

6th Sunday of Easter – Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Gospel: John 14:23-29 Shalom

‘My peace I give you.’ The word for the peace in our gospel today is ‘Shalom’, a Hebrew word used to say hello and goodbye in ordinary usage. Yet, it also carries a much deeper meaning. Shalom signifies the peace that people long for, that peace that brings wholeness, completeness and fulfilment. Jesus tells us that this Shalom is a peace that the world does not give. It comes through cultivating a deep awareness of the Divine Spirit within our hearts, ‘our home.’ This is the true peace we long for, but there are many obstacles and distractions in our way.

For example, one of the causes of the ecological crisis our world is currently facing is over-consumption. In Laudato Si’, the encyclical of Pope Francis on the environment, he notes that the roots of this crisis are deeply spiritual. We are constantly trying to bring fulfilment to our lives by having the next upgrade, the next new gadget. This over-consumption is driven by the market, but it only succeeds because we are not at peace with ourselves. Goods are marketed to fill a gap, which they can never fill. At its heart, unbridled consumerism is driven by a lack of peace. In contrast, the peace that Christ offers is freely given, waiting for your acceptance. It comes from a loving interior relationship with God, which brings with it wholeness and peace.

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“When we understand the essential unity of all that is, we discover the possibility of ‘peace’ – the kind of peace that in Hebrew is called Shalom, which is infinitely more than the absence of strife; it is the wholeness of the web of life itself and of every creature in it, held in the wholeness of the one God. – Margaret Silf

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid’s
Talbotstown**

Sat/Sun, 24th & 25th May, 2025

**St. Patrick’s
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock
6th Sunday of Easter**

Recent Deaths: Joe McKnight, formerly Ballyoliver, Paul Costigan, Kiltegan
Edward Doyle, Rathmore, Tom Kearney Glen of Imaal father of Pauline Halligan
Lily McDermott, Co. Leitrim mother of Aidan McDermott, Ricketstown

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 24th & 25th May

Terry Allen, Collins Park – 1st Anniversary

Bob & Kay Allen, Robinstown, Co. Meath

Jim Sibbald, Phelan St. & deceased family members John Healy, Ricketstown/London

Andy Sibbald, Phelan Street

Robert & Sarah Molloy

Bridget & Edward Nolan

John McGuire, Kyle Beg, Lacken

Mary Bolger, Rathvilly

Phil Kavanagh, Mount Kelly

John & Ellen Breen, Mount Kelly

Ted & Bridie Foley, Graiguenamanagh

Gretta Carroll, Knocklishen & deceased family members

Mary & James Healy, Ricketstown

Maureen Healy, Southampton

Rosaleen & Brendan Healy, London

Eta & Johnnie Moore, London

Imelda O’Donovan, Roscarberry

Noreen O’Reilly, Passage East

Pat & Frances Nolan, Killenure

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Sat/Sun, 31st May & 1st June

Kathleen Deery, Collins Park – 1st Anniversary

Michael & Kathleen Byrne, Barnhill

Bridget & John Kelly, New Road, Ballyoliver

George & Kathleen Faulkner, St. Patrick’s Park

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 25th May – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Joe O’Brien.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Saturday, 1st June – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Veronica Byrne.

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - Mass at 9.30 a.m. No Mass on Thursday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday 3-6 pm.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 17th & 18th May

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €202.07

Envelopes €298.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €78.80

Envelopes €199.40

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION takes place this weekend. Please use your envelope or contribute to basket collection after Holy Communion.

A Time of Reflection and Prayer for Students sitting State Examinations in Church of The Most Holy Rosary, Tullow on Thursday 29th May at 7.30 p.m. Students with families are invited to attend along with our parish community.

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

Results from 21st May, 2025 No Jackpot winner of €10,000

Numbers: 03-18-23-31. 10 Match 3 numbers get €100.00

One local match three winner this week.

Winner – Brenda Byrne. Promoter – Breda Reilly

Next draw on Wednesday, 28th May. **Jackpot €11,000.**

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

Thank you to our parishioners for supporting the Lotto.

