

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Gospel Reflection - Deacon Liam Dunne
The two disciples of John the Baptist leave their master and commence to follow after Jesus. The Lord turns on them and asks a question intended to pierce to the level of their hearts: "What do you want?" I would invite every single person reading this reflection to imagine the Lord Jesus gazing at you right now and asking you the very same question. How would you respond? The young men in the Gospel story answer him, in the Semitic manner, with another question, "Where do you live?" Perhaps they don't fully understand their own hearts, but they answer in the form of a question does indeed reveal what they want. They want to know where Jesus "remains" (*menein* in the Greek), whence he draws his life. And so Jesus graciously invites them to "come and see". Then we hear that they "stayed with him, remaining where he remains, which is to say within the will of the Father.

Implicit in this beautiful crafted narrative is the whole of the Christian spiritual life. Prayer, contemplation, meditation, the rosary, *Lectio Divina*, the Sacraments, the Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – all of it constitutes "remaining" with Jesus, staying where he stays. A serious problem that I have noted for the whole of my priesthood is a sort of pastoral activism that puts an almost exclusive stress on the "work" of the Church. But we notice that, before they commence to minister with Jesus, these two disciples *stay* with him. We should imitate them.

Bishop Robert Barron

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.

A CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God,
our refuge in every danger,
to whom we turn in our distress, in faith we pray:
look with compassion on the afflicted,
grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners,
healing to the sick, peace to the dying,
strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders
and the courage to reach out to all in love,
so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Amen.

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown
16th & 17th January 2021**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 16th & 17th January 2021

Frances Faulkner, Collins Park
Joe & Sheila Kirwan, Mount Kelly
Seamus Tobin, Dublin

Months Mind Mass for Breda Molloy, Collins Park on Sunday, 24th January at 11 a.m.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 23rd & 24th January 2021

Kathleen Doyle, Bough – 1st Anniversary
Deborah Rahilly, Kevin Barry Road – 1st Anniversary
Cindy Garside, St. Patrick's Park – 1st Anniversary
Michael Keane, Bough
May Dowling, Rathmore
Agnes Donegan, Rathmore
Billy Keegan, Ballyoliver and deceased family members

MASSES THIS WEEK – will be celebrated behind Closed Doors

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.
Rosary before Mass each day.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Thursday 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

The Church will be open for Adoration.

VIEW ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ON THE WEBSITE AND RADIO

www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam

Radio 104.3 fm

RATHVILLY PARISH OFFICE

You can contact the Parish Office Mon-Fri 10 am – 1 pm **by phone:** 059 9161114
or **email:** office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie To book Anniversary Masses, get Mass Cards or leave in donations, etc. you can phone the office. A post box is available outside the office or leave items in the letter box at the Parochial house.

CHRISTMAS CRIB

The Crib will remain open until 2nd February. The Feast of the Presentation.
All donations will go to the homeless.

GOSPEL READINGS – 17th – 24th January 2021

Sunday: Jn 1: 35-42 Mon: Mk 2: 18-22 Tues: Mk 2: 23-28
Wed: Mk 3: 1-6 Thurs: Mk 3: 7-12 Fri: Mk 3: 13-19
Sat: Mk 3: 2-21 Sunday: Mk 1: 14-20

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

IRISH CATHOLIC – available in the Church each week. Cost €2.

Please put the money in the Candle Shrine. Cost becomes €2.50 in February.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 9th & 10th January 2021

We thank our parishioners who left in Weekly Envelopes of €293.40 during the week. Any financial contribution you can make will be very much appreciated. You can also make your donation to the parish by electronic banking. You can contact the Parish Office for details or log on to the Diocesan Website.

Donation Buttons on KandLe Website: There are now two electronic 'Donate Buttons' on the front page of the diocesan website www.kandle.ie

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY FOR QUIET PRAYER

Monday to Saturday – 10 a.m. – 5p.m. **Sunday** – 12 Noon – 5 p.m.

- Please use hand sanitiser when entering and leaving the Church.
- Please use one way system and follow the signs.
- Please adhere to social distance and wear a face covering.
- Please do not sit in the restricted areas.
- **Seats at the front of the Church is an unrestricted area.**

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL RATHVILLY/KILTEGAN

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the St. Vincent de Paul Collection. A fantastic amount of €1,342.00 was collected. We are extremely grateful and appreciative for your generous donations.

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PHONE: 083 1494412

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18th-25 January. For 2021, it has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family. Parish and home resources for this week can be accessed on the following link: <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>

The resources include a prayer service and daily prayer for the home that includes Scripture, a meditation, Prayer, Questions and a 'Go & Do' section. *Look out for the daily prayer on the Kandle Facebook page and Twitter account on each of the days and feel free to share.*

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis has designated the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (24 January this year) each year as a particular celebration of the Scriptures in the life of the Church. Each year, we are asked to focus on how God speaks to his people in the proclamation of the Scriptures.

In order to celebrate this, Fr Seán Maher will host a Q&A on YouTube, to be released on that Sunday. If you would like to include a question for consideration, please e-mail your question to ppbalyna@gmail.com Details of the recording will be included later. Questions should arrive before Thursday 21 January.

SCOIL PHÁDRAIG NAOFA, RATHVILLY

School Enrolment for School Year 2021-2022. Applications for admission. Application Forms for Admission to Junior Infants and all other classes will be accepted from January 13th to February 3rd, 2021. Our Admissions Policy and Annual Admission Notice are also on our school website: www.rathvillyns.com. The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is 24th February. The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is 10th March. Please download and post your application to: The Principal, Scoil Phádraig Naofa, Rathvilly, Co. Carlow.

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19. The support line is open seven days - 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner Numbers were 4 – 8 – 23 - 28
Match Three: win or share €150
Ann Keogh, 2 Parkmore, Baltinglass 4 – 8 – 9 – 23 On Line Winner [195]
Bobby Phelan, Tynock, Kiltegan 4 – 8 – 16 – 28 On Line Winner [230]
Promoter prize Anthony Byrne
Next draw 18 Jan. 2021 **Jackpot €12,600** Thank you for all your support.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 9-15-19-26
Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips
Paddy McCall Bough On Line winner
Mary McCall Bough On Line winner
John Bolger Australia On Line winner
Vincent Malee Phelan St. Lena Smith
Pippa Nolan Ballon Tom McCall
Promoters Prize €20 Collette & Helen
Next draw 19 Jan 2021 **Jackpot €10,000**