

## MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mark 12:38-44)

*“More . . . than all who have contributed”*

One can imagine the disciples' jaws dropping, as they had when Jesus declares the danger of riches (Mk 10:25-26). . . Was not this woman's donation practically worthless, so insignificant as to be beneath mentioning? Jesus explains: God measures the gifts given him on a basis totally different from human calculations. He looks at the inner motives of the heart (1 Samuel 16:7; Lk 16:15). . . The others were content to give God some of their overflow, having provided sufficiently for themselves - and impressing other people to boot. But this destitute woman had given God what she could not afford, all she had, her whole livelihood. She had given not out of her surplus but out of her *substance*. Her gift meant that she would have to rely on God even to provide her next meal. Such reckless generosity parallels the self-emptying generosity of God himself, who did not hold back from us even his beloved Son. She is an exemplar of “the poor” who are blessed by God (Mt 5:3); Lk 6:20) because their whole treasure is not in earthly possessions but in God. These words of praise for an impoverished widow are the last words spoken by the Lord in the temple of the old covenant. . . .

Jesus' comments on the destitute widow are an example of the divine logic that overturns human ways of thinking. . . Who contributes most to the flourishing of the Church today? Perhaps it is those who are overlooked and insignificant in human terms. This point brings to mind the story of the 3<sup>rd</sup> century martyr Saint Lawrence, who was archdeacon of Rome and distributor of the Church's alms. In 258, by decree of the emperor, the pope and six deacons were beheaded, leaving Lawrence the ranking Church official in Rome. The city prefect summoned Lawrence and demanded that he hand over the treasures of the Church. Lawrence responded that the Church was indeed very rich, and asked for a little time to gather its treasures. He then went all over the city seeking out the poor and infirm. On the third day, he gathered together a great crowd of orphans, widows, and people who were lame, blind, maimed, or suffering various diseases, and invited the prefect to come and see “the wondrous riches of our God”. *Mary Healy is a professor of Sacred Scripture and a member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission.*

**FOCUS NEWSLETTER is available in all three Churches.**

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

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## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's  
Talbotstown  
6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**

**St. Patrick's  
Rathvilly  
32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Assumption  
Tynock  
32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Recent Death:** Chrissie Fanning nee Foley, Newcastle and formerly Bough

#### **ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

##### **Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun, 6<sup>th</sup>&7<sup>th</sup> November**

Maureen Byrne, 16 Ballyoliver  
Elizabeth Foley, Bough

Patrick O'Connor, Dublin

##### **Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> November**

Monsignor John Delaney, former Parish Priest 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Attracta Doyle, Raheendaw

Catherine O'Leary, Williamstown

Mary Kelly, Haroldstown

Joseph Elliott, Monavothe

Bill & Sinead Darcy, Phelan Street

Michael Osborne, Garretstown

Deceased members of the Kearns Family, Rathvilly

Gretta Osborne, Garretstown

Mary & Laurence Dowling, Rathmore

Kathleen Keegan, Ballyoliver

William (Bill) Burke, Bough and deceased family members

Pat Leonard, Rahill

John & Sarah Doyle, Bough and deceased family members

Paul Reilly, Dublin

#### **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.**

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

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

Mass on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Breedh Murphy.

Mass on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Mary Kelly, Feddan.

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

Mass on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Paula Boland.

Mass on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Nigel Byrne.

#### **BEREAVEMENT MASSES – remembering those who died since Nov. 2020**

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> November at 11 a.m. Mass in Rathvilly Church

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> November at 6 p.m. in Tynock Church

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30 a.m. in Talbotstown Church

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

## TRÓCAIRE

National Emergency Appeal this weekend to assist those in famine areas of East Africa. Over 30 million people across East Africa are struggling to survive a devastating hunger crisis. Joy Jeremiah, mother of five, South Sudan says: "The cries of my children when they need food, the suffering we are going through, I ask for your support and your prayers. God bless you".

If you would like to donate and help the people of Somalia, South Sudan, Ethiopia and the State of South Kordofan in Sudan, please mark your envelope 'Trócaire Appeal' – Thank you. Envelopes available in the Church.

## WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2021

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €354.57 Envelopes €308.75

Kiltegan: Offertory € 84.70 Envelopes €240.90

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)

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

Results for 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2021

Numbers: 5 – 11 – 14 - 26. No Jackpot winner of €11,000.

25 Match 3s get €40.00 each.

One local winner this week – Sean Leonard – Promoter - Rathvilly Post Office.

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

On Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November the **Jackpot is €12,000**. Tickets €2 each.

Thank you for supporting the Lotto.

## EIST CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE

Christmas Cards and Candles for sale in its new premises in 46 Idrone Park, Tullow Road, Carlow. We would like to remind you that the Centre is currently open for business to provide support to people with a cancer diagnosis, their families, and friends. For information please contact Eist on 085 8661499 or 059 9139684.

Our email address is [info@eistcarlow.support.ie](mailto:info@eistcarlow.support.ie)

## SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Jackpot €16,700 was not won. Numbers drawn were 1, 6, 19 and 26.

There were four match three winners who shared €160:

Betty Conway, Barnhill (1-6-8-19) G.O Boyle, 12 Kevin Barry Rd (1–12–19-26)

Ellen Cullen, Knockavagh ( 6 – 13 – 19 – 26 ) and Kallie Kavanagh,

Rathdangan (1 - 6 - 12 - 19 ). Promoter's prize €20 – Michael Kehoe, Post Office.

Next Jackpot stands at €16,800.

Thank you for all your support.

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

## DEATHS – NOVEMBER 2020 – NOVEMBER 2021

Mary (Maureen) Leonard

Breda Molloy

Jim Doyle

Maureen Flinter

Alice Kelly

Noel Smith

Peg Henson

David Pearson

Mark Mahon

Shane (Michael) Murphy

Laurence Murphy

Hilda Nolan

John McNally

Daniel Lawlor

Nancy O'Brien

Gretta Carroll

Mary Bolger

David Aher

Jim Byrne

Margaret Walsh

Jim Haberlin

Brid Moloney

Carol Byrne

Josephine Doyle

Fr. Christopher O'Brien

John Lawler

Anthony Meehan

Cyril Steward

## GOSPEL READINGS – 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

Sunday: Mk 12: 38-44

Mon: Lk 17: 1-6

Tues: Jn 2: 13-22

Wed: Lk 17: 11-19

Thurs: Lk 17: 20-25

Fri: Lk 17: 26-37

Sat: Lk 18: 1-8

Sunday: Mk 13: 24-32

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

## RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3-12-22-26

Match 3 win or share €150

Fiona Corcoran Coole 3-6-22-26

On Line winner

Mgt. Dunne Athy 2-3-12-26

On Line winner

Brian O'Donoghue Williamstown 3-21-22-26

On Line winner

Promoters Prize €20 Bruno's

Next draw 9 Nov. 2021. **Jackpot €5,000**

## BALLON BUSINESS & TRAINING SERVICE

Chair Yoga - Friday 5th November x 6 weeks 11am - 1pm €50

Sewing - Monday 8th November x 4 weeks 9.30am - 12.30pm €50

Art - Monday 22nd November x 5 weeks 2pm-4pm €50

Cooking - Wednesday 24th November x 6 weeks 10am - 12pm €75

Paint & Sip - Friday 3rd December 7pm-9pm €20

**Christmas Workshop** – Design and create Christmas decorations, games and activities. 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December 12 Noon to 1.30 p.m. 6 – 12 years - €15 per child.

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