

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne

John 14:15-21 ‘And you in me and I in you’

We continue to read this Sunday from the Farwell Discourse of John’s Gospel (chapters 14-17) where Jesus is consoling the disciples. ‘I will not leave you orphaned.’ Jesus tells the disciples that he will send an ‘advocate’ (*parakletos*) to them. This term is only found in John’s writings and translates as a helper, a comforter, someone we call to our aid. Jesus has been this advocate for the disciples, but now he will be present for them in a different way, dwelling amongst them, dwelling in them, *in-dwelling*. This in turn calls for a loving response from the disciples and from all followers of Christ.

In a famous reflection, Joseph Whelan SJ wrote about this type of love: he said, “Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love in a quite absolute final way.” This love will decide everything, what gets you up in the morning, how you spend your time, what breaks your heart, what amazes you. Whelan says, “Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.” Experiencing something of this indwelling presence of God and keeping God’s commandments are deeply interconnected. This love will decide everything because it must flow outwards, be lived out in our daily lives, for it cannot be contained.

The words of the Gospel today are deeply intimate, they cannot be understood with the head, only with the heart. As we spend time with them, we begin to realise that it is not just the disciple’s story, it is also our story, a story we experience on a deep level. It is another reminder to us that all beings are sacred, all beings carry divine DNA within. Let us begin again to see God present within ourselves, in others and in all of creation. Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett, 2022. *The Deep End, A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew*.

“We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience. - *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

PENTECOST NOVENA

Takes place from 19th -27th of May. This novena will be broadcast daily on Radio Maria and Shalom World Prayer Channel.

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid’s
Talbotstown**

13th & 14th May, 2023

**St. Patrick’s
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 13th & 14th May

Leon Kelly, New Road, Ballyoliver – 1st Anniversary

Stan Doyle, Bough

Jim & Essie Byrne, Knocklishen

Richard & Mary Canavan

Breda Brennan

Mick Connors, 13 St. Patrick’s Park & deceased family members

Thomas & Mary Humphries, Rathdaniel & deceased family members

Michael Byrne, Ricketstown

Andrew Joseph Whyte, Garretstown

John Doyle, Dublin

Sat/Sun, 20th & 21st May

Gerald & Kieran Bray & Ita McHenry

Seamus Just, Dublin & Tombeagh

Dan & Molly Kelly, Garretstown

Thomas & Julia Byrne, New Road

Charles Byrne, Snr., Williamstown

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

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

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Saturday, 13th May – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Breedh Murphy.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 21st May – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Muireann Gartland.

For the Month of May - The Rosary will be recited each Thursday at 7 p.m. in Tynock Church.

Congratulations to the children from Talbotstown & Tynock NS who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 13th May in Tynock Church.

Best wishes to the children from Rathmore and Rathvilly NS who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 20th May in Rathvilly Church.

Confirmation Rehearsal takes place on Thursday, 18th May at 7.30 p.m.

2nd JUNE CELEBRATION

There is a meeting in St Tegan’s Hall, Kiltegan on Monday 15th May at 9.00pm. to finalise arrangements for Fr Pat O’Brien’s Celebration on 2nd June. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to help please ring/text 087 9902218.

Kildare and Leighlin Annual Diocesan Collection for our Retired Priests takes place 27th/28th May 2023. Please continue the support of our Retired Priests.

TRÓCAIRE - Thank you to Talbotstown School for their contribution for Trócaire.

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

Results for 10th May, 2023 Numbers: 02 – 10 – 15 – 32.

No Jackpot winner of €11,000. 14 match 3s get €72.00 each – One local winner.

Winner – Mary Lawlor. Promoter – Kitty Kennedy.

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

On **Wednesday, 17th May the Jackpot is €12,000.** Tickets €2.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 6th/7th May

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

Rathvilly: Offertory € 220.62

Envelopes €488.55

Kiltegan: Offertory €141.10

Envelopes €231.90

RATHVILLY COMMUNITY ALERT/TEXT ALERT - Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on Monday 15 May 2023 in Lawlor's Bar at 8pm.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 14-27-28-30

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Pat Deering Ballybit Florrie Gibbons Station Rd.

