

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*Luke 4:1-13*

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne  
**Led by the Spirit**

In today's Gospel, Jesus is 'led by the Spirit' in the wilderness. By definition, a wilderness is a place that is uninhabited and inhospitable. It seems a strange place for Jesus to begin. He has returned 'full of the Holy Spirit' after being baptised by John, yet immediately that same Spirit leads him in the wilderness. The use in Greek of *in* rather than *into* indicates that Jesus is not left alone to be tempted; the Spirit leads him the entire time. The period of forty days reminds us of the forty years that the people of God wandered in the wilderness before they arrived in the promised land – 'a land with flowing streams . . . a land of olive trees and honey' (Deut 8:1-10). Of course, Lent also lasts for forty days, a Spirit-led time when we undergo a process of renewal.

Luke places huge emphasis on the Holy Spirit. He is the only Gospel where Jesus returns from his wilderness interlude 'filled with the power of the Spirit'. Luke uses this expression to describe 'an emotional or spiritual fullness that overflows outwardly'. When Jesus emerges, he is ready to begin his ministry. The wilderness is not a place to be feared; it can be a place of transformation, a place where God is ultimately in control. It is a place of contemplation where we come face to face with God and with our true selves.

As we enter Lent, we hear the Spirit's call to trust. When we pause to take stock of the direction of our lives, we may encounter our own demons and temptations, but that is part of the process. Let us embrace this 'wilderness' season as a time of genuine spiritual, and Spirit-led, journeying. Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett 2021.

**“Our real journey in life is interior; It is a matter of growth, deepening, and of an even greater surrender to the creative action of love and grace in our hearts.**

**Never was it more necessary to respond to that action.**

*Thomas Merton*

### THE HILL BAR AND LOUNGE, HACKETSTOWN

Mondays – Trad session from 9 p.m. Musicians welcome.

Wednesdays – Social Dancing from 9.30 p.m. dance the night away this week to music by Colm Bourke. Adm. €8.

### MEDJUGORJE Pilgrimage to Medjugorje – 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

Further details from Duffy Coach Hire 087 2543235 or 059 6471681.

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## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's  
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's  
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption  
Tynock**

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2022**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Months Mind Mass** for Agnes Byrne, Garretstown on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm.

#### ANNIVERSARY MASSES

##### Rathvilly Church – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March

Baby Joseph Valentine O'Brien

Joseph & Rose Byrne, Knockroe

James O'Toole, Bough

Joseph Byrne, Jr., Knockroe

Anne Byrne, Knocklishen

Laurence (Chappie) Byrne, Knockroe

William Smith, Coole

Mary, Jack & Christopher Nolan, Ballyoliver

Peter Carroll, Knocklishen & deceased members of the Carroll family, Clonegal

##### Talbotstown Church – Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> March

Sean Farrell, Englishtown

Paddy Finn, Talbotstown

##### Rathvilly Church – 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> March

Peter Byrne, Collins Park

Paddy Doyle, Foxcover

John Byrne, Collins Park

Annie & Johnnie Dempsey, Ricketstown

Mick, Dan & Maureen Abbott, Ballyoliver

#### MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

**St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly**

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

**ADORATION** – Thursday 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

Friday – Mass at 10.00 a.m.

Rosary before Mass each day.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT each Friday at 7.00 p.m.**

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

Mass on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Muireann Gartland.

Mass on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Nigel Byrne.

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

Mass on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Mary Kelly, Feddan.

Mass on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Siobhan Doyle.

#### PARISH NEWSLETTER

– Double Issue next week. Anniversary Masses for the next two weeks to reach us by Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Trócaire Lenten Appeal

This Lent, Trócaire's Appeal highlights the impact that climate change and Covid-19 has on people's lives in Zimbabwe and how your love and generosity can give families a chance to build a better tomorrow.

