

2nd Sunday of Easter

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

John 20:19-31 Shalom

We do not come through suffering and difficult times unscarred. We are changed by them. Often, they bring some sort of growth into our lives, and usually it is not a pleasant experience. The Risen Jesus bears the wounds of his suffering and in today's Gospel invites Thomas to get in touch with this reality. Would it not have made more sense for John to write the wounds out of this story? No, because here we tap into the great mystery of this narrative: we can experience resurrection and still bear the signs of 'wounded-ness'. The cross and new life are deeply intertwined. We can be healed, fully transformed, yet the scars of what has happened remain, almost like a reminder of how far we have come. When we recall times of our own 'wounded-ness' do we also hear Jesus' 'peace be with you'? This peace, this *Shalom*, is more than a wish for a peaceful day. It expresses the desire that the person receiving the blessing might be whole in body, mind, and spirit. The Risen Jesus brings a peace that is life-giving.

In difficult times, becoming aware of Christ's presence amongst us can open our hearts. We keep going in confidence that any suffering we are experiencing is not the end of the story. For the disciples this experience moves them from being closed off to the world to rejoicing, and this in turn opens up the mission for them to be unending witnesses to God's love, to be for others what Jesus has been for them. The Risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us. May we be open to transformation, to growth and to sharing this life-giving Spirit with others.

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"For even if the whole world believed in resurrection, little would change until we began to practice it. We can believe in CPR, but people will remain dead until someone breathes new life into them. - *Shane Claiborne*

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THE IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER – €3.50 Please put money in Shrine Box

RATHVILLY KILTEAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Sat/Sun, 11th & 12th April 2nd Sunday of Easter

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 11th & 12th April

George, Ellen & Larry Byrne, Maplestown Paudie Doyle, Raheendaw
Freda Cashen nee Byrne, Slaney View Mick Connors, 3 St. Patrick's Park
Patrick Doyle, The Dales, Ricketstown Mary Gahan, Collins Park
Catherine & Thomas Faulkner, Garretstown Susan Kavanagh, Ballybit
Dan Byrne, Lisnavagh & deceased family members
Timothy & Margaret Doyle, Tobinstown & deceased family members

Sat/Sun, 18th & 19th April

Thomas & Catherine Doyle, Tobinstown Bridie Colgan, Rathaniel
Ned & Mary Balfe, Rahill Mick & Chrissie Byrne, Ballyhackett
James & Elizabeth Byrne, Ballyhackett Maggie, David & Mary Byrne, Patrickswell
Patrick, Elizabeth & Jim Haberlin, Ballyhackett Maureen & Joe Deering, Patrickswell
Myles, Elizabeth & Ann Keating, Ballyhackett & deceased family members
Tom Sibbald, Ballyoliver & deceased family members Paddy Keogh, Tullowland

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 12th April – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Breedh Murphy.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 19th April – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Lucilla Brophy.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - Mass at 9.30 a.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – Adoration will resume on Friday, 17th April.

APPRECIATION AT EASTER TIME

Many thanks to all who assisted in the liturgical events of Holy Week and in preparing the Churches for this major time of our year. Thanks to our parish secretary Trish Leonard, to our sacristans Breda, Josie and Mary, to Mary and Timmy and Gillian and all the singers and musicians who enhanced our liturgies with music, to all who helped in various ministries, as readers, ministers of Holy Communion, collectors, flower arrangers, those who set up the Easter Garden and have helped in others ways. Many thanks to all the parishioners for your generous support in the parish and clergy collections and envelopes.

Pope Leo has called for a Vigil of Prayer for Peace this Saturday, 11th April.

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly – Prayer from 6.45 p.m. Confessions before Mass at 7.30 p.m. Adoration after Mass. Evening Prayer 8.45 p.m. Benediction 9.15 p.m. concluding at 9.30 p.m. All welcome.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This Sunday, 12th April in St. Joseph's Church Baltinglass at 3 p.m. The Praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; concluding with Benediction at 4 p.m. Please come and join us.

