#### A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH

#### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Bishop Robert Barron -

In the sixth Chapter of the Gospel of John, we find this extraordinary exchange between Jesus and some of his followers. They ask: What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants? And he answers bluntly and directly: This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent. I will admit that at first blush this response of the Lord can seem to support a broadly "Protestant" reading of salvation, as if simple faith apart from any effort of ours is sufficient to be pleasing to God. But this is to truncate the meaning of "belief".

The operative Greek word in this context is pistis, which can indeed have the sense of intellectual acquiescence, but which carries the strong connotation of trust or reliance. So we might render Jesus' response as this: the work that God requires is a confidence in and surrender to his Son. It is the willingness to enter into the moral and spiritual space opened up by Jesus, to become thereby a member of his Mystical Body. Therefore, believing in him implies participating in his manner of existence – which happens, on a Catholic reading, precisely through prayer, active discipleship, and receiving the sacraments.

This interpretation is confirmed in Jesus' answer to his interlocutors who ask for a sign to ratify what he has said. What he offers is the bread that comes down from heaven: I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hunger; he who believes in me will never thirst. In other words, we truly believe in Jesus when we take his life into our own, when we allow his very being to become bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh.

**Bishop Robert Barron** 

"Magnificat" August 2021

#### **TULLOW COMMUNITY SCHOOL St Anne's College of Further Education**

Enrolments are now taking place for the following QQI Level 5 Course which will commence in September 2021

# **One Year Business and Information Technology Training Course**

Post Leaving Certificate Students and Adults who wish to retrain or update their skills, are unemployed and want to return to the workforce or return to education. Back to Education Grants, Maintenance Grants and VTOS Grants available for those who are eligible. Application forms and further information - 059 9151473

#### ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam Radio 104.3 fm

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# **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH** NEWSLETTER

| St. Brigid's         | St. Patrick's             | The Assumption          |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Talbotstown          | Rathvilly                 | Tynock                  |
| 31st July & 1st Augu | st, 2021 18 <sup>th</sup> | Sunday in Ordinary Time |

**Deaths:** Carol Byrne, Tynock. William Fitzpatrick, Tynock & Tinahely. Brigie Kelly, Fenagh mother of Úna Kelly Principal of Rathmore N.S.

Months Mind Mass for Margaret Walsh, Knocknagan this Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> August.

#### **ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

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

Brendan O'Grady, Rathmore Paddy Kelly, Ballyhackett Jimmy Doyle, Rathdaniel

Joe & Bridget Keogh, St. Patrick's Park Mary Doyle, Ballyhackett

#### Rathvilly Church – Saturday/Sunday, 7th & 8th August

Bridget Gahan, Lisnavagh Essie Byrne, Knocklishen Thomas & Mary Humphries, Rathdaniel Patrick & Kay Humphries, Rathdaniel James Gethings, Rathmore and deceased family members Mary & Patrick Humphries, Whitestown, Donard and deceased family members James & Margaret Ralph, Liscolman and deceased family members Ellen & Tony Kane, Carrigslaney and deceased family members Michael Connors, St. Patrick's Park

#### MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly Monday – Mass at 11.00 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - Mass at 9.30 a.m. THE ROSARY will be recited Monday to Friday at 9.10 a.m.

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

#### St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown

Mass on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> July at 6.00 p.m. Reader - Siobhan Doyle. Mass on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> August at 9.30 a.m. Reader - Mary Kelly, Feddan

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

Mass on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> August at 9.30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> August at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Muireann Gartland. Reader – Lucilla Brophy.

### Mass in the Oratory in Kiltegan on Tues, Wed & Thurs at 9.30 a.m.

# CEMETERY SUNDAY- 1st 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.

# HOUSEBOUND

The housebound will receive their August visit on **Thursday**, **5**<sup>th</sup> **August** while adhering to Covid 19 guidelines.

# LOUGH DERG

Connect with Lough Derg in St Patrick's Church, Rathvilly to pray a Station Prayer on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 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.

# GOSPEL READINGS – 1st – 8th August, 2021

| Sunday: Jn 6: 24-35                                                      | Mon: Mt 14: 13-21   | Tues: Mt 14: 22-36 |  |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Wed: Mt 15: 21-28                                                        | Thurs: Mt 16: 13-23 | Fri: Mk 9: 2-10    |  |  |
| Sat: Mt 17: 14-20                                                        | Sunday: Jn 6: 41-51 |                    |  |  |
| All the Sunday and Daily Mass Readings can be accessed from our website. |                     |                    |  |  |

# WEEKEND COLLECTIONS - 24th & 25th July, 2021

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections. Rathvilly: Offertory €194.40 Envelopes €384.00 Kiltegan: Offertory €16.00 Envelopes €296.00 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 <u>www.kandle.ie</u>

**PARISH LOTTO**<br/>Results for 28th July, 2021(Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Draw)Results for 28th July, 2021Numbers: 5 - 6 - 15 - 20No Jackpot winner.40 Match 3s get €25.00 each.No local winners this week.The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.On Wednesday, 4th August the Jackpot is €13,000.We need more promoters to sell tickets each week.If you can help, pleasecontact the Parish Office 059 9161114 – Mon-Fri 10 am – 1 pm.

<u>**IRISH CATHOLIC**</u> available in Rathvilly Church each week. Cost  $\notin$  2.50.

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

# THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIM PATH

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the lough shore is now open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option, and several information boards highlight features of particular interest. Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre. Guided walks will take place in late August and early September. For bookings and further information email <u>info@loughderg.org</u> or telephone 071 9861518. <u>www.loughderg.org</u>

# RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn6-17-23-29Match 3 win or share €150Noelle Bolger Rathvilly6-17-23-27Noelle Bolger Rathvilly6-17-23-27On :Line winnerRathvilly Ladies G F C11-17-23-29Rathvilly LadiesPromoters Prize €20Paul KellyNext draw 3 Aug. 2021.Jackpot € 3,600

**Drive-In Bingo continues every Wednesday night at 8pm sharp** Thank you for your continued support

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

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were1 - 11 - 20 - 25Match Three: win or share €150Dawn Keogh, 11 Father Cullen Terrace1-3-11-25Dawn Keogh, 11 Father Cullen Terrace1-3-11-25Brian CurranChristy Connors, Michael Collins Park1-11-16 -20Anthony ByrnePromoter's prize €20 was won by Brian Curran.Next draw 2 August 2021Jackpot €15,400

# **YOUTH 2000**

Youth 2000 Ireland has launched registration for their ambitious summer 2021 initiative aimed at 16-35 year-olds. Their annual festival, which usually attracts crowds of over 1,000 people from around Ireland, had to move online last summer. This year it will go ahead from August 13-15, but in multiple satellite locations, with public liturgies all happening simultaneously across the country. Newbridge College in Co. Kildare will act as the epicentre from where the retreat content will be broadcast and live-streamed. Modern technology will virtually connect each of the 12 venues and allow interactive participation. Everyone is encouraged to tune in, not just those unable to attend the public liturgies each day. All Church and Government guidelines regarding Covid-19 will be adhered to and numbers will be strictly limited. The young organisers are extremely excited to have bodies in seats, people on the ground enjoying an in-person version of their massive signature event. For more information please visit www.youth2000.ie