

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

1. Jesus joined the despondent disciples and listened to them. 'We had hoped....' When you have been upset or disappointed, who has joined you along the road? To whom have you been able to pour out your heart? Who was a 'Jesus person' to you, listening to you in respectful silence? To whom have you been a Jesus person?
2. Jesus then helps them to see things in another light, by opening the scriptures to them. When did you have the experience of finding your heart 'burning within you' with new hope for the future? Who or what helped you to change after a setback?
3. The disciples invite Jesus to join them at the table; then there follows a recognition of who he is. We meet many people on the road of life. Usually we meet and pass on. Occasionally we meet someone whom we invite into our homes, into our hearts, in a deeper way. In what way, in such relationships, have you experienced the presence of God or of Jesus?
4. After Jesus had gone, the disciples went to bring the good news to others. When have you met others who told you what happened to them along their road? What effect did this sharing have on you? When have you done this with others? When was such a conversation 'good news' for you or others? John Byrne OSA

## TRÓCAIRE

What if... as coronavirus sweeps across our island... there were only a handful of hospital beds to treat the sick and suffering?  
What if... instead of being able to wash your hands to fend off the virus... you had no access at all to clean water or soap?  
What if "home" was a crowded refugee camp?  
Coronavirus is now blazing into the world's poorest countries. And already vulnerable people are being left defenceless.  
Your love can stand with Trócaire today to change those odds.  
If you've already given, I thank you – a proper note will reach you soon.  
But if you haven't yet donated, I need to tell you.  
In many countries where Trócaire works people are struggling with a lack of resources you and I can scarcely imagine.  
War-torn Somalia, for example, has just 20 intensive care beds for a population of fifteen million. Twenty! They've endured drought. Horrific conflict. Cholera. And now a new enemy has locked them in its sights. COVID-19. Your urgent donation now helps rush lifesaving resources like emergency food... water... medical supplies... hand-washing stations... and provides personal protective equipment for Trocaire's local partners working tirelessly at the frontlines.

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**Diocesan Website: [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)**

**Local Safeguarding Representatives:** Eoin Cheasty Mary Phelan  
Elizabeth Austin David Carton

**Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:** Mr. Mick Daly - Email: [dlp@kandle.ie](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie)

## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's  
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's  
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption  
Tynock**

**25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2020**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES

#### Saturday/Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> April

Agnes Flood – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
George Gahan, Kevin Barry Road – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Pauline Cullen, Dublin  
Elizabeth Heffernan, Rathdangan  
Kate McDonnell, Greystones & Rathdangan  
P.J. Myles, Clogheen, Tipperary  
Denis Tierney, Slaney Meadows

#### Saturday/Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> May

Months Mind Mass for Olive Fahy, nee Corcoran, Ballyhackett  
Months Mind Mass for Rita Conway, Straboe

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES

William Reilly, Collins Park  
Thomas & Margaret Corcoran, Ballyhackett  
Deceased members of the Keatley Family, Castledermot  
Sean Corcoran, Rathvilly

All Anniversary Masses will be included on Saturday at 7.30 pm & Sunday at 11 am.

### MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday – Mass at 10.00 a.m.

When a Funeral occurs the 10 a.m. Mass will be replaced by the Funeral Mass.

ROSARY – Monday, Wednesday & Friday after 10 a.m. Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Tuesday & Thursday until 11.00 a.m.

**VIEW ALL MASSES ON OUR WEBSITE – [rathvillykilteganparish.ie](http://rathvillykilteganparish.ie)  
[www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam/](http://www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam/)**

### AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 18/19 April, 2020

Thank you to all our parishioners who sent in weekly contributions, Easter Stations and Easter Collections. Weekly Envelope Collection €570.00. Trócaire €165.00. Any financial contribution you can make will be very much appreciated.

