

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

John 13:31-35 Love one another

To love as Jesus loved is the basis invitation of Christianity, yet we make it so complicated. The Greek word which the Gospel uses – *agape* – refers to a love of people by virtue of our common humanity. This can be challenging, of course, as it involves loving people we do not know and even those we do not like. Jesus came to show us how to live, and we can see in the Gospels that Jesus loved all those on the margins of society, such as the poor, the unwanted, the sick, the lepers and the convicts. Jesus' love was so inclusive that it would eventually led to his death; it was too much for some people. Breaking through religious and political boundaries, this love threatened the unjust systems, which kept the powerful on their thrones at the expense of others.

For too long, we really have not come to grips with the radical love of Jesus in the Gospels. It is challenging to love those who are on the margins of our societies. We only have to look around our city centres or read our newspapers to become aware of those who are on the edge. To love as Jesus loved means to see everyone – refugees, members of the Travelling Community, prisoners, friends who have hurt us – through the eyes of our loving God. As always, we start with ourselves, acknowledging that we are infinitely loved by God. This love can have a domino effect, resulting in an outpouring of God's creative love to those around us, and helping to heal and nourish our world. *“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”*. Let us dream of a world where this is a reality, and work towards making it happen.

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“The real, and potentially painful, question will be, ‘How much love did I put into my work? What did I do for the progress of our people? ... What real bonds did I create? What positive forces did I unleash? How much social peace did I sow? What good did I achieve in the position that was entrusted to me?’ **Pope Francis**

TULLOW COMMUNITY SCHOOL

St Anne's College of Further Education – Enrolments are now taking place for the following QQI LEVEL 5 Courses which will commence in September 2022.

One Year Office Administration Training Course (Full time)

SUSI Grants, Back to Education Grants and Maintenance Grants available to those who are eligible. Application forms and further information from 059 9151473.

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

14th & 15th May, 2022

5th Sunday of Easter

Recent Deaths: Alice Nolan, Castledermot, mother of Bernie Finnegan, Raheendaw
Leon Kelly, New Road, Ballyoliver

Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun, 14th & 15th May

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Jim Byrne, Knocklishen

Joseph & Maureen O'Grady, Rathmore

Brendan & Tom O'Grady, Rathmore

Caroline Maria Cullen, Leighlin Rd., Carlow

Mick Connors, 13 St. Patrick's Park

Thomas & Mary Humphries, Rathdaniel & deceased family members

Bridget & Michael Connors, Knockavagh & deceased family members

Mary & Richard Canavan

Breda Brennan

Bill Doyle, Tankardstown

Stan Doyle, Bough

Andrew Joseph Whyte, Garretstown

Dan Kelly, Garretstown

Gerald & Kieran Bray & Ita McHenry

Michael Byrne, Ricketstown

Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun, 21st & 22nd May

Months Mind Mass for John Byrne, 7 Fr. Cullen Tce. on Sunday, 22nd May

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Seamus Just

James & Anne Kelly, Ballymore

Bridget & Patrick Byrne, Williamstown

Pat O'Connor

Nancy O'Connor

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly

Tuesday – Communion Service at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday & Thursday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Friday – Mass at 10.00 a.m.

Rosary before Mass each day.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – Thursday 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown

Mass on Sunday, 15th May at 9.30 a.m.

Mass on Saturday, 21st May at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Breedh Murphy.

Reader – Mary Kelly, Feddan.

Church of the Assumption, Tynock

Mass on Saturday, 14th May at 6.00 p.m.

Mass on Sunday, 22nd May at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Paula Boland.

Reader – Nigel Byrne.

Rosary – Rosary recited each Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Tynock Church. All welcome.

PARISH NEWSLETTER – Double Issue next week. Anniversary Masses for the next two weeks to reach us by Thursday, 19th May.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion takes place in Talbotstown Church on Saturday, 21st May for children attending Talbotstown NS and Rathvilly Church on Saturday, 28th May for children attending Rathmore & Rathvilly NS. All Ceremonies at 11 a.m.

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Please support our Retired Priests. Collection the weekend of 28/29 May. Please use your envelope provided or envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Kildare & Leighlin Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Sunday, 5th June, 2022.

