

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

John 20:19-31 A saint for dark times

Reading the news can be upsetting these days. It often seems that there is nothing but bad news. People are suffering across the world due to unjust economic systems and environmental degradation. Increasing numbers are homeless or living in poverty. Hateful rhetoric is becoming more widespread. We sometimes lose hope and go through shaky patches. We find ourselves asking: where is God in all this?

In today's Gospel we meet Thomas. As a disciple of Jesus, he has been through the mill. His friend has been brutally killed. The terrible suffering is still fresh in his mind. Now, the disciples' own lives are also in danger, so they are lying low. Traumatized and grieving, Thomas is not ready to hear the comforting words of his friends who say they have seen Jesus. His momentary wobble has earned him the nickname 'doubting Thomas', and it certainly makes it easy for us to relate to him. When, an agonising week later, he does finally encounter Jesus, we can sense relief when he exclaims, 'My Lord and my God!' The man labelled 'doubter' now gives us one of the greatest expressions of faith.

We know life can be painful and messy, even unbearable at times. It is hard to hang on to our faith when we are grieving or anxious. Like Thomas, our trust can be shaken. Like the disciples huddled in the room, we can be afraid of what the future will bring. It can be difficult for us to accept assurances that God is with us. We may struggle to pray. We can become closed and isolate ourselves. Yet, Jesus came among the disciples in their despair, calming their troubled hearts with these words, 'Peace be with you'. He came again to doubting Thomas, reassuring him with his presence. Thomas is a saint for those times of darkness. In our darkest days, may we encounter the healing presence of the Risen Christ.

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"Life will always prevail, through all the layers of death in which we try to contain it" *Margaret Silf*

DO YOU WANT TO WIN MONEY

@ Graiguecullen Bingo on Tuesday 26th April St.Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.
Jackpot on 50 numbers €4370 Double number €320 Lotto €1250
Great prizes, bring a friend.

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

23rd & 24th April, 2022

Divine Mercy Sunday

Recent Death: Fr Seamus Reihill, Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan

Months Mind Mass for Paddy Connor, Knockavagh & Oxford on Saturday, 30th April

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun, 23rd & 24th April

Mary & David Byrne, Patrickswell

Sean Corcoran, Rathvilly

James & Teresa McGuire

Pauline Cullen, Dublin

Sarah McGuire

Richard Bolger, Ballybit

Patrick, Elizabeth & Jim Haberlin, Ballyhackett

Elizabeth Heffernan, Rathdangan

Mick & Chrissie Byrne, Ballyhackett

Kate McDonnell, Greystones

James & Elizabeth Byrne, Ballyhackett

Maureen & Joe Deering, Patrickswell

Charlie Lawlor, St. Patrick's Park

Willie Fox, Copenagh

Kate Lawlor, Phelan Street and deceased family members

Peter & Mary Doyle, The Moate and deceased family members

Thomas & Margaret Corcoran, Ballyhackett and deceased family members

The Keatley family, Castledermot and deceased family members

Tom Sibbald, Ballyoliver and deceased family members

Paddy Keogh, Tullowland and deceased family members

Rathvilly Church – Friday, 29th April at 7 p.m.

Tom & Maureen Flinter, Ballyraggan

Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun, 30th April & 1st May

Eleanor Murphy, Castledermot

William Reilly, Collins Park

Denis Tierney, Slaney Meadows

Martin & Elizabeth Coady, Station Road and deceased family members

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly

Tuesday – Communion Service at 9.30 a.m.

Rosary before Mass each day.

Wednesday & Thursday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Friday – Mass at 7.00 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Thursday 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown

Mass on Saturday, 23rd April at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Paula Boland.

Mass on Sunday, 1st May at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Siobhan Doyle.

Church of the Assumption, Tynock

Mass on Sunday, 24th April at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Lucilla Brophy.

Mass on Saturday, 30th April at 6.00 p.m.

Reader - Mary Kelly, Feddan.

EASTER COLLECTIONS

Thank you to all who contributed to the Easter Station and the Easter Collection for the Priests of the Parish.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 16th & 17th April, 2022

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €820.69 Envelopes €605.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €110.05 Envelopes €490.20

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 20th April, 2022 Numbers: 02 – 06 – 07 – 31.

No Jackpot winner. 14 Match 3s get €72.00. One local winner this week.

Winner - K.C.R – Promoter Breda Reilly.

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

On **Wednesday, 27th April** the **Jackpot is €12,000**. Tickets €2 each.

Thank you for supporting the Lotto each week.

GOSPEL READINGS – 24th April – 1st May, 2022

Sunday: Jn 20: 19-31

Mon: Jn 3: 1-8

Tues: Jn 3: 7-15

Wed: Jn 3: 16-21

Thurs: Jn 3: 31-36

Fri: Mt 11: 25-30

Sat: Jn 6: 16-21

Sunday: Jn 21: 1-19

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

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

begins this Monday 25th April at 7.30pm in St Clare's Church, Graiguecullen.

Rosary recited at 7.10pm and Novena begins at 7.30pm

This year's Theme is: **"You are not Alone"** GUEST SPEAKER for the first night (Monday 25th April) is: Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo Papal Nuncio to Ireland.

RATHVILLY COMMUNITY ALERT/TEXT ALERT

We are holding our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Tuesday 26th April 2022 at 8pm in Lawlor's Bar Rathvilly. Everyone is welcome, and there will be light refreshments served.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 7 - 16 - 17 - 28
Match 3 win or share €150

Rosaleen Nolan, 14 Kevin Barry Road 2-7-16-28

Michael Kehoe

Mary Kehoe c/o Rathvilly Post Office 7-10-17-28

Michael Kehoe

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Michael Kehoe, Rathvilly Post Office

Next draw 26 April 2022 **Jackpot €19,200**. Thank you for all your support.

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

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

Our Lady of Zarvanytsia

Holy Mother of God, spread your maternal mantle over all Christians and over all people of goodwill who live in this great nation. Lead them to your Son, Jesus, who is for everyone the way, the truth and the life.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 7-10-20-21

Match 3 win or share €150

Emma Byrne Kill 10-20-21-26

On Line winner

Ciara Deering Ballybit 1-7-20-21

On Line winner

Next draw 26 April 2022

Jackpot €4,400

GARDEN & FLOWER CLUB

Rathvilly & Castledermot Garden & Flower Club meet in Teach Diarmada, Castledermot on Thursday 28th April at 7.30 pm. Marie O'Leary will do a Mini-dem on the night & for added value & interest will talk to us about Alpine Plants & give hints & tips as regards growing them. All welcome & bring a friend. Raffle, tea & biscuits & chat afterwards. Entry €5. Raffle €5.

BALLON BUSINESS & TRAINING SERVICE

4 week Jewellery Program Thurs 21st April age 10-12

QQI 5 Manual and Computerised Payroll 5th May 7pm x 10 weeks

Summer Cooking with Majella 4th May 10 am to 12 pm x 10 weeks

Get lots of ideas to liven up your summer dishes!

Pilates 19th May 10am x 6 weeks

Beautifully locally handmade communion and confirmation cards.

Personalised with name and date, Call to order yours.

Confirmation/Communion personalised labels made to order.

We are still looking for donations and volunteers for the Ballon Ukrainians.

Please drop off any donations to the business centre.

Register for volunteers can be made at www.volunteercarlow.ie

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