

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne

*John 20:19-31 Shalom*

We do not come through suffering and difficult times unscarred. We are changed by them. Often, they bring some sort of growth into our lives, and usually it is not a pleasant experience. The Risen Jesus bears the wounds of his suffering and in today's Gospel invites Thomas to get in touch with this reality. Would it not have made more sense for John to write the wounds out of this story? No, because here we tap into the great mystery of the narrative: we can experience resurrection and still bear the signs of 'wounded-ness'. The cross and new life are deeply intertwined. We can be healed, fully transformed, yet the scars of what has happened remain, almost like a reminder of how far we have come. When we recall times of our own 'wounded-ness' do we also hear Jesus' 'peace be with you'? This peace, this *Shalom*, is more than a wish for a peaceful day. It expresses the desire that the person receiving the blessing might be whole in body, mind, and spirit. The Risen Jesus brings a peace that is life-giving.

In difficult times, becoming aware of Christ's presence amongst us can open our hearts. We keep going in confidence that any suffering we are experiencing is not the end of the story. For the disciples this experience moves them from being closed off to the world to rejoicing, and this in turn opens up the mission for them to be unending witnesses to God's love, to be for others what Jesus had been for them. The Risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us. May we be open to transformation, to growth and to sharing this life-giving Spirit with others.

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"For even if the whole world believed in resurrection, little would change until we began to practice it. We can believe in CPR, but people will remain dead until someone breathes new life into them. *Shane Claiborne.*

### 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**

**15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Recent Death:** Paddy Delaney, Tobinstown.

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> April

Freda Cashen, Slaney View House – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Eileen Clarke, Waterstown

Mary Gahan, 18 Collins Park

Ned & Mary Balfe, Rahill

Elizabeth Heffernan, Carrinameil

Dan Byrne, Lisnavagh & deceased family members

Kate McDonnell, Greystones

Charlie Lawlor, St. Patrick's Park

Kate Lawlor, Phelan Street & deceased family members

Mick Connors, 3 St. Patrick's Park and deceased family members

Eilish McGrath, Fr. Cullen Tce., & deceased members of the Coady Family, Station Rd

Jane Guthrie, Bough

Richard & Nancy Finnegan & deceased family members

Sat/Sun, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> April

**Months Mind Mass** for Ann Leonard, Rahill on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April

**Months Mind Mass** for Esther O'Brien Blake, Garretstown on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Mick & Chrissie Byrne, Ballyhackett

Pauline Cullen, Dublin

James & Elizabeth Byrne, Ballyhackett

George Leonard

Pat & Lizzie Haberlin, Ballyhackett

Mary Leonard

Jim Haberlin, Ballyhackett

Patrick Leonard

Frank Donovan, Tallaght

Margaret Brady

Peter & Mary Doyle, The Moate & deceased family members

Tom Sibbald, Ballyoliver

Maureen & Joe Deering, Patrickswell

Paddy Keogh, Tullowland

Deceased members of the Sibbald/Keogh family

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Friday – Mass at 7.30 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Friday from 4 – 7 p.m.

### ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> April – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Breedh Murphy.

### CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Nigel Byrne.

### RETURN VISIT of Fr Cristian Pista on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Fr Cristian is a Missionary Priest in Kenya, he spent one month in our Parish in 2019. He will attend Mass in Tynock on Saturday at 6 p.m. & Rathvilly at 7.30 p.m.

### EASTER COLLECTIONS

Thank you to all who contributed to the Easter Station and Easter Collection.  
Thank you for your continued support.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES – can be returned to the Church or the Parish Office.

### PARISH NEWSLETTER

There will be a double issue printed next week. If you want to book Anniversary Masses for the next couple of weeks, please have them in before next Thursday.

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

Results for 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 Numbers: 03 – 11 – 29 – 32.

No Jackpot winner of €16,000. 16 match 3s get €63 each – No local winner.

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

On **Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April the Jackpot is €17,000.** Tickets €2.

