

EASTER SUNDAY

Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne

John 20:1-9 Dare to hope

The empty tomb causes consternation. In John's account, Mary Magdalene, the first to arrive, is confused by the missing stone. 'They have taken the Lord.' Peter and John see the empty tomb and wrappings, but appear not to understand. Only when John enters the tomb does he 'see and believe'. Mary Magdalene will be the first to see the Risen Jesus, recognizing him when he calls her by name. Later, Thomas will be convinced only when he sees and touches Jesus. The Good News dawns gradually for the disciples. We share in their awe and excitement this morning. *Jesus is alive!* We enter into the mystery, allowing ourselves to believe and to hope.

You may have heard the expression 'the audacity of hope'. It became famous as the title of Barack Obama's autobiography, but it originated in a sermon by pastor Jeremiah Wright in which he reflected on the G. F. Watts painting, 'Hope'. In the painting, a female figure sits, blindfolded playing a lyre that has only one string. 'With her clothes in rags, her body scarred and bruised and bleeding, her harp all but destroyed and with only one string left, she had the audacity to make music and praise God. ... To take the one string you have left and to have the audacity to hope that's the real word God will have us hear.' The mystery of the Resurrection is that we can dare to hope. God has made all things new.

The Resurrection completes what Jesus began. The Resurrection of Jesus, who was persecuted, suffered and died, is God's affirmation that victory does not rest with the world's victors, but with its victims, Jesus' words and deeds are risen and exalted too. The Jesus who is raised is the one who sides with the poor, the mistreated, the ignored; who challenges the status quo and tells us 'The last will be first'. We are challenged to model our lives on this vision of Jesus, to shine light into the darkness and bring hope to an uncertain world.

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"Jesus' death was an interruption in his ministry, not the point of it.

Daneen Akers

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

EASTER GREETINGS to all our Parishioners 8th & 9th April, 2023

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

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

Sat/Sun, 15th & 16th April

Freda Cashen, Slaney View House – 1st Anniversary

Eileen Clarke, Waterstown

Ned & Mary Balfe, Rahill

Dan Byrne, Lisnavagh & deceased family members

Mary Gahan, 18 Collins Park

Charlie Lawlor, St. Patrick's Park

Kate Lawlor, Phelan Street & deceased family members

Elizabeth Heffernan, Carrinameil

Kate McDonnell, Greystones

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

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Easter Monday – Mass at 11.00 a.m. Tuesday & Wednesday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday – Communion Service at 9.30 a.m. **Friday – Mass at 7.30 p.m.**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – We are resuming Friday Adoration from 4 – 7 p.m.

Thanks to the parishioners who have volunteered to be there for an hour.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Easter Sunday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Mary Byrne.

Saturday, 22nd April – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Nigel Byrne.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 16th April – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Breedh Murphy.

FR. PAT O'BRIEN

Bishop Denis Nulty will celebrate a special Mass on Friday, 2nd June to honour Fr. Pat O'Brien's valuable contribution to the pastoral life of our Parish.

EASTER COLLECTION FOR THE CLERGY

Please use your parish envelope or any envelope with your name and address.

Thank you for your continued support.

Please take a copy of Bishop Nulty's EASTER MESSAGE.

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

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

Results for 5th April, 2023 Numbers: 03 – 05 – 12 – 16.
No Jackpot winner of €15,000. 24 match 3s get €42 each – No local winner.
The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.
On **Wednesday, 12th April the Jackpot is €16,000.** Tickets €2.
Thank you for your support throughout the year. Full results on our website.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 1st & 2nd April, 2023

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections.
Rathvilly: Offertory €379.83 Envelopes €488.40
Kiltegan: Offertory €90.72 Envelopes €211.00

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.

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

RATHVILLY COMMUNITY GARDEN

Easter Raffle - Draw on Easter Monday. Lines €2 – please support.

DAFFODIL DAY 2023

Rathvilly Pharmacy would like to thank volunteers and everyone who contributed to our 1st Daffodil Day fundraiser. A special thanks to Hazel Burgess who helped us organise the day and all the local businesses who donated raffle prizes.
The total amount raised for The Irish Cancer Society was €1,700.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 6 - 10 - 11 - 25.
Karen Breen, Rathvilly 6-10-11-24 Online Winner
Promoter's prize €20 was won by Anthony Byrne, Woodgrove Avenue, Rathvilly.
Next draw 11 April. 2023 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support.
O35 Membership 2023-

The club's O35 membership for 2023 is now open via Clubforce. All players must be fully paid-up members of the club to participate in the O35 League, during the summer. **Slaney Rovers AFC Over 35s Membership**
https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=469

CARLOW ARTS FESTIVAL

The four works made for *The Long and the Short of It* are going to be exhibited at Carlow Arts Festival in June.

Throughout the exhibition, we need volunteers to invigilate the work, and we would love it if those who participated in the project would be willing to give some of their time to volunteer! The exhibition will be in Carlow College and will run from **Thursday 8th June - Sunday 11th June.** We need approx. 6 volunteers each day, so please spread the word and get in touch with me if you have any questions. This will be a wonderful opportunity to not only see the four works together, but also to speak about your experience and the stories and memories that came out of the projects. Contact - janice@carlowartsfestival.ie 0851329967

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 6-11-19-27
Match 3 win or share €150
Mary Byrne Knocklishen 6-11-19-24 On Line winner
Patricia Moore 6-13-19-27 On Line winner
Next draw 11 April 2023 **Jackpot €9,400**

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Calling All Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament in this Diocese, the National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday 23rd April and all are welcome. Phone Brendan 0876537753 www.eucharisticadoration.ie

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>

ALL-IRELAND POLLINATOR PLAN

The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is an island-wide attempt to reverse declines in pollinating insects. One third of our bee species are threatened with extinction in Ireland. The good news is that you can help by making your garden pollinator friendly. Every garden, no matter its size, can be a haven for hungry pollinators. www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

WEST WICKLOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our one-day conference honours our friend and local historian Donal McDonnell. Saturday, 22nd April 9.45 a.m. – 5.30 p.m. in Scoil Naoimh Íósaf, Baltinglass. WWHS Members: €30; Non Members €45. Register online WWHS.ie