

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

What We Are Blessed to Believe

All day long, all over the world there is resurrection. A tiny infant is baptised; Christ lives again, strong in his new life. A convert is received into the Church after the long tension of their conversion; Christ comes back to the world. A boy murmurs the monotonous story of his sins in the cramped confession box, the words of absolution are spoken; Christ lives again in the heart of mankind. A forgotten woman dies in the workhouse. To those who close the eyes and cover the quiet face nothing extraordinary has happened; in the eyes of the Eternal Father, Christ has risen again from the dead....

Our Lord has told us how we are to lead the risen life, and he has shown it to us. In his last discourse to the apostles he has told us. In the forty days on earth after the Resurrection he has shown us. It is to be a life of love, love that creates, love that fills up the measure of each life with joy. Love that is light and peace. Love that forgives and heals and sustains, that makes us one. Love that gives life to the world and gives beauty to life. Love that is food and clothing and water for thirst. Love that is bread. It is the love of the Eternal Father for his only Son, given to us, and it is given to us for ourselves and for one another.

This love is not something insubstantial, to be lived only in the spirit. Christ chose a human body as the means to give us God's love. He gave us his body in his babyhood, his childhood, his growing from childhood to boyhood, from boyhood to manhood. He gave it to us in his labours, in the stretch and pull of his muscles, in the sweat on his face, in his beautiful artisan's hands. He gave it to us in the delight of his senses, in eating and drinking and sleeping, in his fasts and his vigils, in his weariness and in his rest. He gave it to us in his dying on the cross, and in lying in the tomb; and when he came back from the tomb, it was not a ghost who came back, it was the same Christ with the same body risen and glorified.

Caryll Houselander

Caryll Houselander († 1954) was an English mystic, author, poet, and an esteemed spiritual teacher.

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

3rd & 4th July, 2021

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Recent Death: Jim Byrne, The Moate, Rathvilly

Sarah Creevy, Co Meath, partner of David Deering, Knockavagh

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Saturday/Sunday, 3rd & 4th July

William & May Osborne, Maplestown

Mickey & Winnie Osborne, Maplestown

Christopher Gahan, 15 Kevin Barry Road

Brian & Laura O'Donoghue, Williamstown

Saturday/Sunday, 10th & 11th July

Bernadette Fanning, Williamstown – 1st Anniversary

Jim Fanning, Williamstown

Eithne Molloy, Rathvilly

James Byrne, Ballybit

Cicely Hanford, Ballyoliver

Michael O'Neill, Slaney View

Eamon Byrne, 16 Collins Park

Laurence Doyle, Tobinstown

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly

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

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

THE ROSARY will be recited each morning before Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Thursday 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

Church of the Assumption, Tynock

Mass on Sunday, 4th July at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Nigel Byrne.

Mass on Saturday, 10th July at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Lucilla Brophy.

St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown

Mass on Saturday, 3rd July at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Breedh Murphy.

Mass on Sunday, 11th July at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Mary Kelly, Feddan.

25 YEARS & 60 YEARS OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Congratulations and best wishes to local Tynock man Fr. Willie Byrne, Parish Priest of Allen, Co. Kildare who celebrates the Silver Jubilee of his Ordination on 7th July. We also congratulate Mgr Brendan Byrne, Chancellor and Diocesan Secretary who celebrates 60 years of Ordination.

HOUSEBOUND

The housebound will receive their July visit on **Thursday, 8th July** while adhering to Covid 19 guidelines.

PETERS PENCE COLLECTION

The Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul was observed on 29th June. Donations are sent to Pope Francis. You can use the envelope provided in your Weekly Envelope Box or any envelope. Thanks to those who have already contributed.

GOSPEL READINGS – 4th – 11th July, 2021

Sunday: Mk 6: 1-6 Mon: Mt 9: 18-26 Tues: Mt 9: 32-38
Wed: Mt 10: 1-7 Thurs: Mt 10: 7-15 Fri: Mt 10: 16-23
Sat: Mt 10: 24-33 Sunday: Mk 6: 7-13

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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 26th & 27th June, 2021

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections.

Rathvilly: Offertory €136.67 Envelopes €410.60

Kiltegan: Offertory €29.70 Envelopes €395.30

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

If you make your donation by cheque, the Bank will only accept cheques made out to the following:

“**Rathvilly Parish Church**” for Weekly Envelopes, Trocaire, Retired Priests, Peters Pence, Cemetery, Missions.

“**Rathvilly Parish Clergy Fund**” for Easter, Summer, Harvest, Christmas Collections.

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

Results for 30th June, 2021 Numbers: 9 – 12 – 15 - 21

No €20,000 Jackpot winner 27 Match 3s get €38.00 each

Two local winners this week – Patrick & Paula Deering – Promoter Angela Byrne.

John Halligan Jnr – Promoter Sinead Kehoe.

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

On Wednesday, 7th July the **Jackpot is €20,000**. Tickets €2 each.

Tickets available at the Parish Office, Rathvilly Post Office, Mace and after Mass in the three Churches. **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.

DUFFY COACH HIRE

Tour to Sligo – 5 nights in The Sligo Park Hotel – 18th – 23rd July

Tour to Cork – 3 nights in The Clayton Springs Hotel – 15th – 18th August.

For details, contact Duffy Coach Hire – 087 2543235 or 059 6471681.

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

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

The support line is open seven days - 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 13 - 17 - 24 - 25

Match Three: win or share €150

Margaret Gahan, Michael Collins Park, Rathvilly

Carol Gahan

Keith Curran, Ladystown, Rathvilly

Brian Curran

Valerie Whyte c/o Rathvilly Post Office

Michael Kehoe

Josie Sheehan, Knockananna, Co. Wicklow

Anthony Byrne

The Kelly Household, Ballyhackett, Tullow

Michael Kehoe

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Christina Deering.

Next draw 5 July 2021 **Jackpot €15,000** Thank you for all your support.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 4-5-9-13

Match 3 win or share €150

Mary Keegan Ballyoliver 4-9-13-16

Robbie Molloy

Nancy Doody Baltinglass 4-7-9-13

Josh Moore

Promoters Prize €20

Ladies GFC

Next draw 6 July 2021. **Jackpot €3,200**

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The groundworks for the garden are complete and it is time for planting. There are beds available as allotments and also looking for anyone interested in getting out for a few hours to assist in this new Rathvilly Amenity. All ages, abilities and donations of plants, time or money are welcome. Please contact Dave Saruwatari at 087 372 4206 or Mary in the Post Office.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE?

Permanent Deacons are ministers of the Word, the Altar and Service.

Bishop Denis is inviting expressions of interest in learning more about formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin.

The Permanent Diaconate is open to men aged between 30 and 60 who have a genuine sense of vocation to this calling. Deacons are self-supporting and continue in their family lives and secular employment. A new programme of discernment and formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese will commence in September 2021. For further information please contact Fr. John McEvoy before Saturday July 31st. Tel: 059 9161114 Email: permanentdiaconate@kandle.ie
‘You did not choose me but I chose you’ – John 15:16