

PENTECOST SUNDAY

John 20:19-23

Peace be with you

We read today that the disciples are locked away in a house. Fear has gripped them. Their friend has been killed, their hopes and dreams have been shattered and now they fear for their own lives. This scene takes place after Mary Magdalene has already told them that she has seen the risen Jesus, but they don't believe her. The disciples remain closed.

There are times in our lives when we too isolate ourselves, and other times when we have no choice but to do so. One only must recall the COVID-19 pandemic that began in 2020. At the beginning of that year, no one could imagine the way the pandemic would unfold across the world: the rapid spread of infection, the staggering death toll, overburdened hospitals, the world in lockdown, businesses closed. In the first weeks of social distancing many people were in shock, and this shock would soon turn to anxiety and fear. Many vulnerable people were left alone and afraid. We experienced a collective grief as this new reality unfolded.

Today's Gospel reminds us that dark situations can be transformed. During the pandemic, we witnessed many extraordinary acts of kindness and generosity. Think of the heroes on the frontline who put their lives at risk for those suffering, or the good neighbours and friends who reach out to one another. These rays of light help us to remember that the Spirit is constantly at work in this world, transforming situations, moving us to act in spaces that seem hopeless. Any period of isolation can be tough, but it can also be an opportunity to take stock, to think about what kind of world we want to live in, and how we can contribute to the emergence of that world. One does not emerge from a crisis unchanged. The Risen Christ *breathes* the Spirit into our lives continuously, offering us peace – Shalom – and the opportunity for renewal.

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“Historically, pandemics have forced humans to break with the past and imagine their world anew. This one is no different. It is a portal, a gateway between one world and the next. We can choose to walk through it, dragging the carcasses of . . . our dead ideas, our dead rivers and smoky skies behind us. Or we can walk through lightly, with little luggage, ready to imagine another world – Arundhati Roy.

THE IRISH CATHOLIC

Read Good News you can believe in - Items in this week's issue:

Huge appreciation for Priests revealed in Synod report - Exhausted Priests caught between a rock and a hard place. Available in the Church at €2.50

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

4th & 5th June, 2022

Pentecost Sunday

Recent Deaths: Fr Donald McDonagh, St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan

Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun, 4th & 5th June

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Philomena (Mena) Whyte, Garretstown

Derek, Joey & Billy Faulkner, Bough

Pat Condon, Cnoc Mhuire & Constance Bray

George Faulkner, St. Patrick's Park

Brian & Laura O'Donoghue, Williamstown

George Byrne, Maplestown

Kate Hannon, Gurteen, Sligo

Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun, 11th & 12th June

Months Mind Mass for Leon Kelly, New Road, Ballyoliver on Saturday, 11th June

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

William, May, Mickey & Winnie Osborne, Maplestown

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - Mass 9.30 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Thursday - 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown

Mass on Saturday, 4th June at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Fiona Kane.

Mass on Sunday, 12th June at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Breedh Murphy.

Church of the Assumption, Tynock

Mass on Sunday, 5th June at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Paula Boland.

Mass on Saturday, 11th June at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Lucilla Brophy.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS –

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

21/22 May Rathvilly: Offertory €260.71 Envelopes €685.40

Kiltegan: Offertory € 50.06 Envelopes €393.70

28/29 May Rathvilly: Offertory €340.17 Envelopes €333.50

Kiltegan: Offertory € 95.20 Envelopes €377.50

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam

Radio 104.3 fm

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

Results for 1st June, 2022 Numbers: 12 – 16 – 23 – 28.
No Jackpot winner. 13 Match 3s get €77.00. No local winner this week.
The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.
On **Wednesday, 8th June the Jackpot is €18,000.** Tickets €2 each.
Thank you for supporting the Lotto each week.

