

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Deacon: Liam Dunne.

“He came to Nazara where he had been brought up”

The hidden years at Nazareth remind us that God has in view always our needs and our trials. Christ came on earth to save us. His was the tremendous task of converting a hard-hearted world to a way of life that would upset all man's notions of self-indulgent living. Yet, with this great work to be fulfilled, he spent but three years in public life. The first thirty years were passed in a town so small and so thoroughly unimportant that people were to say to him, doubtfully, *can anything good come from [Nazareth]*? Probably this was in the decrees of God because so many of us live what the world considers very unimportant lives. Armies do not march at our command; people do not go halfway around the world to see us; history will have nothing to say of us. No one, in fact, pays very much attention to us. If we take for ourselves no other models than those who are world-famous, this will hurt us a great deal and result in a lifetime of striving to be somebody.

But if we follow the model of a Redeemer who for thirty years lived in obscurity, it should not distress us to be ignored. There are very few people of worldly importance, far in the majority are the multitude of ordinary people whose path to heaven is unexciting and un-romantic. How very kind of God to show us by his long, hidden life that his plan of redemption includes everyone, even those whose lives are so unremarkable that the world does not notice at all.

Sister Mary Jean Dorcy, O.P.

Sister Mary Jean († 1988) was a Dominican sister and a prolific author and illustrator, especially of children's literature. [© Magnificat, January 2022]

BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Bigstone National School is now taking enrolments for the term starting in September 2022. Contact the school for an enrolment form.

Phone: 0599161171 Email: bigstonens1@gmail.com Or you can visit our website at <http://bigstonens.scoilnet.ie/blog/admissions-2022-2023/>

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

BALLON BUSINESS & TRAINING SERVICE

New Courses in Computers, Art, Gardening, Cooking and Sewing starting soon. Phone Shona on 059-915-9447 for details or email ballonbts@gmail.com

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

22nd & 23rd January, 2022

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The Assumption
Tynock**

This Sunday is celebrated as Sunday of the Word of God

Recent Death: Bill Gahan, Collins Park, Rathvilly

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun, 22nd & 23rd January

Noel Smith, Coole – 1st Anniversary

Kathleen Doyle, Bough

Michael Kane, Bough

Mary (Molly) Kelly, Garretstown

Joe & Sheila Kirwan, Mount Kelly

John St Ledger, Waterstown

Billy Keegan, Kevin Barry Road

Michael Hayden, Coventry

Fox Family, Castlemore

Seamus Tobin, Dublin

Talbotstown Church – 23rd January at 9.30 a.m.

Tony Furlong, Talbotstown

Michael Lennon, Talbotstown

Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun, 29th & 30th January

Peg Henson nee Kearns – 1st Anniversary

Sean Bolger, Rathvilly

Michael & Elizabeth Kelly, Williamstown

Martha Leonard, Collins Park

Philip Kavanagh, Broughillstown

Cummins Family, Ballintrane

Betty & Fergus Kirk

Mary Tustain

Thomas Keegan, Ballyoliver

Tom Bolger, Ballybit

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK **St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly**

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

Rosary before Mass each day.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Thursday 10 – 11 a.m.

Church of the Assumption, Tynock

Mass on Saturday, 22nd January at 6.00 p.m.

Mass on Sunday, 30th January at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Lucilla Brophy.

Reader – Paula Boland.

St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown

Mass on Sunday, 23rd January at 9.30 a.m.

Mass on Saturday, 29th January at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Joe O'Brien.

Reader – Breedh Murphy.

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam

Radio 104.3 fm

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

SACRAMENTS 2022

Confirmation will take place on Wednesday, 23rd March in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly for children attending Rathvilly, Talbotstown and Tynock Schools.

First Holy Communion

Saturday, 28th May in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly for children attending Rathmore & Rathvilly Schools.

Saturday, 21st May in St. Brigid Church for children attending Talbotstown School.

Date for Tynock School will be announced shortly.

