

## A LENTEN LITANY

*Response: Remind us that your love is with us.*

When loved one's experience pain and suffering . . .  
When illness, aging, or chronic pain diminish our joy . . .  
When doubts arise and confusion fills our minds . . .  
When others fail us or refuse to forgive us for our failings . . .  
When we stumble and stray from the path of goodness . . .  
When death separates us from those we love dearly . . .  
When financial problems threaten our security . . .  
When things do not go the way we loaned . . .  
When depression or loneliness return again and again . . .  
When broken relationships seem un-mendable . . .  
When our faith strengthens and gives us courage . . .  
When the precious gift of life is recognised and appreciated . . .  
When unexpected kindness and caring comes our way . . .  
When optimism stirs in our hearts and springtime returns . . .  
When the peace of Christ calms our anxiety and softens our sadness . . .  
When we realise that our living presence can make a difference . . .  
When the joy of Easter quietly permeates our heart. *Joyce Rupp*

## TRÓCAIRE

**They fled war, then saved others : Awut's story**

Awut had to flee terrible violence in South Sudan.  
"The experience was horrible. We suffered with fierce hunger and thirst"  
Awut recalls the painful trek to escape terrible violence in South Sudan.  
"My children's feet were swollen and we were weak with exhaustion. We were fleeing for our lives." At last they reached a safer place. The chief of the area did what he could for Awut and gave her family a small patch of land. But it is heartbreakingly poor here. People sometimes survive only on wild fruits and greens. And for Awut, who is a widow caring for her own children and the orphan children of family members who lost their lives, it is even tougher. In war, women and girls often suffer most of all. Then Awut met another mother with even less. Awut welcomed Ajak and her children – and stayed by their sides after Ajak's husband died from a war injury. The two mothers forged a friendship, and toil tirelessly to make sure their beloved families aren't lost completely. They try to stay strong. But they lack so many of life's basics. Proper shelter. Food. Access to clean water, and healthcare. Plus seeds, tools, and training to feed the ones they love in a changing climate. Years of war have taken nearly everything from their families and it's not just. Please help struggling families like Awut and Ajak's to survive and thrive.

**Parish Office – Mon-Fri: 10 am – 1 pm - 059 9161114**

**Email: [office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie](mailto:office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie) Website: [www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie](http://www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie)**

**Diocesan Website: [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) Parish Radio 104.3 fm**

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

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## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's  
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's  
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption  
Tynock**

**20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2021**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**Recent Deaths:** Mark Mahon, Ballyhackett, Shane (Michael) Murphy, Ladystown  
Mary Ellen Blake nee Morgan, Portlaoise and formerly of 6 Ballyoliver

**Months Mind Mass** for Noel Smith, Coole this Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> February

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES

#### Sat/Sun, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

James & Mary Ellen (Bonnie) McNamara, Ballyoliver

James & Elizabeth Byrne, Ballyoliver

Donal & Betty McNamara, Ballyoliver

Jim & Mollie Nolan, Ballyhackett

Laurence (Chappie) Byrne, Knockroe

Garret & Dora Keogh, Portarlington

Elizabeth & James Byrne, Tobinstown

#### Sat/Sun, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Mary O'Toole, Kelsha

Nan Sibbald, Phelan Street

Joseph Byrne, The Moate

Rose Byrne, The Moate

Joseph Byrne Jnr., The Moate

Laurence (Chappie) Byrne, The Moate

### 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.

The Stations of the Cross will take place after Mass each Friday during Lent.

### VIEW ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ON THE WEBSITE AND RADIO

[www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam](http://www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam)

Radio 104.3 fm

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – Thursday 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

The Church will be open for Adoration.

### RATHVILLY PARISH OFFICE

You can contact the Parish Office Mon-Fri 10 am – 1 pm **by phone:** 059 9161114  
or **email:** [office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie](mailto: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.

**BAPTISM** - Individual Baptisms can take place with a maximum of six people attending. Contact the Parish Office for details.

### IRISH CATHOLIC – available in the Church each week. Cost €2.50

Please put the money in the Candle Shrine.

## **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.**

## **ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH DEEP CLEAN**

We are planning a deep clean of the Church on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> February starting at 10 a.m. We are looking for volunteers to help. Due to Covid restrictions we will be asking people to adhere to social distancing and wear masks.

## **GOSPEL READINGS – 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**

Sunday: Mk 1: 12-15      Mon: Mt 16: 13-19      Tues: Mt 6: 7-15

Wed: Lk 11: 29-32      Thurs: Mt 7: 7-12      Fri: Mt 5: 20-26

Sat: Mt 5: 43-48      Sunday: Mk 9: 2-10

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

## **WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**

Sincere thanks to our parishioners who left in Weekly Envelopes of €283.00 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](http://www.kandle.ie)

## **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.

## **RING A LINK BUS SERVICE**

Ring a link is a community not for profit company that provides rural transport.

Every Wednesday the service leaves Carlow at 11am covering Hacketstown, Rathvilly, Ballyhackett, Killerig and drops at the Fairgreen in Carlow and returning at 4pm. All free travel passes are welcome and for non-free travel pass holders fares are €6 return for adults, €4 return for under 16s, under 5's travel free. Please call 1890 42 41 41 to book on or to request a registration form.

## **GARDENING SERVICE**

Man available in the Rathvilly Kiltegan area for gardening work – grass cutting, etc. Call or text 086 3278588.

**RATHVILLY KILTEGAN ST. VINCENT DE PAUL    PHONE: 083 1494412**

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT    *THE RAINBOW IN THE CLOUDS***

Family Scripture Sharing prepared by our Deacon Liam Dunne.

Copies available in the Church and on our Parish Website.

## **A KANDLE FAMILY PRAYER FOR LENT**

Creator God,

be with us as we make our Lenten journey together as part of the Kandle diocesan family. Give us the strength to do what we have promised and the love to help one another along the way. When Easter comes, may our Lenten promises have brought us closer to you and to your Son, Jesus. Amen.

## **LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING**

Once again we are delighted to share a weekly series focused on the Sunday readings of Lent with prayer and reflections. This year the reflections have been prepared by Deacons Liam Dunne, Vincent Crowley and Eugene Keyes. You can access the series by clicking **Lent 2021 Resources on kandle.ie** also see notices **on our Parish Website.**

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- + Make the Sign of the Cross when leaving you home /passing a church / cemetery / before and after a meal
- + Give up social media for an evening (or more!)
- +Take some time to go on a walk and say a prayer along the way
- +Take a moment and pause when you feel you want to give out
- +Support Trócaire's Lenten appeal
- + Call and chat with someone you know is living alone

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS in this time of pandemic**

The Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation, with Bishop Denis, has prepared a video series of Stations of the Cross. Each week a set of three stations will be uploaded to kandle.ie and other platforms. The stations will be led by Bishop Denis, with a parish reader proclaiming the scripture passages. Frontline workers and people who have been severely impacted by COVID-19 will read the reflections for each station. You are invited to pray these stations each week and pray them in their entirety during Holy Week.

## **SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.**

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 7 - 14 - 27 - 30

Match Three: win or share €150

Faye Byrne, Phelan Street, Rathvilly 7 – 10 – 14 – 27    On Line Winner [133]

Promoter prize €20 Jenny Donegan.

Next draw 22 Feb. 2021    **Jackpot €13,100**

Thank you all for your continuing support.