PRIESTHOOD IN THE DIOCESE OF KILDARE & LEIGHLIN

Vocations Director is Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill 045 431741
ruairiodomhnaill@gmail.com

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 7th & 8th May, 2022

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €295.66 Envelopes €268.80

Kiltegan: Offertory €76.57 Envelopes €304.27

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

Results for 11th May, 2022 Numbers: 10 – 11 – 20 – 31.

No Jackpot winner. 15 Match 3s get €67.00. One local winner this week.

Davin & Faye McEvoy - Promoter Msgr John McEvoy.

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

On **Wednesday, 18th May** the **Jackpot is €15,000**. Tickets €2 each.

Thank you for supporting the Lotto each week.

CHY3 FORMS

Parishioners who pay income tax can use their tax to help the parish financially.

The scheme helps to recognise the support that people give to the parish. Each parishioner's donation is treated with the utmost confidence. The CHY3 forms have been sent out to parishioners who has contributed €250 or more to the parish.

CHY3 Form is valid for a period of five years. The parish can claim a refund from the Revenue Commissioners on these contributions. The parish will not receive any information on any individual's circumstances. If you wish the parish to claim the refund, sign the form and return it to the parish office. If you are no longer liable for tax, let us know so that we can update our records.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

CARLOW CHORAL SOCIETY – Vivaldi Gloria and Magnificat

Carlow Choral Society presents an uplifting and joyous performance of Vivaldi's most famous Choral works on Sunday 22nd May at 7.30pm in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary in Tullow, Co. Carlow. Tickets €20.00 each and accompanied under 16's are free, available online www.eventbrite.ie Tullow Parish Office, and choir members.

SYNOD NEWS

The Diocesan Synthesis is currently being prepared and will be sent to the Bishops' Conference at the end of May. Following that we will share the submission with people of the diocese. Please remember this in your prayers. The Synod prayer is available for use on the diocesan website: www.kandle.ie/synod

IRISH CATHOLIC available in the Church each week at €2.50.

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RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers were 9-15-17-30 **5 lucky dips**

Kate Murphy Slaney Bank On Line winner

Elizabeth Coyle The Moate On Line winner

Conor O'Brien Fr. Cullen Tce On Line winner

Pauline Halligan Station Rd. Mick Kehoe

Tom Whyte Woodgrove Tom Whyte

Next draw 17th May. **Jackpot €4,700**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 10 – 17 – 18 – 22

Match 3 win or share €160

Pat Rafferty, Carlow 17-18-21-22 On Line Winner

Chris Kehoe, Fr. Cullen Terrace 12-17-18-22 Michael Kehoe

Maire Connors, Collins Park 6 -10-17-22 Jenny Donegan

Susan Tobin, Woodgrove Ave. 4-10-18-22 Brennan`s Centra

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Brian Curran, Woodgrove Avenue, Rathvilly.

Next draw 17 May 2022 **Jackpot €19,500**. Thank you for all your support.

Carlow Cup Final To Look Forward To

Brandon Ryan's late strike in the recent semi-final 4-3 win in Rathvilly, over St. Pats, earned Slaney Rovers a place in the showpiece Carlow Cup final. Set for Saturday 21 May at 7pm in Killeslin, the lads take on the undefeated premier champions New Oak, which is a repeat of the Carlow Shield final, in which Slaney just came up short. In fact, Slaney could be the only club standing in their way of a clean sweep of domestic titles and if that doesn't whet the appetite....

RATHVILLY FORÓIGE

Foróige Club reopened in Bigstone Hall on March 4th. This was a nice return to in person club gatherings as we had been meeting virtually during quarantine. Congratulations to Aoibheann Curry(chairperson), Peter Carroll (Vice chairperson), Shauna Nolan (treasurer) and Sophie Tyrell (secretary) for being elected to said roles in the Club. Further congratulations to Shauna, Sophie and Aoibheann who were elected onto the reference panel at the regional conference. You should all be very proud! The reference panel is made up of 64 members from all over Ireland and it is a great honour to have 3 members elected from the same club. Great work!