

## MEDITATION OF THE DAY

### “Impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick”

The sacraments are particularly efficacious ways in which Christ the divine physician continues his work of healing through the Church. The *Catechism* teaches that just as Jesus touched and healed the sick during his earthly ministry, “so in the sacraments Christ continues to ‘touch’ us in order to heal us”. The Church “believes in the life-giving presence of Christ, the physician of souls and bodies. This presence is particularly active through the sacraments, and in an altogether special way through the Eucharist, the bread that gives eternal life and that Saint Paul suggests is connected with bodily health.” The sacraments are grounded in the recognition that the body and matter are part of the goodness of creation and can be used by God as vehicles of his grace. Scripture teaches this sacramental understanding of the world. Jesus sometimes healed people by his mere word, but at other times he used physical means: the laying on of hands or saliva or clay. Even the fringe of his garment could be a vehicle of his healing power. In Acts, handkerchiefs or aprons that Paul had touched were used to heal (*Acts 19:12*). In the Old Testament, a dead man was raised up by touching the bones of the prophet Elisha (*2 Kings 13:21*) ....

In a sense all the sacraments can be understood as sacraments of healing, since all are efficacious for the healing of fallen human nature. It is pre-eminently in the Eucharist, the heart of Christian life, in which Christ’s total gift of himself on the cross is made present and available to us, that we experience his healing power. Saint Ignatius of Antioch called the Eucharist the “medicine of immortality”. So our response at Mass immediately before receiving Holy Communion is an act of faith in Christ’s healing: “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul will be healed.” In the Byzantine Catholic liturgy, the prayer before Communion more explicitly includes physical healing: “May the communion of your holy Mysteries be neither to my judgements nor to my condemnation, O Lord, but to the healing of soul and body.

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**TOTUS TUUS** – To Jesus Through Mary – This is a Catholic Magazine edited by a Cork Priest Fr. Marius O’Reilly. Copies available in the Church.

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

**ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO**

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## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid’s  
Talbotstown**

**24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2021**

**St. Patrick’s  
Rathvilly**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Assumption  
Tynock**

**Months Mind Mass** for Jim Byrne, The Moate this Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> July

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES

#### Rathvilly Church - Saturday/Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July

David & Mary Byrne, Patrickswell	Michael Moloney, Bough
Mary Smith, Coole	Christy Lawlor, Slaney Bank View
Peter Deegan, Carnew	Jean Donegan, Collins Park
Kathleen Burke, Bough and deceased family members	
Joseph Dunne, Slaney View, Rathmore	Colm Coleman, The Green, Hacketstown
Patrick Finnegan, Raheendaw and deceased family members	

#### Tynock Church – Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> July

Catherine and Pa O’Leary, Spynans

#### Talbotstown Church – Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> July

Betty Furlong

#### Rathvilly Church – Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30 a.m.

Margaret (Dolly) O’Brien, Limerick

#### Rathvilly Church - Saturday/Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> July & 1<sup>st</sup> August

Brendan O’Grady, Rathmore	Joe & Bridget Keogh, St. Patrick’s Park
Paddy Kelly, Ballyhackett	Mary Doyle, Ballyhackett
Jimmy Doyle, Rathdaniel	

### MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

#### **St. Patrick’s Church, Rathvilly**

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

**Communion Service** on Thursday at 9.30 a.m. led by Deacon Liam.

**Communion Service** on Friday at 9.30 a.m.

**THE ROSARY** will be recited Monday to Friday at 9.10 a.m.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** – Thursday 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

#### **Church of the Assumption, Tynock**

Mass on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Paula Boland.

Mass on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> August at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Muireann Gartland.

#### **St. Brigid’s Church, Talbotstown**

Mass on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Breedh Murphy.

Mass on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> July at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Siobhan Doyle.

## **THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place for the first time on Sunday 25 July 2021 on the theme 'I am with you always' (Mt 28:20).

