

## LOUGH DERG

*Come home to the love of God's family on Lough Derg.* Over many generations Lough Derg has been a place where families have felt the closeness of God and their lives have been healed and enriched in the process.

Pilgrimage is a meaningful journey to a sacred place . . . on Lough Derg the Three Day Pilgrimage is a faith-filled journey to inner peace.

Why people, young and old, continue to be drawn to this sacred Island cannot be explained in mere words. Everyone's personal pilgrim journey is special to them and the experience can bring unconscious spiritual depths into the light of awareness; pilgrims often remark that what they got from the experience was something entirely unexpected. When we are open to the pilgrimage and surrender to the tried and tested, it is then that God can take us by surprise.

**Rathvilly Kiltegan Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Derg takes place 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> July**

## CARA PROJECT GIRLS REFUGE CENTRE, KENYA

Sincere thanks to all who supported the Easter Hamper Draw. €240 was raised for the rescue centre. Congratulations to William O'Toole, Kevin Barry Road who won the Hamper and Mrs. Mary Leonard, Monavothe on winning the runner up prize. Special thanks to Rathvilly Post Office for displaying the hamper and selling the raffle tickets.

## DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE

Healing of the Generations (Family Tree Mass) in St. Brigid's Church, Coon, Co. Kilkenny. Adoration at 6.30 p.m. Holy Mass at 7.30 p.m. with Solemn Benediction on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April – Speaker – Very Rev. John Walsh P.P. Limerick.

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

1. 'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were frightened? For whom have you been an agent of peace?
2. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What part have doubting and questioning played on your faith journey? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?
3. Note the way Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because he doubted. He took him where he was and led him along to see the truth of his resurrection. Who has been that kind of a teacher for you, gently taking you where you were and leading you on to a deeper knowledge of some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher?
4. 'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed'. That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having had to prove every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner? John Byrne osa Email [jbbyrneosa@gmail.com](mailto:jbbyrneosa@gmail.com)

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## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's  
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's  
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption  
Tynock**

**22nd & 23rd April 2017**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

### RECENT DEATHS

Pray for Fr. Anthony Cronin, St. Patrick's College, Kiltegan,  
Kathleen Higgs (formerly Kehoe of Mount Lucas) who died in England.

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30 p.m.

David & Mary Byrne, Patrickswell	Pauline Cullen, Dublin
Sean Corcoran, Rathvilly	Kathleen Smith, St. Patrick's Park
James & Elizabeth Kelly, Mt. Neill	Thomas & Catherine Doyle, Tobinstown
Charlie Lawlor, St. Patrick's Park	P.J. Myles, Tipperary
Kate Lawlor, Phelan St. & deceased family members	Sean Kelly, Carrigeen
John, Mick & John Walsh, Cannonsquarter	Esther McGuinness, Baltinglass
Michael & Elizabeth McGrath, Broughillstown	Tom Sibbald, Ballyoliver
Mick & Chrissie Byrne, Ballyhackett	Jim Sibbald, formerly Rathvilly
Pat Haberlin, Ballyhackett	Keogh family, Tullowland
James & Elizabeth Byrne, Ballyhackett	Margaret Brady
Elizabeth Byrne, Ballyhackett	Mary, George & Paurice Leonard, Broughillstown
Thomas & Margaret Corcoran, Ballyhackett	
Deceased members of the Keatley family, Castledermot	

#### Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m.

William Reilly, Collins Park	Richard Bolger, Ballybit
Denis McGrath, Broughillstown	James & Bridget Byrne, Kevin Barry Road

### MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Friday – Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions at 7 p.m. Mass at 7.30 p.m.

### Second Sunday of Easter – April 23, 2017 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

“Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” Is God calling you to be an instrument of God's mercy to others as a priest, contact: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill [vocations@kandle.ie](mailto:vocations@kandle.ie), [www.kandlepriest.com](http://www.kandlepriest.com)

### RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH DRAW

Next draw takes place on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April at 8 pm in the Meeting Room.

## GOSPEL READINGS – 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April

Sunday: Jn 20: 19-31      Mon: Jn 3: 1-8      Tues: Mk 16: 15-20  
Wed: Jn 3: 16-21      Thurs: Jn 3: 31-36      Fri: Jn 6: 1-15  
Sat: Mt 11: 25-30      Sunday: Lk 13-35

## WEEK – 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

### **Altar Servers –**

Sean Costello Kelly, Sean Corcoran, Aoibhinn Doyle, Ayla McLoughlin.

### **Church Readers –**

Saturday, 29th April – Holly Geaney, Sarah Curran, Sean Corcoran.

