

VOCATION QUOTES

‘You did not choose me, no I choose you and I commissioned you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last’ (John 15:16).

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you came to birth I consecrated you” prior to being told “You must go to all to whom I send you” (Jer. 1:4-7).

“I know who it is in whom I have placed my trust” (2 Tim. 1:12)

‘He called to him those he desired and they came to him’ (Mark 3:13).

“God has created my heart only for himself. He asks me to give it to him that he may make it happy”. St John Vianney

“Only in friendship with Christ is the great potential of human existence truly revealed. Only in his friendship do we experience beauty and liberation”.

Pope Benedict XVI, Opening Homily as pope.

RATHVILLY COMMUNITY ALERT/TEXT ALERT

Subscriptions are now due for receiving Text Alerts and we would be grateful for your assistance in getting your payment in to us by the end of May. The Text Alert facility is a vital tool in helping to combat crime and enables us to advise parishioners of suspicious activity in our area. We are connected up to the Gardai PinPointAlerts system so that incidences of crime are immediately notified.

The subscription remains at €10, and we have not collected any monies since we last collected in June 2019. Our funds are now low and we require subscribers to let us have their subscription as quickly as possible, but in any case, before 31st May as this will be the latest date for setting you up on the system to receive text alerts. Anna Deering has kindly taken on the task of co-ordinating the receipt of payment. Her Mobile No. is 086 8882641 and she will deal with any queries you may have and offer assistance if you have any difficulty in dealing with paying your fee. You can pay directly into the Text Alert Account in the Credit Union or by E.F.T. - details listed below. It is vitally important that when paying your fee you state your name and Mobile No. otherwise we will not know that you have paid. We would be grateful if you use the following facilities for paying your fee:- If paid directly into the Credit Union the Account No. is 47992 Rathvilly Community Alert/Text Alert.

If paid by E.F.T. you will need the above account number and IBAN No. IE93CDEU99110110649858. Please contact Anna for any further information.

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam

[Radio 104.3 fm](http://www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/radio)

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid’s
Talbotstown**

24th & 25th April, 2021

**St. Patrick’s
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Recent Death: Emile Anderson, Manchester, nephew of Peter & Willie O’Toole.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 24th & 25th April

Mary & David Byrne, Patrickswell

Pauline Cullen, Dublin

Sean Corcoran, Rathvilly

Mary Farrell, Kenny Court

Denis Tierney, Slaney Meadows

Kate McDonnell, Greystones & Rathdangan

Elizabeth Heffernan, Rathdangan

P.J. Myles, Clogheen, Tipperary

Patrick & Kathleen Merrigan, Coolegraney

Sat/Sun, 1st/2nd May

Months Mind Mass for Daniel Lawlor, Fr. Cullen Tce. on Saturday, 1st May

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Christina Donegan, Tynock

William Reilly, Collins Park

Teresa & James Maguire, Kylebeg, Lacken

Stephen & Maura Murphy, Bough

Tom & Mary Coleman, Bough

Matthew & Anastatia Murphy

Bill & Mary Doyle, Coole

Jack Doyle, Coole

Clarke Family, Williamstown

Tom & Nancy O’Toole, Rathdangan

Dermot Byrne, Arklow

Jack Keogh, Phelan Street

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

Monday to Saturday – 10 a.m. – 5p.m.

Sunday – 12 Noon – 6 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.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY – 25th April 2021

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations we pray for all those called to lay down their lives as priests, deacons, and in the consecrated life, that they will be faithful witnesses to the Good Shepherd in our midst.

There are resources on the Diocesan website to promote Vocations within the Diocese, these can be accessed via the following

link <https://www.kandle.ie/vocations-sunday-2021-now-is-the-time/>

Easter Water for the Home – A message from Bishop Denis

Up to March of 2020, people invariably blessed themselves with holy water as they entered a church. This gesture reminds us of and stirs up the waters of our baptism.

