

A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH

Second Sunday of Easter - Bishop Robert Barron

When Jesus appeared to his frightened disciples on Easter night, he first showed them his wounds, so they would never forget what the sin of the world did to him. When the Lord of life came, we sinners killed him, and there is no surer indication of the deep dysfunction that bedevils the human race. But then he did something extraordinary. To those who had denied him, betrayed him, run from him in his hour of need, he said, “*Shalom*” (“Peace”). They, and we, are sinners, but the one whom we offend in every sin greets us, not with condemnation, but with a word of forgiving love. And this means that, in principle, there is no sin that God cannot forgive.

How wonderful that the Risen Lord came to them, though the doors of the place were locked tight. Though we lock ourselves away in the narrow space of self-reproach, Jesus enters in, overcoming whatever barrier we set up against him. Even when we cannot forgive ourselves, he pardons us; even when we deny ourselves peace of heart, he offers us *Shalom*.

And this is precisely why to those first Apostles he grants the privilege of mediating forgiveness to others: “*Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them.*” Having been pardoned themselves, the Apostles can share that same consolation. And their successors and co-workers – forgiven sinners all – down through the centuries bear the same grace.

In its every detail, this short narrative of what happened in the locked Upper Room on Easter night is an icon of the Church.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

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

In this weeks issue there is a feature about the National Synod.

People are invited to offer submissions in response to the question: “What would be your preferred option for engagement in a conversation process about the Synod?” Feedback, which should be no more than 300 words and submitted by Pentecost Sunday 23 May 2021, ought to focus on the nature of the process for the consultation i.e. how we can best go about this initial phase of establishing the conversation.

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

10th & 11th April, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

Recent Deaths: Fr Patrick O'Reilly and Fr William Mauric, St Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan, Andrew Byrne, Coolkenno.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 10th & 11th April

Dorothy Moriarty, Tynock – 1st Anniversary

John Moriarty, Tynock

Ciss Doyle, Ricketstown

Dan Byrne, Lisnavagh and deceased family members

Olive & Tom Griffin, Ballyoliver

Gerry Brennan, Rathvilly

John Swayne, Rathvilly

Willie Swayne, Baltinglass

Monday, 12th April at 9.30 a.m.

Bridget & Matthew Halpin, Hacketstown and deceased family members

Sat/Sun, 17th & 18th April

Charlie Lawlor, St. Patrick's Park

Kate Lawlor, Phelan Street and deceased family members

Peter & Mary Doyle, The Moate and deceased family members

Mary Gahan, Collins Park

George Gahan, Kevin Barry Road

Tom Sibbald, Ballyoliver and deceased family members

Paddy Keogh, Tullowland and deceased family members

Micheál McEvoy, Ballyroan

Michael & Chrissie Byrne, Ballyhackett

James & Elizabeth Byrne, Ballyhackett

Patrick & Elizabeth Haberlin, Ballyhackett

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

Monday to Saturday – 10 a.m. – 5p.m.

Sunday – 12 Noon – 5 p.m.

MASSES THIS WEEK – will be celebrated behind Closed Doors

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

THE ROSARY will be recited each morning before Mass at 9.10 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Thursday 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

The Church will be open for Adoration.

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam

Radio 104.3 fm

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

“What a beautiful truth of faith this is for our lives: The Mercy of God! God’s Love for us is so great, so deep; it is an unfailing Love, one which always takes us by the hand and supports us, lifts us up and leads us on, ...” “At all times and in all places blessed are those who, through the Word of God proclaimed in Church and witnessed by Christians, believe that Jesus Christ is the Love of God Incarnate; Mercy Incarnate. And this is true for each of us!” “For me, and I say this humbly, the strongest message of the Lord is Mercy.” - Pope Francis

TRÓCAIRE

If you have not returned your Trócaire Box, please return it as soon as you can.

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

GOSPEL READINGS – 11th – 18th April, 2021

Sunday: Jn 20: 19-31 Mon: Jn 3: 1-8 Tues: Jn 3: 7-15
Wed: Jn 3: 16-21 Thurs: Jn 3: 31-36 Fri: Jn 6: 1-15
Sat: Jn 6: 16-21 Sunday: Lk 24: 35-48

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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 3rd & 4th April, 2021

Thanks to our parishioners who left in Weekly Envelopes of €799.90 during the week. Thanks also for contributing to the Easter Station and Easter Collection. 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

PARISH FUNDRAISING – Watch this Space

The Parish Council have decided to join the Kildare & Leighlin Co-op Lotto. We would ask that all our draw promoters would come onboard and help promote it. We would also ask all our loyal parishioners for your support as you have done in the past. The minimum jackpot is €10,000 each week and this rises by increments of €1,000 weekly to a maximum of €20,000 if the jackpot is not won. There is also a €1,000 prize fund each week divided by match 3 winners even when the jackpot is won. If a promoter sells a jackpot winning ticket they will receive 10% of the jackpot amount as a promoter’s prize. This is in addition to the one ticket per book they receive for selling a full book. For further details please contact the Parish Office. Tickets will be available soon.

CARLOW Social Prescribing Service

The Carlow Social prescribing Service is a new free support that aims to reduce social isolation and improve people’s health and wellbeing. For more information contact: Sinéad – Social Prescribing Co-ordinator, St. Catherine’s Community Services Centre, Carlow 086 4147511 E: socialprescribing@catherines.ie See poster in the Church.

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.

RATHVILLY COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Parish has a new project in conjunction with the Tidy Towns and Rathvilly National School. The small field behind the Parish Centre is being developed into a Community Garden. There is funding for the project but are looking for interested individuals and groups to make this a reality. Everyone is welcome -not only to work on the project but also board members and artists. We could also use top soil or compost. The plan is available for viewing at the Church and post office – covid restrictions are limiting some activities - but please contact Father John or inforathvillytidytowns@gmail.com if you are interested.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner Numbers were 3 -12 - 16 -20

Match Three: win or share €150

Pat Doyle, Ricketstown, Rathvilly 4-12-16-20 On Line Winner [135]

Emilia c/o Bruno’s Take Away 3- 5 -12-20 On Line Winner [236]

Darcy Family, Knocklishen 3-16-20-27 On Line Winner [273]

Peter Sibbald, Main St.,Rathvilly 3 - 9-12-20 On Line Winner [331]

Promoters Prize €20 Anthony Byrne.

Next draw 12 April 2021 **Jackpot €13,800** Thank you for all your support.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 4-12-14-20

Match 3 winners: €40 each

Sinead Tallon On Line winner

Aisling Byrne On Line winner

Florrie Gibbons On Line winner

Collette Kelly, Garretstown

Promoters Prize €20 Anthony Doyle.

Next draw 13th April. **Jackpot €10,000** Thank you for your continued support.

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