

CHRISTMAS CRIB

The Crib will remain open until 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation. All donations will go to the homeless.

In The Sacraments We Encounter Christ The Saviour

Ordinary Time - *Father Richard Veras* –

In his homily at my priestly ordination, Cardinal John J. O'Connor told my classmates and me, "The greatest homily that could be preached to you about your priesthood does not come from me, but from these priests and bishops who are here in this sanctuary. . . You will find them weak at times, tempered at times, even sinful at times; you and others may rant or rave about their inabilities or their lack of zeal, but these brothers of yours have *never given up*." It was a beautiful testament to the grace of perseverance in one's vocation, which is the grace of Christ persevering with us and bearing fruit in those who humbly accept his graces. The cardinal told us to seek Christ in the Eucharist and in the gift of the Holy Spirit in times of discouragement.

As we depart from the Christmas Season and enter again into Ordinary Time, let us recall that Jesus promises to be with us, not just in privileged moments like Christmas Day, or the Wedding Day or Ordination Day. He promises to be with us *always*.

Most of Jesus' life, from infancy to twelve and from twelve to thirty, was seemingly ordinary, as witnessed by neighbours who hear him preach and say, *isn't this the carpenter's son?*

As we move from Christmas into the ordinary, let us not forget that Jesus continues to walk with us in the daily routine of life which he has sanctified, and continues to sanctify, with his abiding presence.

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EIST CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE

Phone: 085 8661499 Email: info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie

Address: **Éist** Cancer Support Centre, 46 Idrone Park, **Carlow** Town.

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

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam

Radio 104.3 fm

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

8th & 9th January, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

Recent Death: Una McNally, Tobinstown.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun, 8th & 9th January

Alice Kelly, Ballyhackett – 1st Anniversary

William Smith, Monavothe

Peter Smith, St. Patrick's Park

Paddy & Elizabeth Kelly, Ricketstown & deceased family members

Ed O'Connell, Kevin Barry Road

Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun, 15th & 16th January

Patrick & Mary McNevin, Raheendaw

Timothy & Margaret Doyle, Tobinstown & deceased family members

Frances Faulkner, Collins Park

Esther McGuinness, Stratford

Joan Kelly, Carrigeen, Baltinglass

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly

Monday - Mass at 9.30 a.m.

COMMUNION SERVICE on Thursday, 13th January at 9.30 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Thursday, 13th January 10 – 11 a.m.

No Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.

Church of the Assumption, Tynock

Mass on Saturday, 8th January at 6.00 p.m.

Mass on Sunday, 16th January at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Muireann Gartland.

Reader – Nigel Byrne.

St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown

Mass on Sunday, 9th January at 9.30 a.m.

Mass on Saturday, 15th January at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Mary Kelly.

Reader – Siobhan Doyle.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday, 9th January is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The 11.00 a.m. Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly will remember all the children baptised during 2021. Families are invited to attend the Mass or join the celebration via webcam or radio 104.3 fm. A special blessing for the children will be included at the Mass. Baptismal Certificates will be available after Mass.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Station and Christmas Collection for the Priests of the Parish.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES

Boxes of Envelopes were distributed to families recently. If you did not receive a box and would like to contribute to the Parish, please contact the Parish Office.

GOSPEL READINGS – 9th – 16th January, 2022

Sunday: Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22 Mon: Mk 1: 14-20 Tues: Mk 1: 21-28
Wed: Mk 1: 29-39 Thurs: Mk 1: 40-45 Fri: Mk 2: 1-12
Sat: Mk 2: 13-17 Sunday: Jn 2: 1-11

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

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

Results for 5th January, 2022 Numbers: 09 – 14 – 17 – 20.

No Jackpot winner of €15,000. Match 3s get €67.00 each.

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

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

On **Wednesday, 12th January the Jackpot is €16,000.** Tickets €2 each.

Thank you for your continued support.

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.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO-No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 1 - 6 - 10 – 27.

Chloe Devereux, Tullow 1 - 6 - 10 - 13 Joe Curran

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Carol Gahan, Rathvilly.

Next draw 10 January 2022 **Jackpot €17,700.** Thank you for all your support.

A Bad Day At The Office In Shield Final: Certainly, a bad day at the office for the lads in the Carlow Shield final where nothing worked in their favour but no excuses. The outstanding highlight was Daniel O'Brien outjumping the New Oak defence at the back stick, to head home Slaney's only score and some fine saves from keeper Fergal Harmon. New Oak showed why they were unbeaten this season and hopefully Slaney will get another crack at them in the upcoming premier cup.

You Can't Beat Modern Technology: Billy Winders did a great job on the video and a big thank you to Daniel Curran for doing the match commentary, which is a necessary ingredient when uploading to YouTube.

KCLR Shield Final 2022: is available to view on YouTube, thanks to permission from video sponsor Paddy Wells.

RATHVILLY G.A.A CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 1-14-23-29

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Peader Doyle Knockavagh

On Line winner

Markie Doyle Collins Pk.

On Line winner

Ryan Watchorn Tullow

On Line winner

Josie Leonard Rahill

Sean Leonard

Paul Kelly Fr. Cullen Tce.

Paul Kelly

Promoters Prize €20

Helen Deering

Next draw 11 Jan. 2022 Jackpot €2,900

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New Courses in Computers, Art, Gardening, Cooking and Sewing starting soon.

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SLIMMING WORLD

Join Slimming world and make that start today. Contact Tracey 089 2185639.

Have you set a goal to make healthy lifestyle changes in 2022 or do you have a new years resolution. Groups are in Tullow on Tuesdays and Bunclody on Wednesdays.

She Pondered These Things in Her Heart

Deacon Liam Dunne

Who Is My Neighbour?

I have worked for decades in the academy and in the Church on issues touching the family, at the intersection of Church and state. During those same decades I have married, borne children, miscarried children, counselled adult children about relationships, and shared life in a large extended family.

Were I to participate only in my professional world, I might succumb to the temptation of believing the usual accusation: "Why don't you Catholics stop talking about private, strictly emotional choices and concentrate solely on issues that really matter to people, like poverty or immigration or the environment?" As a wife and mother and little cog in a big family, though, I know better. And it's not only because Catholics are immersed up to their eyebrows in each of these matters. It's also because I have come to understand that, like me, the vast majority of people affect other people in society – for good or ill, deeply, and for their entire lives – by way of family choices more than other choices.

By dating in ways that prepare both people for a long and loving marriage. By bringing children into the world to best assure them stable, generous access to both parents. By showing children that the martial "unity of the two" that the world increasingly believes is impossible is possible. These choices reverberate down the generations. So do their opposites. Family life strews "nearest neighbours" on our path, and demands we act the Good Samaritan every single day.

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