

5th Sunday of Lent Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

John 12:20-33 All people

Did you notice that the Greeks in today's Gospel never actually go to meet Jesus? They come to Jerusalem as travellers, outsiders, hoping to see Jesus in person. But when Philip and Andrew relay the request, Jesus began to talk about how his 'hour' is coming. It's the last we hear of the Greeks, who disappear from the story altogether, yet they are important. They indicate that word about Jesus is spreading, and, more significantly, they prompt Jesus to reveal that, when his hour comes, he will draw 'all people' to himself. In the space of a few short verses, we go from a brief mention of a group of foreigners seeking Jesus, to Jesus making it clear that his saving mission is for all people, all nations. If you seek Jesus, this is what you will find. There is no suggestion that some groups are 'in' and others 'out'. All are included, all are invited, all are welcome.

As we continue our journey through Lent, we listen carefully to these words of Jesus. He came for everyone and wishes to draw everyone to himself. None of us is more important or deserving than anyone else: all are deserving of dignity. We have the opportunity today to reflect on the type of society we want to create. Is it a place of indiscriminate welcome? Are all people treated equally, or are there groups of people who are regarded and treated as 'outsiders'? Many Western countries have seen a concerning rise in anti-refugees, sentiment. In Ireland, in addition to protests and tension over the provision of accommodation, there were threats to burn down a hotel housing refugees, and a violent attack on a homeless migrant camp. Most of us would struggle to imagine how it feels to be the target of such attacks. Today's Gospel offers an alternative vision of a world in which all are equally respected and cherished.

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'When God knocks at the door in the form of the migrant dependent on our kindness, there can be no ambiguity: welcoming the stranger is not only our solemn duty and noble tradition, it is God's call to discover our true selves.

Archbishop Dermott Farrell

HOLY FACE PUBLIC VIGIL

A Vigil will be held at St. Joseph's Church Grounds, Baltinglass on Good Friday, 29th March from 12 Noon – 1.00 p.m.

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's	St. Patrick's	The Assumption
Talbotstown	Rathvilly	Tynock
Sat/Sun, 16th & 17th March	Lá Fhéile Pádraig	5th Sunday of Lent

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 16th & 17th March

Mary Ann Leonard, Rahill – 1st Anniversary

Larry Byrne, Maplestown

John & Peter Byrne, Collins Park

Mary Kelly, Knockboy

Pat Nolan, Mount Kelly

Sat/Sun, 23rd & 24th March

Esther O'Brien Blake, Garretstown – 1st Anniversary

Kathleen Curry, Ballybit

Mick & Madeline Curran, St. Patrick's Park

Martin & Mary Curran, Ballybit

Kathleen Lawlor, Phelan Street

John Foley, Bough

Eileen Doyle, Lisnavagh

Shaun Leonard, Rahill

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Monday – Mass at 11.00 a.m.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – each Friday at 7.00 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Adoration each Friday from 3.00 – 6.00 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 17th March – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Muireann Gartland.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Saturday, 23rd March – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Confirmation children.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 9th & 10th March

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €214.65

Envelopes €681.20

Kiltegan: Offertory €258.07

Envelopes €376.30

EASTER PENANCE SERVICE

Baltinglass Church on Tuesday, 26th March at 7.30 p.m.

Rathvilly Church on Wednesday, 27th March at 7.30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION 2024

Special Mass for Confirmation Children next weekend – Palm Sunday.

Saturday, 23rd March – Talbotstown Church at 6.00 p.m.

Sunday, 24th March – Rathvilly Church at 11.00 a.m.

PLANNING MEETING TO ARRANGE EASTER CEREMONIES

We ask all Church Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Choir and volunteers in any area to attend a Meeting on: **Tues. 19th March at 7 p.m. in Tynock Church.**

EMIGRANT COLLECTION

This weekend we remember in a special way and pray for all Irish emigrants, particularly those who have left our communities and might be struggling. We think particularly of isolated, elderly Irish abroad, the undocumented, Irish prisoners overseas and those dealing with addiction and mental health problems. A special Emigrant Collection is being held for those who might wish to contribute.

