

a more insidious way, from the temptation to renounce their faith and blend into the crowd. Belief in the God of the Jews, and its corresponding way of life, did not seem politically correct in a world where expediency remains valid only as long as those who shape public opinion deem them to be viable.

It is against this ever-changing landscape that Daniel proclaims the true destination of all our human longings. It is the Lord who has formed each of us for the fullness of life in him.

Jesus of Nazareth would have been familiar with the imagery and comforting message of a bright new future, contained in the stories of his people and expressed in the Book of Daniel, written about 150 years before his birth. He too lived in restless times under occupation. Yet, in a world much more connected to the earth and the changing of the seasons, Jesus talked about the signs of spring as an indication of our liberation. The words of today's Gospel were written to reassure a Christian people suffering persecution that the end would come soon, heralded by great cosmic signs. The truth is that, as Jesus himself says, no one knows for sure when these things may occur, not even the Son of Man himself.

What is certain is that through one sure and final redemptive act, we are for ever set free from our burden of sin, and are offered the possibility of eternal life. The only price for people of faith is that they trust in the saving power of a God who call them by name, and for the moment play their part in the divine author's plan for humanity. As we act out the human story of our time, can we discern similar attitudes to those faced by the Jews in the Book of Daniel? On the whole our Western society seems unsure of itself. Some seem to be turning to superficial forms of spirituality that offer easy answers with no commitment. We have a choice: accept the prevailing culture and its attendant confusion, or be a people of vision, a people who attempt to discern the signs of the times for ourselves and the world around us. Christ offers us a chance to be truly free, to glimpse the future possibilities and present reality his of Kingdom working in our world.

As a community of faith, we are called to go beyond the superficial, and be alert to our world in the light of Christ, knowing that he is already saving the world, As the Church, that does not mean always rushing to condemn those around us. Nor does it mean simply waiting for the end times. Perhaps we are called in some way to be the signs of his life and freedom here and now, even if that means swimming against the tide. Discerning his presence means highlighting and supporting the good that we detect in our world. And, with his help, planting the seeds of hope around us that they might flower into the presence of God in our midst.

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown
13th & 14th November, 2021**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Assumption
Tynock
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Recent Deaths: Nan Kenny, Kiltegan Eamon Dunne, Tankardstown
PJ Conway, Ashbourne and formerly Barnhill Harry Byrne, Gowran
Frank Byrne, Baltinglass father of David Byrne, Ricketstown

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun. 13th & 14th November

Monsignor John Delaney, former Parish Priest - 80 th Anniversary	Catherine O'Leary, Williamstown
Attracta Doyle, Raheendaw	Joseph Elliott, Monavothe
Mary Kelly, Haroldstown	Michael Osborne, Garretstown
Bill & Sinead Darcy, Phelan Street	Gretta Osborne, Garretstown
Deceased members of the Kearns Family, Rathvilly	Kathleen Keegan, Ballyoliver
Mary & Laurence Dowling, Rathmore	Pat Leonard, Rahill
William (Bill) Burke, Bough and deceased family members	Paul Reilly, Dublin
John & Sarah Doyle, Bough and deceased family members	The Doyle Family, Bigstone
Tom Doyle, Rathdaniel & Morning Star	
Maurice, Margaret & Patricia Loughlin, Straboe	

Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun, 20th & 21st November

Liam McGrath, Knockroe	Ciaran Dunne, Rathmore
Bridget Carroll, Rathvilly	Ann Moore, Williamstown

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly

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

Friday – Mass at 10.00 a.m.

Rosary before Mass each day.

Mass each Wednesday & Friday during November will be celebrated for our deceased relatives and friends.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Thursday 10.00 – 11.00 a.m. Friday 6 – 7 p.m.

CONFESSSIONS (Day Chapel) – Thursday during Adoration and Friday at 7 p.m.

Church of the Assumption, Tynock

Mass on Saturday, 13th November at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Nigel Byrne.

Mass on Sunday, 21st November at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Muireann Gartland.

St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown

Mass on Sunday, 14th November at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Mary Kelly, Feddan.

Mass on Saturday, 20th November at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Siobhan Doyle.