Sunday, 30th April – Parents of First Holy Communion children.

### **Ministers of the Eucharist –**

Saturday, 29th April – Maureen McNamara, Tommy & Sadie Donovan.

Sunday, 30th April – Marie Curry, Lauren Faulkner, Eithne Condon.

## PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> April. Bus leaving Rathvilly at **7.15 a.m.** Contact Duffys Coach Hire on 059 6471681 or 087 2543235.

## SAINTS THIS WEEK

**Monday – St Fidelis of Sigmaringen**, 1578-1622, a Capuchin who preached to the Calvinists in Switzerland, where he was killed by a group of extremists.

**Thursday – St Asicus** was St Patrick's expert craftsman in metal work and accompanied him on his journeys. He was left in charge of the church in Elphin which Patrick is said to have founded.

**Friday – St Peter Chanel**, 1803-41, is honoured as the first martyr of the Church in Oceania.

**St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort**, 1673-1716, was a priest whose calling was to preach missions and to care for the sick and the poor. His writings concern Mary's role in the mystery of salvation. He strongly promoted the praying of the Rosary.

**Saturday – St Catherine of Siena**, 1347-80, humble and dauntless Dominican tertiary, who brought peace to her native Siena, to Italy, and to fourteenth-century Europe, spent all her energies on the Church, being able to achieve the pope's return from Avignon to Rome. She is remembered also as a mystic and reformer of religious life. Proclaimed doctor of the Church in 1970 and patron of Europe in 2000.

## TALBOTSTOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL

The world renowned High Kings (made up of Finbarr Clancy, Martin Furey, Brian Dunphy and Darren Holden) as seen on The Late Late Show play a concert on Saturday 29th April at Inisfáil in Germaine's, Baltinglass starting at 8p.m. Tickets cost €26.50 and are available to purchase by calling in person to Germaine's on 059 6481005 or to buy tickets online please log on to <https://www.thehighkings.com/tour-dates/> for the Ticketmaster link.

## DEVOTIONS FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April** - Prayers and Confessions at 2 pm and the Celebration of Mass at 3 pm in Holy Family Church Askea.

## K & L DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

16<sup>th</sup> July 2017 for 5 nights. €719 per person sharing. Pilgrimage Director: Fr. Paddy Byrne. Contact Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410800 or [info@joewalstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalstours.ie)

## RATHVILLY CREDIT UNION

**We are OPEN and we are LENDING!** Spring is here - thinking of doing some improvements on the house/garden? Come and talk to our loan committee any Thursday night, 7 to 8p.m. or check out our website on [www.rathvillycu.ie](http://www.rathvillycu.ie) – our Loan Book is Open! Our opening hours are Thursday 9.15 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. and 7p.m. to 8p.m.; Friday 9.15 a.m. to 11.30a.m. and 7p.m. to 8p.m. Phone 059 9161305.

## SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were  
Match Three: win or share €150      1 - 3 - 13 - 22  
Trevor Chaney, Woodgrove Ave., Rathvilly      1 - 10 - 13 - 22  
Promoters Prize - Michael Keogh  
Next draw on Monday, April 24th. **Jackpot €5,100**

## RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 1-19-22-23  
Match 3 win or share €150  
Brian O'Donoghue Williamstown 1-12-19-22      B. O'Donoghue  
Promoters Prize €20      Jamie Byrne  
Next draw 25 April 2017 in Molloy's Bar. **Jackpot €1,500**

## FESTIVAL OF CRAFTS & DEMONSTRATIONS 2017

Demonstrations of weaving, spinning, felting, arts & crafts Saturday 6th May, 2017 at The Weavers' Cottages, Clonegal. Free Admission Donations accepted.

## DONOUGHMORE AND DONARD AMATEUR DRAMA SOCIETY

by kind permission of the Drama League of Ireland presents "Cupid Wore Skirts"  
A Three Act Comedy by Sam Cree on Thur 4th, Fri 5th, Sat 6th, Sat 13th and Sun 14th May at 8pm in Donoughmore Hall, Glen of Imaal. Admission by ticket only- Tickets €10 For Bookings Ph: 087 3588583  
Donations from the proceeds will be given to Saint Brigid's Hospice Kildare, Meals on Wheels Dunlavin, Donard and Donoughmore National Schools

## PATCH WORK CLASS

Patch Work Class will restart from Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April. Contact Tomomi for details – 085 7749774 or [slaneyhandcraft@gmail.com](mailto:slaneyhandcraft@gmail.com)