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

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

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

Rathvilly: Offertory € 735.82

Envelopes €775.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €303.79

Envelopes €504.30

### CLOTHES COLLECTION

Clothes Collection supporting Friends of Calcutta ( CHY No: 13218) on Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup>. All bags of wearable clothing, footwear, curtains etc most welcome and can be left outside any of our 3 churches up to 3pm that day. All enquiries to Michael Hopkins 087-9073074 who will be delighted to arrange a me collection if requested.

### THE CELTIC TENORS

St. Tegan's Hall, Kiltegan on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April at 8 p.m.

Tickets available at 059 6473143. A wonderful night is assured.

### SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 4 – 7 – 10 – 29

Gerard Doyle, Hacketstown 4-10-19-29

Online Winner

Frank Kelly, Williamstown 4-7-10-13

Michael Kehoe

Dee Doyle c/o Borza Takeaway 4-10-15-29

Borza Takeaway

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Carole McGrath, Rathvilly.

Next draw 18 April. 2023 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support.

Senior's club awards for season 22/23 - Congratulations on the following:

Brandon Ryan, top goalscorer; Jake Elliot, player's player of the year and

Jamie Byrne, manager's player of the year. Well done to all.

### WALKING GROUP

The walking group is starting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April at 9.30am, meeting at the car park of the GAA pitch, all are welcome. No dogs allowed.

Carlow Sports Partnership will have a tutor there to facilitate the group.

### RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 2-4-10-24

Match 3 win or share €150

Martha Keogh Talbotstown 2-4-10-20

On Line winner

Michaela Dempsey Woodgrove 2-10-16-24

Mick Kehoe

Next draw 18 April 2023 **Jackpot €9,500**

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER – available in Rathvilly Church each week.

Some of the articles covered in this week's edition of the Irish Catholic –

**President Joe Biden's Mayo visit highlights 'wrecked' rural parishes**

The visit of US President Joe Biden is an opportunity to highlight how Government policy has led to "wrecked families" in rural parishes, according to a Mayo priest. Fr Kieran Holmes in Ballina parish spoke to The Irish Catholic ahead of President Biden's visit to St Muredach's Cathedral on April 14, where baptismal records of...

**Easter hope hard to see for Syria quake survivors, says Irish missionary**

Easter hope is hard to see for survivors of an earthquake that left 50,000 dead and around 1.5 million homeless in Syria and Turkey two months ago, an Irish missionary based in Aleppo has said. Christians in the Syrian city celebrated the Easter triduum amid the ruins of homes destroyed by the earthquake and 12...

### CARLOW COLLEGE ST PATRICK'S PUBLIC LECTURE

On Monday, 24 April from 1.45-3pm in Cobden Hall in Carlow College, historian Dr Mel Farrell will speak on: **'1923 – The End of the Civil War – A Centenary Lecture'** Dr Mel Farrell is lecturer in Irish history at Carlow College, St Patricks. He is the author of Party Politics in a New Democracy: The Irish Free State, 1922-37 and is co-editor of A Formative Decade: Ireland in the 1920s. He has lectured in DCU, Maynooth, and UCD. Tickets are free but booking is essential and can be made at <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1923-the-end-of-the-civil-war-a-centenary-lecture-tickets-603871765707>

### WEST WICKLOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our one-day conference honours our friend and local historian Donal McDonnell.

Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 9.45 a.m. – 5.30 p.m. in Scoil Naomh Iósaf, Baltinglass.

10.15 am – Opening Address by Monsignor John McEvoy

10.30 – Results of Archaeological Excavations at Rathcoran: Speaker Alan Hawkes

11.15 – Diarmuid O'Muinnhneacháin & Michael Hargadon: Sp - Richard B Lennon

12 Noon – Horse Racing in 18<sup>th</sup> Century Ireland – Speaker Emma Lyons

12.45 – Morning A&A Session

14.45 – The Baltinglass Area in the Medieval Period – Speaker Margaret Murphy.

16.00 – Steam on the Slaney. . . Railway History – Liam Kenny & Eamonn Sinnott

16.30 – Afternoon Q&A Session

WWHS Members: €30; Non Members €45. Register online WWHS.ie

### NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Bus leaving Tullow at 7.30 a.m. Cost €30. Contact Duffy's

Bus Hire on 087 2543235 to book your seat.