

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

John 10:27-30 **Live life to the full**

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear a few short verses from the Good Shepherd Discourse of St John's Gospel. It is a passage which describes Jesus as the *genuine* shepherd who know his flock and cares for them. There is a beautiful line in this passage which reads, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me". Jesus knows each of us. He knows our deepest desires and our worries, fears, insecurities and pain.

This should not disturb us: no, it should give us joy. Bring to mind our deepest friendships. What are the characteristics of such bonds? Usually, in order to know others really well, we must spend time with them, talking and sharing, listening to them. We become aware of their hopes and dreams, we find that we are extremely comfortable in their presence. These people are treasures in our lives, beloved friends, and we would do anything for them. Jesus too knows us intimately, and we are invited to listen out for his voice and to know that we belong to him. This is a voice which brings peace, not discomfort or shame. It is a voice which says to us: I want you to experience the fullness of life! In Jesus' time, being a shepherd was not a pleasant job, and there were many dangers involved. At night, shepherds would round their sheep into a pen and lie across the entrance in case they were attacked or stolen – literally laying down their lives for their flock. When things are not going so well in our lives, we may feel distant from others and from Jesus. Let this Gospel be a reminder to us that Jesus is always very close to us, even when we feel abandoned. We can share our struggles with him, for "no one will snatch [you] out of my hand". Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett 2021

"The beginning of the path to finding God is awareness. Not simply awareness of the ways that you can find God, but an awareness that God desires to find you.

James Martin SJ

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 2-12-14-26

Match 3 win or share €150

Patrick Keenan Arklow 9-12-14-26 On Line winner

Margaret Dunne Athy 2-3-12-26 On Line winner

Jude Kehoe Ladystown 12-14-24-26 On Line winner

Next draw 10 May 2022 **Jackpot €4,600**

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO Tuesday 10th May St.Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.
Jackpot on 40 numbers €700 Double number €460 Lotto €1350 Great prizes.

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**

7th & 8th May, 2022

4th Sunday of Easter

Recent Deaths: Peter Byrne, Castledermot brother of Josie Finn, Talbotstown
Fr James Regan, St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan

Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun, 7th & 8th May

Months Mind Mass for Pat Doyle, The Dales, Ricketstown this Saturday, 7th May

Months Mind Mass for Freda Cashen, Slaney View this Sunday, 8th May

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Teresa O'Toole Bough

Paddy O'Toole, Bough

Peg O'Toole Eccles, Bough

Michael Byrne, Collins Park

Catherine & Thomas Faulkner, Garretstown

Jack Doyle, Coole

Bill & Mary Doyle, Coole

Kathleen Gahan, Kevin Barry Road & Weavers Square, Baltinglass

Clarke Family, Williamstown

Stephen & Maura Murphy, Bough

Jack Keogh, Phelan Street

Tom & Nancy O'Toole, Rathdangan

Dermot Byrne, Arklow

Margaret Cowman, Donore

George Gahan, Kevin Barry Road

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

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

Michael Byrne, Ricketstown

Bill Doyle, Tankardstown

Stan Doyle, Bough

Andrew Joseph Whyte, Garretstown

Dan Kelly, Garretstown

Gerald & Kieran Bray & Ita McHenry

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

Tuesday & Thursday – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Wednesday – Mass at 10.00 a.m.

Friday – Communion Service at 9.30 a.m. Rosary before Mass each day.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Thursday 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown

Mass on Saturday, 7th May at 6.00 p.m.

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

Reader – Joe O'Brien.

Reader – Breedh Murphy.

Church of the Assumption, Tynock

Mass on Sunday, 8th May at 9.30 a.m.

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

Reader – Muireann Gartland.

Reader – Paula Boland.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the children from Tynock National School who will receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday, 7th May.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The wife and son of the late Pat Doyle RIP wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them on their recent sad loss. To all those who sent Mass Cards, Flowers, Letters of sympathy, phone calls, called personally, travelled long distances, attended Removal, Mass and Burial.

A special word of thanks to Msgr McEvoy, Deacon Liam Dunne, Dr. Donal Curran, the Doctors and Nurses at Nass Hospital, Nurse Catherine Kavanagh and our neighbour Nurse Maria Doyle who was so good to Pat. To the undertakers, the gravediggers, the Choir, Church Sacristan Breda Reilly.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 30th April & 1st May, 2022

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €215.03 Envelopes €337.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €50.30 Envelopes €168.00

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

Results for 4th May, 2022 Numbers: 03 – 05 – 18 – 31.

No Jackpot winner. 11 Match 3s get €91.00. One local winner this week.

Brenda Byrne - Promoter Breda Reilly.

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

On **Wednesday, 11th May the Jackpot is €14,000.** Tickets €2 each.

Thank you for supporting the Lotto each week.

COMMUNITY GARDEN NOTES

As many will realise, a Community Garden is being developed at the back of the Parochial House. It would be great to see a general interest emerge in becoming involved. The time of pandemic has not helped but it has not halted the progression of the Project. The surrounding wall may be painted over time. We have the beginning of interest in that aspect. Expressions of interest in giving some of your time for painting are also invited.

You can text Dave at 087 3724206 or Fr John at 086 3232403 if interested in the above or any other aspect of the Project. Many thanks to those who have shown interest including Rathvilly Primary School.

CONCERT IN RATHWOOD

Celtic Tenors Concert in Rathwood this Saturday, 7th May. Guest artist Deirdre Masterson. Tickets available from Des Willoughby Promotions.

VOLUNTEER WITH ALONE

If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/>

For more information, contact volunteer@alone.ie or on 086 1085965.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Sunday 8th May 2022 is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The Lord asked his disciples to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Pray also for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.

REBUILDING PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY

Choirs and choir members might be interested in an hour-long event taking place live on line on Friday, May 13th at 7:30 pm from the Monastery of St Alphonsus, Dublin. Organised and led by the Advisory Committee on Church Music, it promises to be a time of inspiration and encouragement, looking to recovering the spirit of the choir, new repertoire, choral techniques and ICMA tasters. You can tune in at www.rednuns.com or watch a recording later.

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 are €20.00 each and accompanied under 16's are free. Tickets are available online on www.eventbrite.ie and from Tullow Parish Office, and choir members. For information please contact carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com or Miriam Kelly, Secretary of Carlow Choral Society, on 087-9422608

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 8 – 11 – 18 – 25
Match 3 win or share €150

Valerie Whyte, Garrettstown, Shirley Jackson, Hacketstown, Mary Donegan,
Mountneill – Promoter Michael Kehoe

Evan Byrne, Woodgrove Avenue, Rathvilly

Anthony Byrne

J C Son, 5 Bramble Court, Tullow

Bruno's

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

Next draw 10 May 2022 **Jackpot €19,400.** Thank you for all your support.

Seniors O35 Season Kicks Off – Slaney O35s returned to league action, after winning the 2nd division and getting promoted last season to the top division this year, they made a great start, by beating a very strong St. Pats side 2-0 in Rathvilly. After an even enough first quarter, the breakthrough came after some fine build-up play between Owen Coleman and Declan Jones, with the latter's effort making it 1- 0, to lead at half-time. They doubled their lead midway in the second half, when the influential Coleman won back possession in midfield and found Declan Brennan in space, who picked up the ball on the edge of the box and he rifled an unstoppable shot to the top corner.