On Line winners

Yvonne Whyte Woodgrove

Tom Whyte

Britton Quads Knockavagh

Helen Deering

Collette Kelly Garretstown

Collette Kelly

Next draw 16 May 2023 **Jackpot €2,700**

Date for your diary - Drive in Bingo back 22 May 2023

TABLE QUIZ

Table Quiz in the Harp Bar on 19th of May @ 8:00 pm to fundraise for U12s soccer

team to go to Blackpool on 29th - 31st of March 2024. A table of 4 costs 40 euro.

1st prize: €100 2nd prize: €75 3rd prize: €50

GALLAGHER MEDICAL PRACTICE Covid Vaccine Booster Clinic for over 70's in Hacketstown Surgery on 17th May 23 from 9.30 to 12.30 and 2 - 5pm.

FREE BIKE WEEK WORKSHOP

Sunday, 14th May from 11.45 am – 1.45 p.m. in Lawlor's Bar.

TRACTOR, TRUCK AND CLASSIC CAR FUN RUN!

14th May in Rathvilly Registration from 1pm Leaving Rathvilly and moving east approx 20km loop. Contact Martin Deering 085 174 1471 for further details.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 12 - 17 - 23 - 26

Ellen Cullen, Knockavagh, Rathvilly 7-17-23-26

Michael Kehoe

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Brian Curran, Woodgrove Avenue, Rathvilly.

Next draw 16 May 2023 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support

Abortion: Changing the Narrative – a Statement of the Catholic Bishops

Five years on from the May 2018 referendum which removed the constitutional guarantee of the equal right to life of unborn children and their mothers, the Bishops of Ireland have issued a statement which also takes into account the recent review by Government of the abortion legislation introduced following the referendum. At that time the bishops said, "*a new situation now exists in Ireland. It is essential for us as a Church, which cares passionately about the gift of life, and wants to support both mothers and their unborn children, to seek better ways of responding to this new and very challenging reality*". Today, bishops reaffirm the deep conviction of our faith, namely, that the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death, is a value for the whole of society, rooted in reason as well as in faith. No matter what legislation is passed, the fundamental right to life for all human beings at every stage of development still prevails. The bishops remain convinced that the relevant law, the *Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018* will, in due course, be repealed. In the meantime, the Church will continue to seek loving and supportive protection for every mother and for every child in the womb, including babies diagnosed with a disability or a life-limiting condition. The bishops will continue to do their best to change the narrative through dialogue and by testifying, in season and out of season, to the Gospel of Life. How can People of Faith help? Read the full statement (which is available in the church and also on www.catholicbishops.ie).

RATHVILLY TENNIS CLUB is open for the new season. Membership: Under 18 €5, Adult over 18 is €10 and family is €30. Cormac Doherty, a Tennis Ireland Licensed coach is offering a junior 8 week coaching programme, starting on 8th of May. Please register by phone or WhatsApp on 087 4596043 or on email cmjdtenniscoaching@gmail.com. Cost €80 and payment is available on the day. **Rathvilly Tennis Club will hold their AGM** on Thursday 18th of May in The Harp Bar Rathvilly @ 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing some past and new members getting involved in the club.

CARLOW CHORAL SOCIETY

Carlow Choral Society presents Johannes Brahms – A GERMAN REQUIEM with the RTE Concert Orchestra and internationally acclaimed soloists: Ailish Tynan – Soprano, Benjamin Russell – Baritone and Blánaid Murphy – Conductor on Friday, 9th June at 8 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. Tickets €25 available from Eventbrite.ie or Rathvilly Parish Office.

UISCE FOR TANZANIA

This is a charity in support of the work of providing clean water supplies to villages in Northern Tanzania. The Trustees of the Charity meet in the Parochial House, Hacketstown and Rathdangan-born Jim Kavanagh is a key worker involved in delivering projects in Tanzania. We can help by assisting in the funding of the projects. The plan for 2023-2024 involves trying to raise in the region of € 40,000 to cover a number of projects. Each water project can provide clean water for around 5,000 people living in villages. Jim Kavanagh would like to speak at Masses in our parish. I expect this to happen in the near future. Further information is available at www.uiscefortanzania.ie.