

6th Sunday of Easter Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

John 15:9-17 No greater love

Today's Gospel offers one of the most eloquent passages on love in the Gospels. It reveals the vision of Jesus for his followers: that we love one another with the same love Jesus showed during his time on earth, the selfless and generous love that culminated in his 'laying down his life for his friends'.

In 2012 *Global Witness* started reporting on the killings of land and environmental defenders. Since then, they have recorded the number of 1,733 defenders who have been killed trying to protect their land and resources; that's an average of one defender killed approximately every two days. Berta Caceres was shot dead in 2016 after a long battle to try to stop the construction of a hydroelectric dam on the Gualcarque River. This river is considered sacred to the indigenous Lenca communities in western Honduras. Berta was shot for leading this campaign in defence of the environment and human rights. Her community say's 'she is present in the soul of our rivers and the spirit of our birds'. Her daughter, Bertita Zunga Caceres, continues the struggle and says, 'I believe that we deserve a life of justice, freedom and peace ... We want a country that recognises indigenous people and the diversities that make up Honduras – a country built according to Honduran needs and not those of companies.'

As we reflect on the words of Jesus today, we remember people like Berta who are witnesses of unconditional love, standing up for those in need of protection. Such people are living Jesus' words deeply: No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.' This is at the heart of Jesus' teaching and life. We are called to take these words to heart, to let them form our attitudes towards others and our actions in the world. The love shown by Jesus is the same generous, wholehearted, self-sacrificing love we are called to show others – all others. Those who persevere and work tirelessly for their families, communities and those on the margins are models for us all.

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'The world is violent and mercurial – it will have its way with you. We are saved only by love ... We live in a perpetually burning building, and what we must save from it, all the time, is love.
Tennessee Williams

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Sat/Sun, 4th & 5th May, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Recent Deaths: Fr Jim Brady, St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan
Helen Fitzpatrick, Downings, Tullow
Mai Foley, Bough whose Funeral takes place this Sunday

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 4th & 5th May

Teresa O'Toole, Bough

Paul Flinter, Ballyraggan

Paddy O'Toole, Bough

Michael Byrne, Collins Park

Peg O'Toole Eccles, Bough

Sat/Sun, 11th & 12th May

Mick Connors, 13 St. Patrick's Park

Thomas & Mary Humphries, Rathdaniel & deceased family members

Bridget & Michael Connors, Knockavagh & deceased family members

Fr. Tom McDonnell former Parish Priest of Naas

Michael & Mary Doyle, Ballyhackett

Jim & Essie Byrne, Knocklishen

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – Adoration on Friday 3 – 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 5th May – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Nigel Byrne.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 12th May – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Siobhan Doyle.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 27th & 28th April

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €267.76

Envelopes €361.86

Kiltegan: Offertory €23.85

Envelopes €219.00

PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR MAY

Kiltegan Area – Wednesday, 8th May 2 – 5 pm.

ROSARY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

The Rosary in honour of Our Lady will be recited in Tynock Church each Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. starting on Tuesday, 7th May.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

4 children from Tynock NS and 8 children from Talbotstown NS will receive their First Holy Communion next Saturday, 11th May in Talbotstown Church at 11.00 a.m. 23 children from Rathvilly NS will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 18th May in Rathvilly Church at 11.00 a.m.

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

Results for 1st May, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €16,000.

Numbers: 11 – 25 – 26 – 28. 5 Match 3 numbers and get €200.00 each.

No local match three winners this week.

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

On **Wednesday, 8th May the Jackpot is €17,000.** Tickets €2.

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

K & L DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sunday, 2nd June 2024.

Ceremonies begin at 2.30 p.m. in the Basilica.

ACCORD CARLOW

Marriage Preparation Programme

Places available on the following dates - 6th & 7th September 2024,

11th & 12th October 2024, 8th & 9th November 2024.

Book your place today on www.accord.ie

RATHVILLY COMMUNITY ALERT/TEXT ALERT

We had a good attendance at our AGM last Monday and speakers from T.A.S.K. Community Care, and Gardai who reminded people about making sure that rear gates to your property should be locked, and that your car should be locked at all times. Care should be taken to make sure your property is secure. The Chairman stressed the need for people out walking to wear Hi-viz clothing, even Hi-viz arm band, even in daylight hours, so that motorists can see a person on our very narrow roads around the parish. The Committee was returned en bloc.

People were asked to return any care unit no longer needed as it can be re-cycled after maintenance and up-grading. A unit, together with the pendant, can be left in the Post Office or Centra Supermarket marked for the attention of Phil Heenan or given to any committee member.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 8-16-26-30

Match 3 win or share €150

Sinead Tallon Mountkelly 6-8-26-30

On Line winner

Derina Keogh Williamstown 15-16-26-30

On Line winner

Aoife O'Dwyer Lisnavagh 8-11-16-26

On Line winner

Next draw 7 May 2024 **Jackpot €7,800**

THE SCHOOL HOUSE COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Rathvilly Community Centre Committee would like to extend a massive thank you to Monsignor McEvoy, Breda Reilly and Trish Leonard for their assistance, and the parish council for the use of the Church last weekend for the "Celtic Brothers" concert. Also to all who attended and supported so generously on the night and to stewards, volunteers and anyone who helped in anyway. The committee will publish the amount raised in the coming days- Thank you!

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 4 - 12 - 26 - 29

Peter O Neill, Slaney Bank 7-12-26-29

Michael Kehoe

Tom Whyte, Woodgrove Ave.4-11-12-26

Anthony Byrne

Tommy Kirwan, Castledermot 4-12-18-26

Laura Kavanagh

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Fergal Harmon, Kiltegan.

Next draw 7th May 2024 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support

DONAL WALSH LIVELIFE FOUNDATION

On the 10th anniversary of Donal Walsh's death, the Donal Walsh LIVELife Foundation are holding Workshops & Mass in the Hub, Knock, Co Mayo on the 11th May 2024. The day starts at 10.00 am and finishes at 3.00 pm. There will be a choice of Workshops available on the day.

GRAIGUECULLEN/KILLESHIN PARISH NOVENA

Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place in St. Claire's Church, Graiguecullen each Monday night. The Rosary 7.10 pm and Novena begins at 7.30 pm.

6th May – Geraldine Mullan – how faith, hope and love carried her since her life changed in 2020 when her husband and 2 children tragically died.

13th May – David Walsh – Co-Founder of Netwatch & more recently Halo Care – strategic thinker and vocal advocate of entrepreneurship.

20th May – Derek McGrath – former centre-forward and previous manager of the Waterford senior Hurling team.

27th May – Prof Jim Lucey – Inspector with mental Health Commission – writer, broadcaster and public speaker.

3rd June – Elma Walsh – Founder of the 'Live Life Foundation' in memory of her son Donal who died aged 16 years.

ALL-IRELAND POLLINATOR PLAN FOR MAY

Reduce mowing to allow native wildflowers like Dandelions, Clover and Birds-foot Trefoil to naturally return over time. Why? This action helps to restore species-rich grasslands: a vital habitat providing food and shelter for pollinators. Where? Everywhere! Roadside verges, lawns, schools, parks, field margins, farm lanes. Take part in #NoMowMay and leave your lawnmower in the shed for May. For information see pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

Graiguecullen MONSTER Bingo on Tuesday 7th May St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 50 numbers €3690 Double number €1020 Lotto €1150