

5th SUNDAY OF LENT PRAYER

Lord, our God, as we gather together for this time of prayer and reflection, nourished by the living Word of the Gospel, we pray that your word will find rich soil within our hearts, soil that is receptive, soil that has been well tended and tilled by our efforts to embrace the spirit of this Lenten season. Grant that we may have eyes to see that the mysteries of pain and glory often go together; that your glory is always there to strengthen us in times of joy and in times of pain. Help those who have lost loved ones to hear afresh the promise that you have gone to prepare a place for us, a place of peace, light and unending joy.
With Mary we pray: Hail Mary...

DIGGING DEEPER - LIVING LENT some suggestions for this week

- + Persevere in your chosen resolutions for Lent and remember their purpose is to bring you closer to God
- + Pray for adults preparing for baptism at Easter
- + Plant new life in a container or garden bed! Pollinator friendly herbs include chives, lavender, rosemary, oregano and thyme
- + Remember to 'Share with the hungry' and set aside some of your weekly shop for a food bank or donate the cost
- + Be a happy presence in your home
- + Give up television for an evening
- + Take some quiet time to do an examination of conscience ahead of going to confession. See kandle.ie for examples of examinations

THIRD AGE IRELAND

Third Age Ireland is a national organisation who take care of the elderly. SeniorLine is one of their programmes and could be very helpful to you at this time. SeniorLine has been the national, confidential listening service for older people, run by trained older volunteers since 1998. This peer-to-peer helpline for older people receives in excess of 10,000 calls per year. If you are feeling worried, stressed or isolated at this very unnerving time, please feel free to ring this FREEPHONE service anytime between 10am and 10pm on any day of the week on 1800 80 45 91.

WEEKLY GOSPEL LINK - THE RAISING OF LAZARUS

This Sunday we hear another passage from the Gospel of John telling us key things about our baptism and faith. By raising the brother of Martha and Mary, in this story, Jesus reveals something new about himself to his followers. He shows them that he has power over life and death. He tells them that he is the resurrection and the life and that whoever believes in him will never die for they will have eternal life. And, pivotally, he asks them: 'Do you believe this?' As we draw closer to Easter this same question is asked of you. Do you believe this? Do you believe that Jesus calls us from ways of death to a faith filled life? What does that mean for you? See kandle.ie for weekly reflections on the Lenten Sunday readings

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

28th & 29th March, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Pray for John Joe Doyle, Portriton and Pdraig Talbot, Broughillstown whose Funerals took place last weekend. To their family and friends we offer our sympathy.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Saturday/Sunday, 28th/ 29th March

Terry Redmond

Christine Donovan, Rathdangan

Frank Donovan, Rathdangan & Dublin

Saturday/Sunday, 4th/5th April

Kathleen Smith, St. Patrick's Park

Paddy Byrne, Garretstown

Paudie Doyle, Raheendaw

Susan Kavanagh, Ballybit

Bridget Cassells, Ricketstown

WEEKEND MASSES WITH NO CONGREGATION

Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 7.30 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m.
All Anniversaries will be included at both Masses.

VIEW ALL MASSES ON OUR WEBSITE – rathvillykilteganparish.ie

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

All Masses will take place in the Main Church and can be viewed on webcam.

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

Friday – Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. Mass at 7.30 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION –Thursday 10.00 –11.00 a.m. Friday 5.00 –7.00 p.m.

Mass can be viewed on Radio Maria Ireland – see separate notice.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**

GOSPEL READINGS – 29th March – 5th April, 2020

Sunday: Jn 11: 1-45 Mon: Jn 8: 1-11 Tues: Jn 8: 21-30
Wed: Jn 8: 31-42 Thurs: Jn 8: 51-59 Fri: Jn 10: 31-42
Sat: Jn 11: 45-56 Sunday: Mt 26: 14-27:66

The Irish Catholic Newspaper is available in the Church at a cost of €2.

VIRTUAL CONGREGATIONS

When the parish website was developed and a Webcam was installed in the Parish Church of Rathvilly, we were assured it would be well worth while. Initially it benefitted our parish involvement in the World Meeting of Families in August 2018. Currently it is of immense benefit.

The Advent of Coronavirus has necessitated the celebration of Mass in parishes throughout our diocese without a congregation. Thankfully those with Wifi and the necessary Tablet, Phone or computer can tune in to what is happening in Rathvilly's Saint Patrick's Church. One needs only to open the Parish Website, found at www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie and then Click on the word VIEW where the webcam is indicated on the right of the screen. The picture can be enlarged to the size of your screen. Elsewhere on this Newsletter the details of events in the Church for the coming week are printed.

It is now clear that the Holy Week ceremonies of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday will be celebrated without congregations apart from a few to carry out ministry of Reader etc.

For Palm Sunday a way you could be involved is in procuring some evergreen branches and leaving them outside the sacristy door. These will be blessed at Mass on Saturday and Sunday (4th and 5th April). Anyone volunteering to get Palm ready should ring 059 9161114 (Parish Office) and leave a message.

The Parish Office remains open at present. Social distancing is observed.

I assure everyone that I am praying for you all in my Masses and other prayers at this extraordinary time. May God, Our Lady and our parish Patrons Saint Patrick and Saint Brigid protect you and help you to protect one another by observing the recommended practices so frequently repeated: hand washing, cough and sneeze etiquette and social distance of 2 meters.

This will pass. I am very conscious of those whose special ceremonies have been cast into doubt. They will all happen when the time is right. I identify closely with the suffering of those whose inability to attend Mass is adding extra pain.

29 March 1970-2020

This Sunday 29 March marks the Golden Jubilee of the Priestly Ordination of Fr Pat O'Brien, SPS CC, Kiltegan who has served in the Parish of Rathvilly and Kiltegan since September 2015. In 1970, Easter Sunday occurred on 29 March and, he says, it was a bitter cold day at Killamoate Church near Saint Patrick's College, Kiltegan. Along with other classmates Fr Pat was ordained by Bishop James Moynagh SPS in that Church in Hacketstown parish (the traditional location for Ordinations for new missionary priests for the Society of Saint Patrick – popularly known as the Kiltegan Fathers). Father Seamus Whitney, another classmate, was ordained in a ceremony on Easter Monday that year in his native County Roscommon. To both Fathers Pat and Seamus we offer our prayers and heartiest congratulations on reaching this milestone of their Priesthood. May they enjoy many more years of health and happiness in serving God's people through their ministry.

Because of precautions resulting from the Coronavirus, a parish celebration for Father Pat will take place at a date to be decided. Please join now in offering a prayer for Fr Pat in thanksgiving for half of century of dedication in the priesthood and service to God's people in Africa, England, Wales and various Irish dioceses. With you I wish him many more years of happiness and good health. Ad multos annos!

Fr John

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COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

TULLOW DAY CARE CENTRE

The service of meals on wheels will continue Monday to Friday until we return to normal. If you have any queries please contact Tullow Day Care Centre 059 9151833. Many thanks to all and Keep Safe

LENTEN TRÓCAIRE CAMPAIGN 2020

Trócaire Boxes can be left in the Parish Office – Thank you.