

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 28:16-20

‘Go therefore. . .’

As is common in Matthews Gospel, we find ourselves with Jesus on a mountain – an important setting for Matthew in moments of divine revelation. The eleven male disciples have been instructed by the female disciples, the two Marys, to go to Galilee to see the Risen Jesus. In Matthew’s account, the male disciples have not visited the tomb or seen Jesus up to this point. These women, the first witnesses to the Resurrection, pass the message on to the men. This *‘passing on’* is an important theme as it sets the scene for the ‘Great Commission’, Jesus handing over his mission to the disciples.

When they see Jesus, the group has a typical mixed response: as always, they are an imperfect bunch. Yet Jesus tasks them to *‘make disciples of all nations’*. We remember that early in Matthews Gospel, Galilee was referred to as *‘Galilee of the Gentiles’* (Mt 4:15), so it is fitting that the inclusive mission to all nations begins here. Matthew often thinks in terms of ‘delegated powers’: Jesus has authority to teach – as noted by the crowds (Mt 7:29) - and this authority is now passed on to the disciples. When he first sent the disciples out, he gave them authority over unclean spirits and illness (Mt 10:1) Now, the mission is extended outwards to all nations.

We are the extension of this commissioning. God’s Kingdom is not limited to a particular place or set of people. Our communities are called to be alive not inside buildings but on the streets, constantly reaching out. Jesus’ mission is all-encompassing, infinitely wide, infinitely open. His final message is a promise to us all: *“I am with you always, to the end of age.”* We might recall here the promise in Jesus’ name *Emmanuel*, ‘God with us’ (Mt 1:23). The Risen Jesus has not abandoned the world but is in this world, the divine presence in the community, and his followers are sent to carry this love to the world. Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett, 2022. *The Deep End, A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew.*

“Christ opened the path to us. He is like a roped guide climbing a mountain who, on reaching the summit, pulls us up to him and leads us to God. If we entrust our life to him, if we let ourselves be guided by him, we are certain to be in safe hands.

- Pope Francis.

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid’s
Talbotstown**

20th & 21st May, 2023

**St. Patrick’s
Rathvilly**

The Ascension of the Lord

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Recent Death: Thomas (Tom) Phelan, Tynock.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

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

Sat/Sun, 27th & 28th May

Bridget & Edward Nolan, Rathvilly
Sarah & Robert Molloy, Ricketstown
John McGuire, Kylebeg, Lacken
James & Teresa McGuire, Kylebeg, Lacken
Brigid & John Kelly, New Rd., Ballyoliver
Phil Kavanagh, Mt. Kelly
John & Ellen Breen, Mt. Kelly

Mary & James Healy, Ricketstown
Brendan & Rosaleen Healy, London
John Healy, Ricketstown & London
Maureen Healy, Southampton
Johnnie Moore, Edenderry & London
Imelda O’Donovan, Rosscarbery
Pat & Frances Nolan, Killenure
Patrick Nolan, Killenure

Gretta Carroll, Knocklishen & deceased members of the Keating family, Dunlavin

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Tuesday – Mass at 10.00 a.m. Wednesday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday & Friday – Communion Service at 9.30 a.m.

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

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.

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 28th May – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Fiona Kane.

FR. PAT O’BRIEN - 2nd JUNE CELEBRATION

Anyone wishing to contribute to the celebration of Fr. Pat O’ Brien’s retirement is invited to leave their contributions to any of the following people. Nigel Byrne Tynock, Joe O’Brien, Talbotstown, Anna Mae Byrne or Mary Manley Rathvilly Trish Leonard, parish secretary Rathvilly or either of our sacristans- Mary Kelly Tynock or Josie Finn Talbotstown before Sunday 28th May.

Congratulations to the children from Rathmore and Rathvilly NS who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 20th May in Rathvilly Church.

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

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

Results for 17th May, 2023 Numbers: 02 – 04 – 13 – 14.

No Jackpot winner of €12,000. 19 match 3s get €53.00 each – One local winner.

Winner - Kathleen Lynch. Promoter – Rathvilly Post Office.

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

On **Wednesday, 24th May the Jackpot is €13,000.** Tickets €2.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 13th/14th May

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €405.20

Envelopes €437.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €51.00

Envelopes €454.50

PUBLIC REALM PLAN BRIEFING

25th May 2023 @ 7.30pm St. Patrick's Primary School, Rathvilly, Co. Carlow

Vision Rathvilly 2040 - Public Realm Plan is a plan designed to provide a pathway for potential investment in the public realm of Rathvilly. By attending the briefing, individuals can learn about the vision and goals of the plan, the proposed strategies, and interventions, and how it will address current and future challenges.

