

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne

John 14:1-12 "I am the Way"

Philip and Thomas are desperate to understand more fully where Jesus is going. They want to know how they can get there, what God is like, and how can they see God. Big questions that show their deep desire to know God more intimately. Jesus urges the disciples to embrace the journey, the Way that lies ahead of them, rather than focusing on the destination. For it is only in the light of the events that will happen to them (and us) that any period of time can be fully understood. In the past the phrase 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life' may have been used to exclude those who did not consider themselves followers of Christ, but this is a distortion of a beautiful text. Jesus is the Way because he *models* the Way for us, and we are invited to follow.

We read throughout the Scriptures that people experienced God in different ways. For Moses it was in a burning bush or a cloud; for Elijah it was a whisper; for Solomon and Joseph it was in a dream.

Philip wants to see God, and the response he receives is that God can be experienced in *the here and now*, for to know Jesus is to know God (Jn 1:1-18). Jesus, through his life, shows us what the presence of God in the world looks like and, at the same time, what it means to be fully human. Through him we see that God is loving, inclusive, embracing of all people, compassionate. Jesus invites us to contemplate this mystery of God's presence in him, "I am in the Father and the Father is in me ..." We are invited to become more aware of this truth today, that the sacred is present in the material universe, in human form, in created matter, and through Jesus we can come to see this more deeply.

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"The Eternal Christ is thus revealed as the map, the blueprint, the promise, the pledge, the guarantee of what is happening everywhere, all summed up in one person so we can see it in personified form. **Richard Rohr**

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

6th & 7th May, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Recent Deaths:

Fr. Maurice Kelly & Fr James McAuliffe, St. Patrick's Missionaries, Kiltegan
Bridie Tobin, Rathmore Susan Tobin, Woodgrove Avenue

Months Mind Mass for Paddy Delaney, Tobinstown this weekend, 6th / 7th May

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 6th & 7th May

Teresa O'Toole, Bough

Michael Byrne, 5 Collins Park

Paddy O'Toole, Bough

Ted & Bridie Foley, Graiguenamanagh

Peg O'Toole, Eccles, Bough

Bill Doyle, Tankardstown

Sat/Sun, 13th & 14th May

Leon Kelly, New Road, Ballyoliver – 1st Anniversary

Stan Doyle, Bough

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

Thomas & Mary Humphries, Rathdaniel & deceased family members

Jim & Essie Byrne, Knocklishen

Michael Byrne, Ricketstown

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

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

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 7th May – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Lucilla Brophy.

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

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

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

Reader: Breedh Murphy.

Congratulations to the children from Rathmore and Rathvilly NS who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 6th May in St. Patrick's Church.

Best Wishes to the children from Talbotstown & Tynock NS who will receive their First Holy Communion next Saturday, 13th May in Tynock Church.

RETURN VISIT of Fr Cristian Pista

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Collection for Fr Cristian Pista.

A total of €1,447.85 was collected.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Relations and friends of the late Paddy Delaney would like to thank all who attended the wake and Funeral. Thanks to Monsignor McEvoy and all who participated in the Funeral Mass. Thanks to Halligan Funeral Directors, and to all the nurses and staff of SignaCare Nursing Home who looked after Paddy during his stay there. Thanks to Turtle Bunbury for his compelling narrative of Paddy. As a token of appreciation Mass will be offered.

CONFIRMATION – Rathvilly & Rathmore NS – Saturday, 20th May

Penance Service & Ceremony of Light takes place on Thursday, 11th May in St. Patrick's Church at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Results for 3rd May, 2023 Numbers: 04 – 12 – 14 – 31.

No Jackpot winner of €10,000. 9 match 3s get €112.00 each – No local winner. The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise. On **Wednesday, 10th May the Jackpot is €11,000.** Tickets €2.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 22/23 April & 29/30 April, 2023

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

22/23 April - Rathvilly: Offertory € 311.85	Envelopes €478.40
Kiltegan: Offertory €66.89	Envelopes €295.00
29/30 April - Rathvilly: Offertory € 294.01	Envelopes €399.40
Kiltegan: Offertory €69.00	Envelopes €200.00

RATHVILLY COMMUNITY ALERT/TEXT ALERT - Annual General Meeting Our AGM will be held on Monday 15 May 2023 in Lawlor's Bar at 8pm. We hope to have a good turnout as we have arranged for speakers to attend and make a presentation. Light refreshments will be served.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 5-13-16-28
Bridget Keogh Ladystown 13-16-19-28 On line winner
Amanda Dempsey Bough 5-13-16-21 On line winner
Next draw 9 May 2023 Jackpot €2,600

“PUT OUT INTO DEEP WATER AND LET OUT YOUR NETS”

A Pastoral Area Meeting for Clergy and parish Representatives takes place on Wednesday, 10th May in Tullow Parish Centre from 7.30 – 9 p.m.

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 euro 2nd prize: 75 euro 3rd prize: 50 euro

PENTECOST NOVENA

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

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.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 3 – 5 – 13 – 16
Sadie Donovan, Collins Park, Rathvilly 3-5-10-13 Michael Kehoe
Bridget Pendergast, Baltinglass 5-9-13-16 Breda Keogh
Conor O'Brien, Rathvilly 3-5-13-23 Martin Curran
Mrs. C. Gahan, Rathoe 3-5-16-24 Martin Curran

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

Next draw 9 May 2023 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support.

Golden Goal Fundraiser Result- Premier League: Liverpool v Arsenal - the winning minute was 8th. and the winner of €60 was Timmy Jackson, Grangecon, Dunlavin. All proceeds from the golden goal fundraiser go towards the cost of the U12 team trip to the Blackpool Tournament on 29th - 31st of March 2024.

THANK YOU

St. Tegan's Hall Committee wishes to thank all who supported the Celtic Tenors Concert with Eva Kavanagh guest soloist on Friday 28th April. Thanks to Kieran Fitzgerald, Lorcan Byrne and all the volunteers.

FREE BIKE WEEK WORKSHOP

Join us for a FREE Bike Week Workshop as part of Cycles — a community engagement project exploring the past, present, and future of cycling and language in Carlow! Artists Michelle Browne and Eszter Némethi will be in Rathvilly on May 14th to collect stories of cycling and upcycle high-vis vests for imagined cycling futures. All ages welcome!

☪ Sun. 11:45 am - 1:45 pm Lawlor's Bar. This is just the beginning of Cycles that will culminate in a large outdoor cycling and performance event in Sept. 2023.

Contact - orlaith@carlowartsfestival.com

TRACTOR, TRUCK AND CLASSIC CAR FUN RUN!

14th May in Rathvilly Registration from 1pm Meeting at Patrickswell (adjacent to Cemetery) Route: Leaving Rathvilly and moving east approx 20km loop.

Martin Deering 085 174 1471 is the chief organiser on behalf of the Rathvilly Community Centre Committee and the committee hopes that this first fundraiser is a real kick start to reaching the 200k target in the next few months.

See full notice on our Parish Website.

RATHVILLY TENNIS CLUB is back open for the new season. Membership is open to anyone over the age of 8 years old, and can be downloaded from the QR code on the sign at the courts, or membership forms are available in Brennan's Centra. Payment is available on the QR Code or please leave envelope with money, name and membership form in Centra to our drop off box. 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 the 8th of May 2023. Please register your interest with coach Cormac by phone or WhatsApp on 087 4596043 or on email cmjdtenniscoaching@gmail.com. The coaching programme is from age 6 and upwards. Cost is €80 and payment is available on the day. Tennis Club membership is required to avail of the coaching. Looking forward to seeing everyone back playing soon.