### The Irish Catholic Newsletter is available in Mace each week at €2 each

**The Parish Newsletter and the Sunday Missalette are available in Mace Shop and The Post Office.**

**The Parish FACEBOOK page is constantly being updated – Rathvilly Kiltegan Parish**

### RATHVILLY PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open Mon-Fri 10 am – 1 pm or phone: 059 9161114 or email: [office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie](mailto:office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie)

### GOSPEL READINGS – 26<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2020

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| Sunday: Lk 24: 13-35 | Mon: Jn 6: 22-29    | Tues: Jn 6: 30-35 |
| Wed: Mt 11: 25-30    | Thurs: Jn 6: 44-51  | Fri: Mt 13: 54-58 |
| Sat: Jn 6: 60-69     | Sunday: Jn 10: 1-10 |                   |

All the Sunday and Daily Mass Readings can be accessed from our website.

### A CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

Loving and healing God,  
we, the people of Kildare & Leighlin turn to you in prayer,  
confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment.  
We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection.  
May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts.  
Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old,  
that we may look after one another in these challenging days.  
Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus and be with their families.  
May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace.  
Comfort their family and friends.  
Strengthen and protect all medical professionals caring for the sick  
and all who work in our medical facilities.  
Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance  
that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people.  
We pray in gratitude for all those in our country who will continue to work in  
the days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all.  
Bless them and keep them safe.  
O God of creation and life, we place ourselves in your protection.  
May the mantle of your peace enfold us this day and tomorrow.  
St Brigid, pray for us. St Patrick, pray for us.  
St Conleth, pray for us. St Lazerian, pray for us.  
May all the saints of God, pray for us. **Amen.**

### STATEMENT FROM BISHOP DENIS NULTY

**First Holy Communion & Confirmation:** I am very aware that we are entering the 'high season' for First Holy Communion ceremonies. I am also conscious that 39 out of our 56 parishes have not yet celebrated Confirmation. In honesty it is difficult to see a huge change post the current restrictions, which expire on May 5th. With that in mind, as First Holy Communion ceremonies are already diared for the weekends of May, I suggest they, like Confirmation ceremonies are now postponed until we get further guidance regarding large public gatherings. I want to thank our Principals and teachers for the great work they do in helping prepare our young people for the sacraments, work done in cooperation with the local parish and the families of the young people. I also thank Maeve Mahon, our Coordinator for Primary Education. This is a hugely regretful decision, but it is important that while the ceremonies may be postponed, the preparation continues. In early May resources will be sent out by email from Maeve for parishes and for schools and available to families and the wider community on the KandLe website.

### CONFIRMATION

As you may know, Saturday 25th April was meant to be a very special day for the 6th class pupils of Rathvilly N.S, Tynock N.S. and Talbotstown N.S. They had prepared all year in school, at home and with the Parish Team for their Confirmation. **This Saturday at 7.30 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. Mass will focus on the candidates who are preparing of Confirmation.** The candidates:  
Ava Ella Hannah Isobel Samantha Ava  
Lucy Cormac Max Tunde Luke Aisling Eimear Emily  
Joshua Carrie Dáire Seán Kia Peter Mischa Daragh  
Casey Aoibheann Meadhbh Zach Joseph Ryan Áine  
Emily Ayla Brynn Emma Brooke Orlaith Alexa.

All Candidates are requested to write an Essay on the topic of “**St Patrick**” or on the “**Saint you have chosen for your Confirmation Name**”.  
Thank you to the candidates who already sent in their essay.  
Essays can be dropped into the letterbox or posted to Fr. McEvoy, Parochial House, Rathvilly, Co. Carlow or emailed to [jmce51@gmail.com](mailto:jmce51@gmail.com)  
Prizes for the best three entries.

### ST PATRICK'S NATIONAL SCHOOL, RATHVILLY

Enrolment for St Patrick's NS for September 2020 is still open.  
Please contact Principal Helen Molloy by email at [rathvilly.ns@gmail.com](mailto:rathvilly.ns@gmail.com) to request an enrolment form by email.

### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.