

PALM SUNDAY

Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 26:14-27:66 ‘Stay awake with me’

Today we meet Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, ‘grieved and agitated’ as he wrestles with the prospect of death. The cross is visible present in our world, where oppressive systems crucify people, where war and terror inflict death and suffering, where environmental destruction endangers the very fabric of our planet. Here too we meet the crucified Jesus, plummeting into the depths of situations where even God seems absent. But we also look for those who ‘hunger and thirst for righteousness’, those who stand against oppressive systems even though the path is dangerous and lonely. In today’s narrative we meet Simon of Cyrene, who helps Jesus to carry the cross, Joseph of Arimathea, who comes to the aid of Jesus’ friends in their darkest hours, the two women who stay with Jesus until the end, Mary, his mother, and Mary Magdalene, sitting outside the tomb when all others have fled.

When Russia invaded Ukraine in early 2022, the world looked on in horror at the death and destruction inflicted on innocent people, but we also saw the outpouring of love and solidarity offered to the millions of refugees created by this war. The helpers were out in force: parents who left buggies at train stations, aid convoys from all over Europe, millions of Euros raised. The American TV host, Fred Rogers, once said, “When I was a boy and I would see scary things on the news, my mother would say to me, ‘*Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.*’” The many small acts of kindness shown in the aftermath of terrible events add up to a greater movement. Our only response to terror and prejudice must be increasing love and solidarity. Yes, we sit with the horrors of the cross this week, but we can also look for the helpers, and we can be helpers too.

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“Africans believe in something that is difficult to render in English. We call it Ubuntu/botho... You know when it is there and when it is absent. It speaks about humaneness, gentleness, hospitality, putting yourself out on behalf of others, being vulnerable. It embraces compassion and toughness. It recognises that my humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together. *Desmond Tutu*

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid’s
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick’s
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

1st & 2nd April, 2023

Palm Sunday

Recent Deaths: Esther O’Brien Blake, Garretstown
John Lennon, Graiguecullen, Carlow

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 1st & 2nd April

Paddy Byrne, Garretstown

Agnes Mary O’Toole, St. Patrick’s Park

Rita Conway, Straboe

Jack O’Toole, St. Patrick’s Park

Daniel Lawlor, Fr. Cullen Tce.

Christy, Kitty & Peter O’Toole, Phelan Street

Christine Donovan, Rathdangan

James & Elizabeth Kelly, Mount Neill

Bridget Cassells, Ricketstown

Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday, 8th & 9th April

Pat Doyle, The Dales, Ricketstown – 1st Anniversary

Catherine & Thomas Faulkner, Garretstown

Kathleen Smith, St. Patrick’s Park

Bridie Colgan, Rathdaniel

Paudie Doyle, Raheendaw

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

EASTER PENANCE SERVICES –

Tullow - Tuesday, 4th April at 7.30 p.m.

Rathvilly - Wednesday, 5th April at 7.30 p.m.

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 8.00 p.m. **Adoration and concluding with Night Prayer** for half an hour after the Ceremony.

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross 12 Noon. Celebration of the Lord’s Passion 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday – Vigil Mass at 8.30 p.m.

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – on Holy Thursday morning, 6th April.

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 6.00 p.m.

Readers: Lucilla Brophy & Breedh Murphy.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion at 6.00 p.m.

Readers: Muireann Gartland, Nigel Byrne, Aine McCarthy, Siobhan Doyle, Mary Kelly.

Easter Sunday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Mary Byrne.

Chrism Mass - Monday 3rd April, Cathedral of the Assumption, 7.30pm.

HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR APRIL – Tuesday, 4th April - 2.00 – 5.00 p.m.

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

Results for 29th March, 2023 Numbers: 04 – 11 – 18 – 30.
No Jackpot winner of €14,000. 21 match 3s get €48 each – One local winner.
Winner – Philip Kirwan. Promoter – Philip Kirwan.

The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.
On **Wednesday, 5th April the Jackpot is €15,000.** Tickets €2.

Thank you for your support throughout the year. Full results on our website.

