

REFLECTION - AUGUST 2021

In his poem “Any Morning,” William Stafford describes himself as “Just lying on the couch and being happy.” He wryly comments that the troubles of the world can go on without him for awhile. He’s simply enjoying a time of contentment.

In *Riverwalking*, Kathleen Dean Moore writes about something similar, only it’s more intentional. She refers to it as “poking around.” Moore writes: “... the kind of poking around I am advocating must be done outdoors. It is a matter of going to the land to pay close attention, to pry at things with the toe of a boot, to turn over rocks at the edge of a stream and lift boards to look for snakes or the nests of silky deer mice... People who poke around have seeds in their socks and rocks in their pockets. They measure things with the span of their hands. They look into the sun when they see a shadow pass across a field. ... Often they stand still for a long time, listening, and then they follow the sound, sneaky as a heron, until they are close enough to see a chickadee knocking on wood like a tiny woodpecker. ... Of course, there are no rules about this, and some people prefer to keep their minds engaged while they’re poking around. If so, the most fitting kinds of mental activity I have found are wondering and hoping.”

Then she warns that poking around is not as easy as it sounds: “You have to drive out ideas that will dampen your spirit or dim your vision: a desk on Monday morning, the dentist’s bill. You have to be alert or you will find yourself sucked away by a work ethic as strong as a vacuum.”

Maybe poking around is a preparation for the stillness of contemplative prayer because it slows us down, opens us up to wonder, and lessens our need to hurry through things. Getting into the habit of “poking around” could also alleviate some of the distress of being non-productive when recovering from an extended illness or experiencing the slower pace that comes with the later years of life. Could it be that the Creator in the Genesis story was just “poking around” after all that work of gestating an evolving universe? (“God looked at everything that was made and found it very good.”) I smile when I think about that.

It has been said that writers are directing their thoughts to themselves as much as to their readers. In my case, this theory rings true. I usually have a good amount of energy, both physical and mental. The down side is the voice in me that insists I continually have “something to show for my efforts”—the need to be useful—a message instilled in my youth and reinforced when entering a religious community. I was urged to be “busy,” a term that now culturally implies the more actively over-extended a person is the greater their importance and value. To this notion I reply, “Phooey.”

When I poke around in the woods, libraries, and even in my own old journals before I toss them out, I feel contented. Poking around releases the push to “do.” In this era with endless news of human distress and natural disasters, poking around is not only a diversion, it provides relief. It restores hope and brings forth amazement and gratitude. This is how poking around influences my spirit. I hope it creates something similar for yours.

Abundant peace, Joyce Rupp

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid’s
Talbotstown
7th & 8th August, 2021**

**St. Patrick’s
Rathvilly
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Assumption
Tynock
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Recent Deaths: Fr Conn Cronin SPS who died in a Cork accident
Josephine Doyle, Slaney Bank, Rathvilly

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

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
Mary Doyle, Knockavagh

Saturday/Sunday, 14th & 15th August

Months Mind Mass for Jim Haberlin, Ballybit Big on Saturday, 14th August
Months Mind Mass for Brid Moloney, Bough on Saturday, 14th August

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

St. Patrick’s Church, Rathvilly

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

Wednesday – Communion Service 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, 7th August at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Lucilla Brophy.

Mass on Sunday, 15th August at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Veronica Byrne.

St. Brigid’s Church, Talbotstown

Mass on Sunday, 8th August at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Mary Kelly, Feddan.

Mass on Saturday, 14th August at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Joe O’Brien.

SACRAMENTS 2021

We hope to announce dates for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the coming week when we get clarity from the government. Please check the Parish Facebook page and the Parish Website for information.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE UPKEEP OF THE CEMETERY

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Cemetery Collection. €3,431.00 was collected. Work on the new Cemetery will commence shortly – fencing, tarmac, etc. If you would like to contribute to the upkeep of the Cemetery, please put your name on an envelope with ‘Cemetery Collection’ and put it into the collection box at the weekend Masses.

LOUGH DERG

Connect with Lough Derg in St Patrick's Church, Rathvilly to pray a Station Prayer on Tuesday 10th August at 8 pm. We invite people to write a petition prayer and leave it in the petition box in the Church. Petition requests will be prayed for in a special way on Tuesday evening. All welcome.

GOSPEL READINGS – 8th – 15th August, 2021

Sunday: Jn 6: 41-51 Mon: Mt 25: 1-13 Tues: Jn 12: 24-26
Wed: Mt 18: 15-20 Thurs: Mt 18: 21-19:1 Fri: Mt 19: 3-12
Sat: Mt 19: 13-15 Sunday: Lk 1: 39-56

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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 31st July & 1st August, 2021

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

Rathvilly: Offertory € 135.50 Envelopes €739.50

Kiltegan: Offertory € 68.80 Envelopes €248.95

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 LOTTO (Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Draw)

Results for 4th August, 2021 Numbers: 8 – 13 – 26 – 31.

No Jackpot winner. 14 Match 3s get €72.00 each. One local winner this week. Joe Cashen – Promoter Rathvilly Parish Office.

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

On Wednesday, 11th August the **Jackpot is €14,000**. 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.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 11-15-23-26

Match 3 win or share €150

Bobby Doyle c/o Peg Doyle 11-15-17-23 Bingo Winner

Michelle Costigan Kilkenny 6-11-15-26 Bingo Winner

Promoters Prize €20 Jenny Donegan

Next draw 10 Aug. 2021. **Jackpot € 3,700**

Drive - in Bingo continues every Wednesday night at 8pm sharp

Thank you for your continued support.

BAPTISM – To book a Baptism please contact the Parish Office 059 9161114.

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

A new study has estimated that 3,462 Christians have been killed in Nigeria in the first 200 days of 2021. This works out as 17 Christian murders every day in Africa's most populous country. Read the full article in this weeks Irish Catholic.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 3 – 8 – 11 - 28

Match Three: win or share €150

Edel Mc Grath, Father Cullen Terrace 3-8-11-22

Edel Mc Grath

Michelle Byrne, Woodgrove Avenue 8- 11-19-28

Anthony Byrne

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Brian Curran.

Next draw 9 August 2021 **Jackpot €15,500**

Thank you for all your support.

AL HOMECARE

Affordable Live-in Homecare provides live in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on 087 991 6791 or 087 744 0729. Our website is www.alhomecare.ie

YOUTH 2000

This year the Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place both ONLINE and IN PERSON! The festival is primarily taking place ONLINE! All talks, testimonies, Liturgies, prayer and worship will take place online for the course of the weekend and it is here that you can watch, engage with and participate in the Summer Festival in its entirety.

However, in line with government and Church regulations, this year we are able to add in person elements once again to our Summer Festival.

These in person elements will be held at multiple satellite locations around Ireland with slightly different formats in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to ensure that all activities are in line with relevant government regulations there.

For all information and to register please visit www.youth2000.ie

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

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

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam

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

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