

A DISPOSABLE WORLD Deacon Liam Dunne

We live in a disposable world these days, with so many things used once and thrown away. We drink from a plastic bottle, then disregard the bottle.

Generally, it is seen as a bad thing. But there's another take on a disposable world. Has a stranger ever done a good turn for you and said something like "Think nothing of it"? Have you ever done the same?

Has anyone ever slowed to let you pass, or held a door open for you, then carried on with their day? Some people positively litter their path with goodness.

I wouldn't like to guess how many kind or courteous deeds are used every day – used once and then thought no more about. The difference is, of course, that such deeds don't harm the planet; they help the people living on it. They can be easily recycled, with one kindness almost inevitably creating another like it.

And they come from an infinitely renewable source – love!

That's the kind of single-use, disposable world we could all live happily in.

SAINT WHO? Saints Who Served in Times Of Plague and Pandemic

Since ancient times, plague, pandemic, and contagion have divided the human race. On the one side are those who are afflicted with a deadly disease. On the other side are the healthy who, in their fear of contagion push the stricken as far from them as they can. *A man infected with leprosy, the Book of Leviticus says, must live apart, he must live outside the camp* (13:46).

Thus, nothing strikes us so much about this month's saints and blessed as their intense attachment to the abandoned sick. Blessed Jan Beyzym speaks for all of them when, on his way to the lepers of Madagascar, he writes, "I know very well what leprosy is and what I must expect, but all this does not frighten me. On the contrary, it attracts me." What can explain a man's attraction to the leper whose body is rotting, whose putrid scent drives all from their path?

The answer is to be found in another Man, who for our sake willing became one despised and rejected by men . . . *a man to make people screen their faces* (Is 53:3). Christ, the Suffering Servant, has made himself one with the abandoned and the rejected. And in drawing close to Christ, the saints have embraced his dear companions, the outcasts. They encourage us to do the same.

As Pope Francis often says, "*Go to the margins!*"

*Father of all, I offer you my outer deformities
And my inner afflictions. How great is my need!
And how much greater your affection!*

(Ref: Magnificat).

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown
9th & 10th January 2021**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock
The Baptism of the Lord**

Recent Deaths: Alice Kelly, Ballyhackett. Mary Saruwatari, Canada.
Peter Bright, Kill, Co. Kildare.

Months Mind Mass for Mary (Maureen) Leonard, Monavothe this Sunday,
10th January at 11.00 a.m.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 9th & 10th January 2021

Patrick & Mary McNevin, Raheendaw
William Smith, Monavothe

Peter Smith, St. Patrick's Park
Thomas and Therese Agar, Dublin

Sat/Sun, 16th & 17th January 2021

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

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

SUNDAY, 10th JANUARY – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

We invite all families who had a Baptism during 2020 to view the 11.00 a.m.
Mass this Sunday, 10th January. There will be a Special Blessing for their Child.

HOUSEBOUND

For the January visit during level 5 restrictions, Fr. McEvoy will replace his visit with a phone call. During the conversation he will lead some prayers.

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.

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.

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.**

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 – 2nd & 3rd January 2021

We thank our parishioners who left in Weekly Envelopes of €200.40 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

GOSPEL READINGS – 10th – 17th January 2021

Sunday: Mk 1: 7-11 Mon: Mk 1: 14-20 Tues: Mk 1: 21-28
Wed: Mk 1: 29-39 Thurs: Mk 1: 40-45 Fri: Mk 2: 1-12
Sat: Mk 2: 13-17 Sunday: Jn 1: 35-42

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

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PHONE: 083 1494412

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.

THE PRIORY INSTITUTE, TALLAGHT

Our courses have offered people the chance to study from home in their own time and be part of a supportive student community. Our next semester starts on February 13, 2021 and the Open Day is a chance to look into what it would be like to study with us. People attending our online Open Day in Tallaght will have the opportunity to meet with current students and staff over Zoom, attend a short introductory lecture on theology and find out if studying theology with us is the right thing to do. To register visit www.prioryinstitute.com

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 5-13-27-28
Match 3 win or share €150
Marian Hand Ballybit 5-13-28-30 On Line winner
Kevin Brennan Lisnavagh 5-11-27-28 On Line winner
Promoters Prize €20 Mick Kehoe
Next draw 12 Jan. 2021 **Jackpot €10,000** Thank you for your support.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner Numbers drawn 1 - 5 - 8 – 26
Match 3 win or share €150
Fr. John McEvoy PP, Rathvilly On Line Winner [104]
Eliz and PJ c/o Laura Kavanagh On Line Winner [126]
Martha McGrath, Fr. Cullen Terrace On Line Winner [154]
Bridget Dunne, 12 Collins Park On Line Winner [195]
Rachel Curran, Woodgrove Avenue On Line Winner [265]
Promoter prize €20 Josephine Gardiner
Next draw 11 Jan.2021 **Jackpot €12,500** Thank you all for your support.

TRÓCAIRE

As we begin a new year, we want to thank our amazing supporters for their continued generosity. 2020 was a year like no other with Covid dominating our lives. Yet despite these difficult times, your generous support to Trócaire meant we could continue to support millions of the poorest people in the world. Over 1.5 million people have lost their lives to the virus, an enormous human tragedy. As we begin 2021, over 270 million people are facing hunger, that's double the number since last year, due to the impact of Covid and drought. All of us are already facing a difficult start to the year, but there is hope. The fact that we now have Covid vaccines means that we can begin to hope that the end is in sight for the pandemic.