Free Draw for all local Lotto Supporters –

€50 – Winner – Laurence Byrne.	Promoter – Post Office.
€50 – Winner – Margaret Jordan.	Promoter – Philip Kirwan.
€25 – Winner – Paddy Dunne.	Promoter – Tommy Donovan.
€25 – Winner – Noel Doyle.	Promoter – Maria Doyle.
€25 – Winner – Patsy Coady.	Promoter – Mary Cunningham.
€25 – Winner – Peter Pender.	Promoter – Post Office.
€25 – Winner – Bridie McCarney.	Promoter – Post Office.
€25 – Winner – Don Manley.	Promoter – Mary Manley.
€25 – Promoters Prize – Winner – Parish Office.	

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 25th & 26th March, 2023

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €292.29	Envelopes €655.20
Kiltegan: Offertory €34.85	Envelopes €300.80

THE CELTIC TENORS

The St. Tegan's Hall Committee are delighted to announce the return of The Celtic Tenors to St. Tegan's Hall, Kiltegan on Friday, 28th April at 8 p.m.
Tickets available at 059 6473143. We are fortunate to be offered a performance by these internationally acclaimed artists. A wonderful night is assured.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3-5-14-24

Match 3 win or share €150

Theresa Cullen DeLacey Abbey 3-5-17-24 On Line winner

Next draw 4 April 2023 **Jackpot €9,300**

Thank you for your continued support.

SAFETALK Become Suicide Alert!

Thursday, 20th April - 7 p.m.– 10.30 p.m. in the parish Centre, Baltinglass

Safetalk 'Suicide alertness for everyone' prepares participants to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources.

Training is suitable for anyone over the age of 18 and is free of charge. Booking is essential. Contact: admin@breakingthrough.org

LOUGH DERG – 2023 Pilgrimage Season – 1st June – 15th September

Full details from www.loughderg.org or phone 071 9861518

53 years of Priestly Ministry, 1970-2023

We salute Fr Pat O'Brien this weekend close to his ordination anniversary, which took place on 29 March 1970, Easter Sunday that year. Fr Pat was appointed as Curate in our parish in 2015, when he succeeded Fr Michael Moloney in that role. The Golden Jubilee of his ordination occurred during the first lockdown caused by Coronavirus in 2020, when those aged over 70 were advised to cocoon in their homes. The ongoing pandemic meant that no opportunity was taken to celebrate his 50 years of priestly ministry in 2020. As in the cases of many others, lots of significant milestone events went by unmarked.

This year his 53rd Anniversary of ordination coincides with his concluding his role in our parish. He came to this decision, having consulted with his own superiors in Kiltegan as well as with Bishop Denis Nulty. I wish to express gratitude to Fr Pat for his almost 8 years of parish ministry in Kiltegan and Rathvilly. During those years he has endeared himself to everyone and has made many friends among us. As he now goes into his retirement, we wish him many more years of happiness and health. We hope, Fr Pat, that you enjoy a well-deserved rest from active ministry and we look forward to seeing you often in the years ahead.

In the next while we hope to organise an evening to fittingly mark Fr Pat's valuable contribution to the pastoral life of our parish. We expect that Bishop Nulty will join us for a special Mass on a date to be arranged.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 6 – 19 – 25 – 28

Peter O'Neill, 5 Slaney Bank Michael Kehoe

Patsy Coady, St. Patrick's Park Peg Kehoe

Trish and Fergal Harmon, Kiltegan Fergal Harmon

Edel O'Brien, Rathvilly The Harp Bar

Eliz and PJ c/o Laura Kavanagh Laura Kavanagh

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Fergal Harmon, Kiltegan.

Next draw 4 April. 2023 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support.

Golden Goal Fundraiser Result- Premier League: Newcastle v Wolves - the winning minute was 26th. and the winner of €60 was Tanya Darcy, Rathvilly, which was sold by Will Darcy, Rathvilly.

CARLOW OLDER PERSONS FORUM

Charity Concert in aid of a NEW Hospital Transport Link Car for all registered members, is being held in the Seven Oaks Hotel Carlow on the 6th April. Tickets are €25. Enquiry: 085 850 5549 089 260 6828

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