CONFIRMATION 2026

Penance Service & Ceremony of Light takes place on Thursday, 16th April at 7 p.m. Rehearsal for Confirmation takes place on Tuesday, 21st April at 7.30 p.m.

Confirmation takes place on Thursday, 23rd April at 11 a.m.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL:

The branch of St Vincent de Paul Society in a parish is called a conference.

Our parish conference has become depleted in numbers through death and through members wishing to retire. We need to ensure that this valuable service continues to be available at parish level. I appeal to people who might have an interest to offer to assist in keeping the Conference going in Rathvilly and Kiltegan. Some have expressed interest. More are needed for a viable conference. Shortly, a meeting will be held to discuss the matter and to provide information on what is involved. The ability to exercise confidentiality is one of the principal requirements. If interested please contact the Parish Office to make an expression of interest.

TRAINING FOR CHURCH READERS

Thursday, 23rd & 30th April & 7th May in The Parish Centre, Tullow from 7 – 9 p.m. Would you like to become a Church Reader, if so, please contact the Parish Office.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS 4th & 5th April

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €563.50 Envelopes €711.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €242.42 Envelopes €183.00

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

Results from 8th April, 2026 No Jackpot winner of €12,000

Numbers: 13-16-23-29. 10 Match 3 numbers get €100.00 each.

One local match three winner this week.

Winner – Imelda Burke. Promoter – Parish Office.

Next draw on Wednesday, 15th April. **Jackpot €13,000.**

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

GK Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Our Annual Parish Solemn Novena in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen begins on Monday the 13th of April and will continue each Monday night until 8th of June. We invite people to place their petitions in the petition boxes in St Clare's Church or send them by email to gkparish@gmail.com.

Through the prayers of our faith community and the intentions of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, we ask Jesus to relieve whatever burdens we carry. The rosary will be recited at 7pm. **Our first Guest Speaker will be:**

Mary Hulgraine - Two time All-Ireland Champion & Woman of Deep Faith.

TABLE QUIZ

Rathvilly NS Parents Association are hosting a Table Quiz on Friday, 17th April in Lawlor's Bar at 8 p.m. €40 per table (4 per table). Prizes for the winners. Raffle on the night. Grab your team, text your knowledge and enjoy a great night out!

ACCORD – Marriage Preparation Programme

Accord's Marriage Preparation Programme provides couples with an invaluable opportunity to step away from the busyness of wedding planning and concentrate on exploring and deepening their relationship.

To book visit www.accord.ie 01 5053112 or email: marriagepreparation@accord.ie

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 8-19-23-25

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Natalie Walsh De Lacey Abbey On Line winner

Brendan Murphy Tankerdstown On Line winner

Thomas Kavanagh Mountkelly On Line winner

Mary Curry Bough House Post Office

Byrne Family Hacketstown Helen Deering

Next draw 14 April 2026 **Jackpot € 7,400**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto numbers drawn on Tuesday 7th. April were 2-14-18-30

Margaret Hughes, Baltinglass Breda Keogh

Valerie Whyte, Garretstown Post Office

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Marie O'Rourke, Tullow Martin Curran

Dan O'Connor, Waterstown Mary Darcy

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

Next draw 14th April 2026. Jackpot €5,400. Thank you for all your support.

ALONE

A Little Offering Never Ends. Remember you do not have to be alone to avail of our services, the only criteria is that you must be over 60. We offer supports including; Pendant Alarms, assisting with form filling, Energy Credits, applications for Housing adaptation grants, sourcing cleaners for indoors and outdoors, local businesses that carry out odd jobs, linking in with MABS if finances get too much **and much more.**

We provide Volunteering and BeFriending and would be very grateful to hear from anyone who is interested in Volunteering with us.

We provide Telephone support which is when a member of our staff rings you once a week to have a quick chat and catch up. This is designed to assure people that they are not forgotten about and to assure you that I will do as much as I can to source supports that you need. If you would like to volunteer and/or if you or someone you know might need additional support, please contact me on the details below for further information. No questions are too silly or too small/big to answer

Contact details: Rachael - Support coordinator 086 0616539 or www.alone.ie