HAIL GLORIOUS SAINT PATRICK

9 WEEK NOVENA & HOLY MASS - 7.00 p.m. each Wednesday

Week 2 Wednesday, 26th January Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Slemish

Week 3 Wednesday, 2nd February St. Patrick's Church, Saul

Week 4 Wednesday, 9th February St. Patrick's Church, Slane

Week 5 Wednesday, 16th February St. Mary's Church, Westport

Week 6 Wednesday, 23rd February St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly

Week 7 Wednesday, 2nd March St. Patrick's Well, Co. Limerick

Week 8 Wednesday, 9th March St. Patrick's Church, Lough Derg

Week 9 Wednesday, 16th March St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh

Submit your prayer requests on SWPRAYER.ORG

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GOSPEL READINGS – 23rd – 30th January, 2022

Sunday: Lk 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21 Mon: Mk 3: 22-30 Tues: Mk 16: 15-18

Wed: Lk 10: 1-9 Thurs: Mk 4: 21-25 Fri: Mk 4: 26-34

Sat: Mk 4: 35-41 Sunday: Lk 4: 21-30

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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 15th & 16th January, 2022

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €223.62 Envelopes €650.95

Kiltegan: Offertory €86.43 Envelopes €255.00

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.

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

Results for 19th January, 2022 Numbers: 07 – 14 – 19 – 23.

Two people from Askea and Rhode Parish shared the Jackpot and received €8,500. 33 Match 3s get €31.00 each.

Three local winners this week – Anne Marie Molloy – Promoter Tommy Donovan.

Josie Finn – Promoter – Josie Finn and Oliver Byrne – Promoter Angela Byrne.

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

On **Wednesday, 26th January the Jackpot is €10,000.** Tickets €2 each.

Thank you for your continued support.

CONGRATULATIONS

The people of Rathvilly Kiltegan Parish would like to congratulate 'one of our own' Rev. Robert Jones, rector in Kiltegan group of Parishes on his new appointment to the position of Canon. This is a wonderful honour for him and we wish him well in the future.

SYNOD NEWS

Pope Francis tells us that 'synodality is the way of being the Church today according to the will of God, in a dynamic of discerning and listening together to the voice of the Holy Spirit.' A synodal Church journeys together. In the coming months, all members of our Church will be invited to reflect on and share their experience of how we are journeying together as a Church in Kildare and Leighlin. Look out for details on www.Kandle.ie/synod and in your local parish.

ACI Zoom Meeting - Synodality, the Parish and Climate Change

As the global climate crisis deepens, so does the crisis of the Irish Catholic church – intensified unexpectedly by a viral pandemic.

Faced also with understanding and implementing synodality - a new relationship centred on communion, co-responsibility and mission – Irish parish clergy and lay people are challenged by the understandable indifference of younger generations, who are often more alive to the global climate issue.

Could a parish focus on the climate issue now also help solve the Synodality conundrum in Ireland - to convince younger generations, and clergy, that faith and climate justice need one another?

Convinced that parishes can play a key role in meeting Ireland's carbon reduction targets in the 21st century – and that climate concern needs to be a vital focus of the Irish church – Fr Sean McDonagh will Zoom on this theme on January 27th, 2022, at 8.00 p.m. Click the link below to join the discussion on Jan 27th at 8.00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83007717613?pwd=U3JZMnBXdnNhTXVIdEoybXFjMlUxUT09> Meeting ID: 830 0771 7613 Passcode: 298337

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO-No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 5 – 17 – 18 – 19

Sean Lawlor, St. Patrick's Park 5 - 7 - 17 – 19 Brian Curran.

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Bruno's Take Away, Rathvilly.

Next draw 24 January 2022 **Jackpot €17,900.**

Thank you for all your support.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 6-11-13-17

Match 3 win or share €150

Gladys Lawless Woodgrove 11-13-17-19

Mick Kehoe

Promoters Prize €20

Jenny Donegan

Next draw 25 Jan. 2022

Jackpot €3,100