CHRISM MASS

Bishop Denis invites you to join him for the celebration of the Chrism Mass. It will take place in the Cathedral of the Assumption in Carlow on Monday, 25 March at 7:30 pm. At this diocesan Mass, the holy oils are blessed and consecrated for use in parishes in the coming year and the priests of the diocese renew their priestly promises. The diocesan choir will lead us in singing, for the first time, the newly composed Mass of St Brigid by Fr Liam Lawton.

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

Results for 13th March, 2024 One Jackpot winner of €10,000.

Congratulations to Rhyán, Ava, Lily & Maisie – Hacketstown Parish.

Numbers: 52 – 10 – 12 – 13. 23 Match 3 numbers and get €44.00 each.

One local match three winner this week.

Winner – Siobhan & Cathal McEvoy. Promoter – Fr John McEvoy.

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

On **Wednesday, 20th March the Jackpot is €10,000.** Tickets €2.

Thank you to all our parishioners who support the Lotto each week.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked every Catholic Parish in the world to take up a collection on Good Friday to support the needs of Christians in the Holy Land. This year the needs are massive and the plight of the Christians in the Holy Land is desperate. The exhortation to support the Saints in Jerusalem was first made by St Paul in many of his letters. The Church has always supported this call and I ask you to be as generous as you can this Good Friday.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 10 - 19 - 20 - 30

Mike Foley, Kiltegan 10-20-23-30 Online Winner

Dominic Byrne, Carlow 8-10-20-30 Online Winner

Aoife O Dwyer, Rathvilly 10-20-28-30 Online Winner

Pauline Faulkner, Baltinglass 10-15- 20-30 Online Winner

Winnie Keogh, Baltinglass 1-10-20-30 Breda Keogh

Eddie Kelly, Ballyhackett 1-10-19-20 Michael Kehoe

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Peg Kehoe, St. Patrick's Park, Rathvilly.

Next draw 19th. March 2024 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support.

DAFFODIL DAY 2024

Rathvilly Pharmacy with help from the Post Office and Mace, will be hosting Daffodil Day on Friday 22nd March. There will be a table set up in the Pharmacy, at the Post Office and also at Mace from 9am to 6pm.

Colouring competition poster now available at the 3 locations, prizes kindly sponsored by Brennan's Mace. €2 entry. Volunteers and Daffodils needed.

Please call in or Phone Pharmacy 0599161668 for further information.

All proceeds will go to the Irish Cancer Society.

DIRECTOR OF PARISH DEVELOPMENT

Kildare and Leighlin Diocese is inviting applications for the fulltime position of Director of Parish Development. A job description and information on how to apply can be found on www.kandle.ie. Closing date for applications is 25 March 2024.

This is a very important appointment for our diocese, and we ask your prayers that our search to fill this position will be successful.

THE SCHOOL HOUSE COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Rathvilly Community Centre Committee presents the "The Celtic Brothers" in St.Patrick's Church Rathvilly on the 28th April 2024 at 7pm (Doors open 5.30pm) Tickets are €25 and are available online or hard copy in Brennans Centra, The Post Office, The Pharmacy, The Parish Office, and members of the committee.

National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock

Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in the Kildare & Leighlin Diocese for the National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 14th April 2024. Please ring 086 1637311 (Barbara Kinsella) to enquire or book a seat. Full bus details on www.eucharisticadoration.ie.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner Numbers drawn 10-13-15-17

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Gránia & Brian Murphy Bough

On Line winner

Mark Doyle Collins Pk.

On Line winner

Caoimhe Deering Ballybit

On line winner

Antoinette Kelly Fr. Cullen Tce

Paul Kelly

Gladys Lawless Woodgrove

Mick Kehoe

Next draw 19 March 2024 **Jackpot € 7,100**

WALKATHON

An exciting community event is taking place in the village on the 26th of April.

Rathvilly National School, in conjunction with Rathvilly GAA club are holding a 24- hour Walkathon from 3pm to 3pm the following day. If you would like to get involved, please contact Liz Kelly on 0874150283 (Chairperson the Parents Association) or email the football club on secretary.rathvilly.carlow@gaa.ie.

Your support is greatly appreciated.