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

### **THREE SUGGESTIONS FROM BISHOP DENIS – LENT 2022**

**Firstly**, I suggest we light a candle in our Churches for every day during the season of Lent. A candle that reminds us light always overcomes darkness, and especially the darkness of war. War is the path of no return. A candle that reminds the people of Ukraine they are not forgotten, they are in our thoughts.

**Secondly**, we pause at the Sign of Peace, a sign we understandably suspended during the pandemic. While not yet restoring the sign, let's take a moment of pause and reflection for the cause of peace and how we can all contribute to being peacemakers in today's world.

**Thirdly**, Prayer for peace in Ukraine to be prayed at every Mass during Lent.

### **Daily Prayer for Peace Lent 2022**

Bishop Denis has invited people across the diocese to light a candle in their homes and to pray this prayer each day during lent:

*Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.  
We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their  
choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.*

### **LISTENING LENT**

Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole Church about the reality of being part of the People of God right now. He wants us to have a conversation about how we are journeying together and with God in our local parishes. He wants us to dream dreams together about our future. And he wants everyone's voice to count.

At the heart of this consultation across the world is the call to be a Church whose members walk together, listen to one another and listen to God who always leads us to where we need to go.

**Conversation One: COMMUNION.**

**Thinking about the Church and our parish, how and when do I find being part of it a source of joy or nourishment for me in my faith? When might it bring disappointment or pain?**

The Kildare and Leighlin Synod Listening Survey can be completed online and can be accessed on [www.kandle.ie/synod/](http://www.kandle.ie/synod/)

### **WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2022**

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €342.29 Envelopes €438.50

Kiltegan: Offertory €99.29 Envelopes €221.50

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.

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

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### **CONFIRMATION 2022**

Penance Service and Ceremony of Light takes place for all Confirmation Candidates on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** each Monday at 7.30 p.m. to prepare for St. Patrick's Day and Confirmation. Thank you to all those who came to sing for Mrs. Condon's Funeral.

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

Results for 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2022 Numbers: 01 – 03 – 11 – 27.

31 Match 3s get €33.00. No local winners this week.

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

On **Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March** the **Jackpot is €16,000**. Tickets €2 each

### **GOSPEL READINGS – 6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2022**

Sunday: Lk 4: 1-13 Mon: Mt 25: 31-46 Tues: Mt 6: 7-15

Wed: Lk 11: 29-32 Thurs: Mt 7: 7-12 Fri: Mt 5: 20-26

Sat: Mt 5: 43-48 Sunday: Lk 9: 28-36

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

### **LENTEN SCRIPTURE SHARING**

We wish to acknowledge some of our retired & semi-retired priests, Mgrs. Brendan Byrne & Caoimhín Ó Neill, Frs. Tom Lalor, Francis McNamara, Noel Dunphy & Denis Harrington for generously giving their time to contribute to our Lenten Scripture Sharing with such wonderful reflections and prayers. May these reflections and prayers on the Sunday readings of Lent inspire us all. Designed for use in groups (in person or virtual), these reflections can also be used individually. Resources for Lent: [www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral/](http://www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral/)

### **FAMILY CARERS IRELAND**

Carlow Support Group meeting will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March from 10am to 12 noon in The Parish Centre close to the Cathedral. We are looking forward to meeting new and old friends.

### **SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.**

LOTTO-No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 4-5-14-20.

March 3 win or share €150 5 Lucky Dips -

Martin Curran, Fr. Cullen Tee., Gladys Lawless, Woodgrove Ave., Sean Clarke, Waterstown, Willie O'Toole, Ballyoliver, John O'Reilly, Ballyhackett. Promoters prize – Brennan's Centra.

Next draw 7<sup>th</sup> March. **Jackpot**. Thank you for your support.

### **RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB**

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3-14-18-22

Match 3 win or share €150

Catherine Doyle Ricketstown 3-8-18-22 On Line winner

Promoters Prize €20 A. Doyle Next draw 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Jackpot €3,700** Thank you for your continued support.