne, Maplestown

Sat/Sun, 14th & 15th June

Maura Dunne, Rathmore

Liam Dunne, Rathmore

Martin Dunne, Rathmore

Eamonn Dunne, Tankardstown

Andy & Kate Nolan, Bough

Jeremiah & Mary Clarke, Knockboy & deceased family members

Garrett & Dora Keogh & deceased family members

Charles Byrne Snr., Williamstown

Dinny Connors, Monavoth

Martin Mullin, Rathdangan

Sean Mullin, Rathdangan

Johney & Mary Breslin, Tinahely

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 8th June – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Fiona Kane.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 15th June – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Lucilla Brophy.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - Mass at 9.30 a.m. No Mass on Thursday.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday 3-6 pm.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 31st May/1st June

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €304.60

Envelopes €613.35

Kiltegan: Offertory €71.22

Envelopes €137.50

PINS TO PIONEERS

If anyone would like to become a Pioneer please contact the Parish Office.

Mass and blessing/presentation of Pins will take place on Friday, 27th June at 7.00pm

PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR JUNE

Kiltegan Area on Wednesday, 11th June from 2 – 5 p.m.

EVENING PRAYER FOR PEACE

Can you spare a half an hour on Tuesday, 10th June at 7.30 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly to continue to pray for appalling scenes in Gaza.

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

Results from 4th June, 2025 No Jackpot winner of €12,000

Numbers: 13-19-22-30. 10 Match 3 numbers get €100.00 each.

No local match three winner this week.

Next draw on Wednesday, 11th June. **Jackpot €13,000.**

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

Thank you to our parishioners for supporting the Lotto.

PILGRIMAGES: JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

Book a seat on bus to Knock for Corpus Christi for Sun 22nd June

Book a seat on bus to Croagh Patrick for Sat 12th July, for one day trip OR for an over-night stay (which will include Bus fare, B&B and Evening meal)

Contact - DUFFY'S COACH HIRE on 087 2543235 or 059 6471681 for full details

PARISHES ALIVE - MOVING FORWARD IN HOPE!

Bishop Denis, together with the Diocesan Pastoral Council, will host a day for lay people and clergy to explore the direction of the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin and how it impacts on the day-to-day life of a parish. We are building on the work done previously by the DPC, the Council of Priests, Faith Development Services, and across parishes.

The day will comprise inputs from guest speakers, along with prayer, general discussion, and intentional listening. The keynote speaker will be Prof. Fr Michael Conway, Professor of Faith & Culture at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. It takes place on Saturday, 21st June 2025 in Carlow College with registration at 9:30am, starting promptly at 10am and concluding at 4 pm. Lunch is included. Booking essential by email to parishdevelopment@Kandle.ie, providing your name and parish, 083-8305681.

LENT SYNOD LISTENING REPORT

From the themes that emerged in the Irish Synod Synthesis, in our diocese three themes emerged as priorities in the recent Lent synod listening sessions. These were baptism, belonging and faith formation. To read more about what was said at the gatherings about these and other themes you can view a report and a short video on www.kandle.ie/synod The short video can be viewed by scanning this QR code.



RATHVILLY PARKS TENNIS CAMP 7th - 11th July

10am - 12noon 5-9yr 12.15 2.15pm 9-16yr cost €45

contact Helen 0861675663 for registration link. All equipment provided.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

Join Bishop Denis for a day of guest speakers, workshops and prayer on Saturday, 20 September in the Cathedral and Carlow College. The Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation is hosting this day for all those involved in liturgy in the parish – that includes members of the congregation, so you are all invited!

RATHVILLY COMMUNITY ALERT/TEXT ALERT

At our recent AGM our Committee was returned en bloc as no officer was standing down. Our committee consists of Chairman William Burgess, Vice-Chairman John Byrne, Secretary Ciara Smith, Treasurer Anna Deering, Text Alert Co-Ordinator Julie Doyle, Care-Unit Co-Ordinator Phil Heenan. Several speakers were present and a member of An Garda Síochána gave a presentation on crime prevention and an up-date on crime figures for our parish. Among many topics discussed was the huge number of joggers and walkers around our roads who do not wear hi-viz clothing and that it is so dangerous to neglect making sure that you are visible to motorists. It was stressed that even during day-light hours people are not making themselves more visible by wearing clothing that keeps them safe. Committee member can be contacted by using our website.

GK PARISH NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Our 20th Annual Parish Solemn Novena continues in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen each Monday until 23rd June. The rosary at 7.10pm and Mass at 7.30pm

Guest Speaker 9th June– Richie Power, former Kilkenny Hurler and All Star Winner.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 9-14-16-29

Match 3 win or share €150

Margaret Byrne Bristol 1-9-14-16

On Line winner

Margaret McNamara Fr. Flood Ave. 1-9-14-16

On Line winner

Next draw 10 June 2025 **Jackpot €3,000**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 6-19-24-28

Jamie Byrne, Knocklishen 6-11-19-24

Online Winner

Evan Byrne, Rathvilly 8-19-24-28

Anthony Byrne

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Bridget Whelan, Michael Collins Park

Next draw 10th. June 2025 Jackpot €14,900. Thank you for all your support.

THANK YOU

On behalf of DFD I would sincerely like to thank everyone who supported the session in Lawlor's Pub on Friday 30th May. Thank you to all the talented musicians and singers, who provided a remarkable night's entertainment. A special thanks to Cathy and James for the fantastic space to perform in, and sincere appreciation to Richard Willoughby who was MC as well as providing and managing the sound system. Thank you to all the local businesses who provided some of the raffle prizes, which raised €735.00 which will help towards the renovation cost of the new DFD Training Facility in Cork. If you would like to donate directly to DFD, please use their link on their website: dogsfordisabled.ie Thanks - Colette & her Deputy Jasper.