Booking Essential via e-mail to enterprise@carlowcoco.ie or by calling/

Tara Mc Grath on 059-9129783

RATHVILLY COMMUNITY ALERT/TEXT ALERT

Following our AGM last Monday we are delighted to report we had an excellent attendance. Our committee was returned en bloc, and we are pleased to have John Byrne join us and was elected as Vice-Chairman. Our Committee members are Chairman William Burgess, Secretary Ciara Smith, Treasurer Anna Deering, Text Alert Co-Ordinator Julie Doyle, Care Unit Co-Ordinator Phil Heenan.

There were talks/presentations from two members of Gardai and the Regional Representative from TASK care unit suppliers. It is that time of year when thefts from garden sheds happen more frequently. You are advised to make sure you lock everything away. It is also recommended that you link sheds and outside buildings to your household alarm system and could only cost as little as €60 - €70.

Gardai stressed that in cases of emergency you dial 999 as you are then answered by the Gardai Call Centre which will direct you to the appropriate Garda Station.

LAUDATO SI DAY "Caring for our Common Home "

Tuesday 30th May, An Gairdin Beo. (Beside St. Leo's Convent, Carlow). Time; 11 am to 3.30 pm, Parking available in An Gairdin Beo. Lunch 1.00 to 2.00 pm. Presented by Jane Mellett (Trocaire). A day together; to nourish our spirit, to be inspired by the words of Pope Francis and to share practical suggestions for parishes. Please book by Tuesday 23rd with Aisling at Bishop's House, 059-9176725 or aisling@kandle.ie

DEPUTY JENNIFER MURNANE O'CONNOR

Tullow Clinic in Tullow Parish Centre every Monday 10am – 1pm

Hacketstown Clinic in the Hub, Hacketstown every Friday 10am – 1pm

RATHVILLY TRACTOR RUN

The committee members of the School House Community & Enterprise Centre would like to thank all involved in making the tractor run a great success and raising over €3,000 for a great cause. To our very generous sponsors, you supported local and we encourage all our followers to support you! Thank you!

Rathvilly: The Green Lemon, Molloy's Bar & Lounge, Halligan's, The Hair Lounge, Borza Takeaway, Tom Cunningham, Lawlor's Bar, Ger & Josie Duffy, Rathvilly Pharmacy, Spellbound Nails, Brennan's Centra, Sunshine House.

Tullow: The Gift Gallery, Tullow Interiors, Supermacs, O'Toole's Centra, Doyles of the Green, P.J. Duffy, Dobbs Oil, The Dereen, J & J Services, Rothwells, Murphys Butchers.

Baltinglass/Dunlavin: Gillespie's Supervalu, Kaideen Knitwear, Germaine's, Joe O'Dwyer.

Carlow: The Café, Fairgreen Centre

Wexford/Kilkenny: Red Mills, Goresbridge, Mary Billings.

A very special thanks to PJ Bolger for the use of the field, Cathy & James for the use of Lawlors Bar, Ed & Fiona Brennan for providing Tea & Coffee for everyone, Tommy B for the brilliant on street entertainment, our stewards and An Garda Siochana.

Our event was run by Martin Deering, Ken Gahan and Alan Hanks and in particular we would like to mention Alex Balfe, William Burgess, Laz Cullen, Sean Lawlor, Ger Duffy, Ciara Kinsella, Terry O'Brien, Ned Kinsella, Andy Cullen, Don Manley, Brigid Curran and Frances Gahan who volunteered as part of the sub committee.

Thanks so much, from The School House Community and Enterprise Centre, Committee.

AFTERNOON RECITAL

Suono Ladies Choir will perform in the Cathedral of the Assumption Carlow on Sunday 21st May at 4pm. Free admission and all are welcome.

TULLOW DAY CARE CENTRE

Annual Golf Classic on **Wednesday 21st June, 2023** at **Mount Wolseley Hotel, Golf & Country Club.** Tee times available from 9am – 4pm

If you would like to enter a team of 4 for **€200** including meal please contact Padraig Murphy on 087 6399363. Alternatively, if you prefer to make a donation directly to Tullow Day Care Centre please contact either Lorraine or Dolores on 059 9151833. The team at Tullow Day Care Centre are grateful for your support.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 4-16-18-23

Match 3 win or share €150

Natalie Walshe DeLacey Abbey 4-12-16-23 On Line winner

Next draw 23 May 2023 **Jackpot €2,800** Thank you for your continued support

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 2 - 4 - 20 - 24

Maria Doyle, Bough, Rathvilly & Sean Leonard. Rahill Michael Kehoe

John Whyte c/o Rathvilly Post Office Michael Kehoe

Majella Gahan, Fr. Cullen Terrace & Damien O'Brien, Tullow Martin Curran

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

Next draw 23 May 2023 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support