CARERS WEEK 2022

Carers Week 2022 starts on 13th June and this year, along with a huge range of online events, Family Carers Ireland will be hosting multiple in-person events for the Carlow Kilkenny area, such as drawing and painting, annual carers mass, information days, and a carers day out in Kilkenny. More details can be found on our local Facebook page "Family carers Carlow Kilkenny" or by calling our office on 056 7721424

A JOURNEY OF FAITH, HOPE AND JOY WITH ST PATRICK

Come and be refreshed on ancient paths in the cradle of Christianity in Ireland. Poor Clares Sr Martina Purdy and Sr Elaine Kelly will lead you on an amazing five-day pilgrimage. The Journey includes guided walks and a canoeing adventure to sites associated with St Patrick in County Down. Stay in Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre, visit with monks along St Patrick's Way, and capture the joy of the first Christians in Ireland. From €850, no single supplement - all inc meals, transport, activities.
Details <https://www.saintpatrickcentre.com/> or phone (0044) 028 4461 9000

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Calling all adorers of the Blessed Sacrament in Kildare and Leighlin, the National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday 18th June (Corpus Christi weekend). Please contact Barbara on 086-163 7311 for more information or see www.eucharisticadoration.ie for more details.

DO YOU OR SOMEBODY YOU KNOW SUFFER FROM ADDICTION?

Addiction to Alcohol, Drugs, Gambling, Pornography, Food, Internet etc. steals life from so many people. Please come to the shrine of Matt Talbot in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean Mc Dermot Street, Dublin, on Sunday 12th June at 2pm, and join our annual national pilgrimage to pray for the miracle of freedom from all these addictions. For more information, visit www.matttalbotprayersociety.com or contact vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com ROI (048) 71262894

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 10-15-17-25.
Match 3 win or share €150
Colin Byrne Monavoth 10-15-16-25 On Line winner
Alina Hegarty Moone 10-17-25-30 Bingo winner
Mick Kehoe Grangecon 5-10-15-25 Bingo winner
Next draw 7 June 2022 **Jackpot €5,000**
Drive in Bingo every Wednesday night at 8pm sharp
Thank you for your continued support

CREATIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR SENIORS - AN INVITATION TO ENGAGE

"Are you 65+? Are you living in or near Rathvilly? We in Carlow Arts Festival would love for you to join us for a new project called '*The Long and Short of It*' to devise, create and vocally act out four animated stories that draws on your personal experiences and memories of joyfully coming together! We will start in August and it will run for 7 weeks into September. If you'd like to know more please contact Orlaith on 087-7405626 or orlaith@carlowartsfestival.com"
An information meeting will take place soon in Rathvilly.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 10 – 11 – 20 – 21
Marian Hand, Ballybit 10-11-21-22 Online Winner
Trish Nolan, St. Patrick's Park 10-11-17-20 Peg Kehoe
Larry Murphy c/o Bruno Take Away 10-11-20-30 Bruno Take Away
Mary and Majella c/o Martin Curran 10-11-18-21 Martin Curran
Promoter's prize €20 was won by Jenny Donegan, Michael Collins Park, Rathvilly.
Next draw 7 June 2022 Jackpot €19,800. Thank you for all your support.
The 43rd AGM of Slaney Rovers AFC - will take place in the Harp Lounge on Thursday night, June 9th. at 8pm. All members, intending members and supporters are invited to attend.

A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH - PENTECOST SUNDAY

Bishop Robert Barron

After the crucifixion of Jesus, the Lord's disciples must have been terrified. The master, to whom they had dedicated their lives, had been brutally put to death on a Roman instrument of torture. Because Jesus was seen as a threat to both the Roman and Jewish establishment, he had been beaten, scourged, nailed to the cross, and left to die. The mocking sign over his head – *Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews* – was meant both to humiliate the crucified and to warn anyone who cared to know this man had been an enemy of the state. So his followers must have come to the obvious conclusion that they too were wanted men, facing the clear and present danger of themselves arrested, tried and crucified. And this is precisely why the Gospel tells us that the doors were locked in the place where the disciples cowered.

But despite the locked doors, we are told, *Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you'.* It is always frightening to follow Jesus, for his is a path that leads inevitably to the cross. To be a disciple of Jesus is to commit oneself to love – and love always costs. But the incomparably good news is that Jesus himself has faced this fear down and conquered it, demonstrating through his Resurrection that God's love is stronger than anything that is in the world. No cruelty; no hatred, no violence, no threat, no political power, no earthly army can ever overwhelm the divine love. And therefore, we followers of the Lord, even as we face the cross, can find peace. Nowhere in the New Testament do we find a guarantee that Christians will never be afraid; but on practically every page of the New Testament, we find the promise that the peace offered by the risen Lord is stronger than any fear. *Magnificat, June 2022.*