Tickets available in the Post Office, Parish Office, Lotto promoters and also in Rathvilly, Tynock & Talbotstown Churches after Mass in the Sacristy.

PILGRIMAGES: JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

Book a seat on bus to Knock for Corpus Christi for Sun 22nd June

Book a seat on bus to Croagh Patrick for Sat 12th July, for one day trip OR for an over-night stay (which will include Bus fare, B&B and Evening meal)

Contact - DUFFY'S COACH HIRE on 087 2543235 or 059 6471681 for full details

PARISHES ALIVE - MOVING FORWARD IN HOPE!

Bishop Denis, together with the Diocesan Pastoral Council, will host a day for lay people and clergy to explore the direction of the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin and how it impacts on the day-to-day life of a parish. We are building on the work done previously by the DPC, the Council of Priests, Faith Development Services, and across parishes. The day will comprise inputs from guest speakers, along with prayer, general discussion, and intentional listening. The keynote speaker will be Prof. Fr Michael Conway, Professor of Faith & Culture at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. It takes place on Saturday, 21st June 2025 in Carlow College with registration at 9:30am, starting promptly at 10am and concluding at 4 pm. Lunch is included. Booking essential by email to parishdevelopment@Kandle.ie, providing your name and parish, or by phoning 083-8305681.

What did the Final Document of the Synod actually say?

The School for Synodality in England is hosting a weekly online book club 'Reading the Final Synod Document Together' from 21st May - 25th June 2025 7:30pm - 9:00pm. Join them each week as Avril Baigent and invited speakers take sections of the Final Synod Document and unpack it, with time for questions afterwards. These webinars can be joined live or watched in your own time. It's easy to take part – just register for access at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/schoolforsynodality/1592165>

Graiguencullen Bingo – Tuesday 27th May @ 8.30 p.m.

Jackpot on 44 numbers €1480 Double number €1510 Lotto €1100

GK PARISH NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Our 20th Annual Parish Solemn Novena continues in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen each Monday until 23rd June. The rosary at 7.10pm and Mass at 7.30pm. **Guest Speaker 26th May – Dermot Dooley, Chaplain of De La Salle College, Waterford**

CARLOW CHORAL SOCIETY

Exhibition – celebrating 60 years 1965 – 2025

Carlow County Library, Tullow Street.

Wednesday, 28th May 10 am – 5.30 pm Thursday, 29th May – 10 am – 7.30 pm

Friday, 30th May 10 am – 5.30 pm.

For upcoming concerts see www.carlowchoralsociety.com

MUSIC SESSION FUNDRAISER

Jasper and I, are hosting a music session in Lawlor's Pub, Rathvilly on Friday 30th May, at 9pm with a fundraising raffle for Dogs for the Disabled on the night. Your support and donations would be very welcome and appreciated on the night. Thanks Colette Hanlon and DFD Jasper.

DUFFY'S COACH HIRE

4 Night Tour to Galway – 30th June – 4th July

4 Night Tour to Belfast – 10th – 14th August

4 Night Tour to Cavan – 5th – 9th October

For further details on any of these trips please contact 087 2543235 or 059 6471681

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 4-9-12-29

Match 3 win or share €150.

Paul Balfe Rahill 4-8-9-12

Collette Kelly Garretstown 4-12-20-29

Angela Cox Rathvilly 4-9-17-29

Ailis Kearney Baltinglass 4-9-16-29

Next draw 27 May 2025 **Jackpot €2,800**

On Line winner

Collette Kelly

Brennan's Shop

Bingo winner

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 4 - 12 - 24 - 29

Martin Morrissey, Rathvilly 4-12-16-24

Borza Takeaway

Theresa Cullen, Rathvilly 12-20-24-29

Online Winner

Brenda McSweeney, Baltinglass 4-6-12-24

Online Winner

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

Next draw 27th. May 2025 Jackpot €14,700. Thank you for all your support.

Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 08th June 2025

€699.00 pps. Price includes return train/bus, 4 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Guest speaker Marion Carroll who was cured at Knock. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick. Limited single rooms €200.00. Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.