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

BEREAVEMENT MASSES – remembering those who died since Nov. 2020

Saturday, 13th November at 6 p.m. in Tynock Church

Sunday, 14th November at 9.30 a.m. in Talbotstown Church

A Candle will be lit for all parishioners who passed away since November last year.

NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

Names can be written on the sheets provided and in the “Altar List of the Dead”

Book in the Church. November offerings go towards the support of our Clergy.

IN LOVING MEMORY

There is a Large Cross placed in front of Our Lady’s Altar on which to light a candle for a loved one. Candles cost €1 each.

GOSPEL READINGS – 14th – 21st November, 2021

Sunday: Mk 13: 24-32 Mon: Lk 18: 35-43 Tues: Lk 19: 1-10

Wed: Lk 19:11-28 Thurs: Lk 19: 41-44 Fri: Lk 19: 45-48

Sat: Lk 20: 27-40 Sunday: Jn 18: 33-37

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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 6th & 7th November, 2021

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €253.48 Envelopes €673.45

Kiltegan: Offertory €101.32 Envelopes €424.00

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 www.kandle.ie

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

Results for 10th November, 2021 Numbers: 6 – 19 – 28 – 31.

No Jackpot winner of €12,000. 11 Match 3s get €91.00 each.

One local winner this week – Jim Cassells – Promoter – Breda Reilly.

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

On Wednesday, 17th November the **Jackpot is €13,000**. Tickets €2 each.

Thank you for supporting the Lotto.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO – No jackpot winner. Numbers drawn were 5 – 7 – 17 – 26.

Match three: win or share €150 –

Theresa Cullen, Delacy Abbey 7 – 17 – 22 – 26 Online Winner.

Sean Lawlor, St. Patrick’s Park 5 – 7 – 17 – 19 – Promoter Brian Curran.

Promoters Prize €20 was won by Michael Kehoe, Rathvilly Post Office.

Next draw 15 November **Jackpot €16,900**. Thank you for all your support.

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam

[Radio 104.3 fm](http://www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam)

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 4-20-21-24

Match 3 win or share €150

Bernie Molloy Ricketstown 12-20-21-24

On Line winner

Promoters Prize €20 Mick Kehoe

Next draw 16 Nov. 2021 **Jackpot €5,100**

COLAISTE EOIN, HACKETSTOWN

Level 5 QQI Safety and Health at work module starts in Colaiste Eoin Hacketstown on Monday 22nd Nov 7-9:30pm, for 6 weeks, 100 euro. This is suitable for anyone intending or currently working in the healthcare area. Contact 087 4144395

BALLON BUSINESS & TRAINING SERVICE

Mount Leinster Region Community Employment have job opportunities available for Office and Clerical workers and General Operatives in the Ballon & Rathoe area. These positions are developmental opportunities, no experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your choice of career. For further details and to see if you're eligible, call 086-8484552.

TALENT SHOW

Donard The Glen Community Talent Show

Saturday, 20th November in Donard Community Hall at 7.30 p.m. €5 per person or €15 per family. Raffle on the night. All in aid of Donard Hall & Baltinglass Hospital.

“Take the fig tree as a parable”

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Throughout human history the art of storytelling has developed in many cultures as a way of keeping the past alive and comforting the people when the future looked bleak. Every country has its heroes and heroic stories.

An example of this can be found in the stories surrounding William Wallace, an early Scottish leader, who managed to unite the clans in their self-identity and rouse them to fight off the forces occupying his country. His short-lived rebellion was ultimately put down, yet even today his name continues to inspire a passion in his country, and the myths surrounding his achievements have grown with the centuries. A 1995 film, *Braveheart*, captures something of this, as Wallace rallies his small band of followers before a battle in which many of them will undoubtedly die. He convinces them that, in spite of the fate awaiting them, no one can take away their inner freedom.

On some occasions a people or nation is called upon to stand up for the values it holds dear. This may cause hardship or even leads to wars in defence of human rights and religious freedoms. This was the position the Jewish people found themselves in when the Book of Daniel was written. The writer sought to unite his people and offer them some solace. The faithful were under pressure from a military force, but also in