**Prayer for Grandparents** – Composed by the Late Msgr. Quinn, former PP Knock God of the Ages we praise and thank you. From generation to generation You have been our refuge and strength. You give your gifts of grace for every time, place and season as we strive within the family to walk in Your ways and remain close to one another and to you. We pray that our homes may be schools of Faith, where we come to know and to love You. Teach us the Sanctity of human love. Show us the value of family life and help us to respect all life. May the young find in the family strong support for their humanity so that they may grow in truth and love. May the elderly experience respect, support, love and care within the family circle. We give thanks for Grandparents and we pray for them. We give thanks for they connect us with our heritage and our roots through the mists of time. We give thanks for their Christian memory which inspires and enlightens us. We give thanks for the example of their faith, for the witness of their lives, for the constancy of their love, for the support of their prayers.

Bless all Grandparents and keep them in Your care. Bless them with peace, health and healing. Reward them for their Faith and fidelity, for their work and goodness, for their love and thoughtfulness, for their gifts and prayers. Give them a long and happy life together. May old age come to them in the company of family and friends. And when life is over, unite them again, where parting will be no more, in the Kingdom of Your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## **LOUGH DERG**

Connect with Lough Derg in St Patrick's Church, Rathvilly to pray a Station Prayer on Tuesday 27th July at 8 pm and every Tuesday until 10th August. There are no visitors allowed on Lough Derg for a second year due to Covid 19. It is a way for us to connect with the special prayerful place of the pilgrim island. We invite people to write a petition prayer and leave it in the petition box in the Church for these 5 weeks Petition requests will be prayed for in a special way on Tuesday evenings. All welcome.

## **WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2021**

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections. Thanks also to the parishioners who donated to our Parish through the Diocesan Website.

Rathvilly: Offertory €74.77 Envelopes €459.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €53.76 Envelopes €276.10

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)

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

## **CEMETERY SUNDAY- 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

Our Annual Cemetery Mass in Rathvilly Cemetery will not take place this year due to Covid 19. The weekend Masses will be offered for everyone interred in the Cemetery. Fr McEvoy will bless all graves in the Cemetery at 1.00 p.m.

## **ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE UPKEEP OF THE CEMETERY**

You can contribute to the Cemetery Collection by using your Cemetery envelope or one with your name and address marked Cemetery Collection.

## **PARISH LOTTO** (Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Draw)

Results for 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2021 Numbers: 4 – 9 – 25 - 26

No Jackpot winner. 12 Match 3s get €84.00 each. No local winners this week.

The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.

On Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> July the **Jackpot is €12,000**. Tickets €2 each.

**We need more promoters to sell tickets each week.** If you can help, please contact the Parish Office 059 9161114 – Mon-Fri 10 am – 1 pm.

## **ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE?**

**The deadline for expressions of interest in the Permanent Diaconate is Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July.** For further information please contact Fr. John McEvoy.

Tel: 059 9161114 Email: [permanentdiaconate@kandle.ie](mailto:permanentdiaconate@kandle.ie)

**'You did not choose me but I chose you' – John 15:16**

## **GOSPEL READINGS – 25<sup>th</sup> July- 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2021**

Sunday: Jn 6: 1-15

Mon: Mt 13: 31-35

Tues: Mt 13: 36-43

Wed: Mt 13: 44-46

Thurs: Jn 11: 19-27

Fri: Mt 13: 54-58

Sat: Mt 14: 1-12

Sunday: Jn 6: 24-35

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

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 9 - 14 - 16 - 28

Match Three: win or share €150

Trish Harmon, Kiltegan

14 – 16 – 28 - 30

Trish Harmon

Margaret Hennessy c/o Peg Kehoe

8 – 9 – 14 – 16

Peg Kehoe

Pam Byrne, Woodgrove Avenue

5 – 9 – 14 – 28

Anthony Byrne

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Edel McGrath.

Next draw 26 July 2021 **Jackpot €15,300** Thank you for all your support.

## **RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB**

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 6-22-23-29

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips.

Walter Hovendon Ballylinan

On Line winner

Ned Doyle c/o Lena Smith

On Line winner

Natasha Doyle Knockavagh

Anthony Doyle

Valerie Flannigan

Bingo winner

Josie Leonard Rahill

Sean Leonard

Promoters Prize €20

Mick Kehoe

Next draw 27 July 2021.

**Jackpot €3,500**