Alas, this is one of the many things that Covid has taken from us.

While we are still in the midst of the Easter season, a season which has baptism at its heart, I would encourage you to continue this popular and worthwhile tradition.

At this time we need to continue to support the domestic church in any way we can and the presence of holy water in the home can be a powerful domestic reminder of our baptism. This blessed water can be placed in a font by the door of the home or it might be used in a blessing of the home and household.

Blessed Easter Water is available in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly.

INTERNATIONAL PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY

Today is the International Parental Alienation Awareness Day. This day highlights a particular form of domestic abuse that takes place when one parent tries to distance his or her children, without reason or justification, from the other parent when a marriage or relationship ends. Such a denial of the rights of children to have a loving relationship with both parents has long-lasting and damaging consequences for a child. For more information about the issue log on to www.aliennated.ie.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 17th & 18th April, 2021

Thanks to our parishioners who left in Weekly Envelopes of €587.50 this 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 – 25th April – 2nd May, 2021

Sunday: Jn 10: 11-18 Mon: Jn 10: 1-10 Tues: Jn 10: 22-30

Wed: Jn 12: 44-50 Thurs: Mt 11: 25-30 Fri: Jn 14: 1-6

Sat: Jn 14: 7-14 Sunday: Jn 15: 1-8

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

PARISH FUNDRAISING

Tickets are now available for our Parish Lotto in conjunction with Kildare & Leighlin Co-op Lotto. The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise. On Wednesday, 28th April the Jackpot is €12,000. The jackpot will be won by matching 4 numbers. Match 3 numbers win or share €1,000. Tickets €2 each. Tickets available at the Parish Office, Rathvilly Post Office, Mace and many promoters. If you would like to become a promoter please contact the Parish Office 059 9161114.

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

TRÓCAIRE

Thank you to everyone who returned their Trócaire Box. To date we received €2,240.87. If you have not returned your box please do so, as soon as you can.

IRISH CATHOLIC – available in the Church each week. Cost €2.50
Some of the items featured in this weeks Irish Catholic -

Keep up the campaign to open our churches

Because most people of faith are law-abiding, there has been Church compliance with the Government's draconian regulations against public worship – even though, as this newspaper has pointed out repeatedly, all across Europe, and Britain, churches are open for prayer and services. Yet, in the light of history, it is utterly shocking that this new...

Government 'tricking' Faithful into compliance through ambiguity – Law professor
Professor Oran Doyle of Trinity College Dublin took to Twitter to criticise the Government's behaviour concerning religious restrictions throughout the pandemic. Citing an article in *The Irish Times* earlier this week, Prof. Doyle said Taoiseach Michéal Martin's insistence that the "Government was not 'anti-religious' in any way," and that the current restrictions were only a general legal precaution against indoor gatherings was "wrong on both counts".

'We don't teach hate, Mr President'

A number of prominent Catholic voices have rejected a claim by President Michael D. Higgins that the fact that parental choice is central to education policy in the North and many parents choose to send their children to Catholic schools is to abandon them "to parcels of hate and..."

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 15 - 17 - 24 - 26

Match Three: win or share €150

Evan Byrne, Woodgrove Avenue, Rathvilly On Line Winner [120]

Liam Whelan, Collins Park, Rathvilly On Line Winner [202]

Tony Keogh, 2 Parkmore, Baltinglass On Line Winner [212]

Marie O'Rourke, Tullow On Line Winner [219]

Fiona Kelly, Woodgrove Avenue, Rathvilly On Line Winner [321]

Promoter prize Promoters Prize €20 Carol Gahan.

Next Jackpot stands at €14,000. Thank you for all your support

BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Bigstone National School is now taking late admissions for the term starting September 2021. Admission forms can be downloaded from the website: <http://bigstonens.scoilnet.ie/blog/admissions-2021-2022/> You can contact the school on: bigstonens1@gmail.com