

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly will open on Sunday from 12 Noon to 4.00 p.m. and Monday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for quiet prayer but we ask you to please be careful and follow the guidelines.

1. Please use hand sanitiser when entering and leaving the Church.
2. Please use one way system and follow the signs.
3. Do not sit in the restricted areas.
4. When entering a seat, please put down the kneeler and leave it down when you are finished.

The Church will need to be sanitised each day and we are asking for volunteers to help. Can you spare a half an hour per week, if so please contact the Parish Office 059 9161114.

Masses will continue to be celebrated behind closed doors.

The Irish Catholic Newsletter is available in Mace each week at €2 each and also in the Church. Please put €2 in the Shrine Box.

The Parish Newsletter is in Mace Shop, The Post Office and the Church.

TRÓCAIRE

As the wave of Covid-19 shifts from Europe, America and China to Africa, there are a lot of questions on whether Africa is best prepared to deal with the pandemic. These are definitely unprecedented times, with some calling the pandemic the worst disaster the world has seen since World War II and the great depression in the 1930s. This may perhaps be a real test of hope and endurance for the more than 2 billion people in Africa. Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa has been significantly impacted by the ongoing Coronavirus outbreak. It is forecast to fall sharply from 2.4% in 2019 to -5.1% in 2020.

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.

Parish Office – Mon-Fri: 10 am – 1 pm - 059 9161114

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

16th & 17th May, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Pray for Tom Flinter, Ballyraggan who was interred in St. Patrick's Cemetery. Pray also for Mary Flinter nee Leonard, Ratoath and Kathleen Cullen, Killamoat, Rathdangan who died during the week. To their families, relatives and friends we offer our sympathy.

Months Mind Mass for Eileen Clarke, Waterstown this Saturday, 16th May at 7.30 p.m.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Saturday/Sunday, 16th/17th May

Stan Doyle, Bough

Jim Byrne, Knocklishen

Ita McHenry

Thomas & Julia Byrne, New Road, Ballyoliver

Gerald Bray

Charles Byrne, The Road, Williamstown

Kieran Bray

William & Mary Byrne, Tynock & deceased family members

Saturday/Sunday, 23rd / 24th May

Charles Byrne, Williamstown and deceased family members

Mary & James Healy, Ricketstown

Barry McEvoy, Kilcavan, Co. Laois

John Healy, Ricketstown & London

Dan Kelly, Garretstown

Brendan Healy, Ricketstown & London

James & Ann Kelly, Ballymore

Johnie Moore, Edenderry & London

Denis & Mollie Nolan, Ladystown

Imelda O'Donovan, Rosscarbery

Patrick & Sheila Nolan, Ladystown

Pat & Frances Nolan, Killenure

Bridget & Jack Kelly, New Rd. Ballyoliver

Patrick Nolan, Killenure

All Anniversaries will be included at Masses on Saturday 7.30 pm & Sunday 11am.

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday – Mass at 10.00 a.m.

Each Wednesday the new Mass in the time of a Pandemic.

When a Funeral occurs the 10 a.m. Mass will be replaced by the Funeral Mass.

ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday – The Angelus and the Rosary at 6.00 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Tuesday & Thursday until 11.00 a.m.

VIEW ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ON OUR WEBSITE -

www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam/

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.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

At Masses this weekend we remember the children from Rathmore & Rathvilly National Schools who were preparing to celebrate their First Holy Communion this Sunday, 17th May 2020.

Rathmore - Charlie

Rathvilly - Adam Aoibhinn Casey Chloe Ciarán Denys Emanuel Evan Harry Jane Kallan Kallie Leona Mason Michael Naomi Orlaith Rachel Riley Séan Serenity Ted Tomás Will.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 9/10 May, 2020

Once again we thank all our parishioners who sent in weekly contributions, Easter Stations, Easter Collections, Retired Priests Collection, Summer Collection.

Weekly Envelope Collection €537.00. Trócaire €75.00

Any financial contribution you can make will be very much appreciated.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The husband and family of the late Eileen Clarke would like to thank most sincerely everyone that helped to look after Eileen during her illness. To Eileen's carers Mary, Teresa, Catherine, Audrey, Georgina, Yvonne, Rebecca, Trish and Ann thank you for all your kindness. To nurses Audrey and Catherine and Dr Ronan Gallagher and his medical staff thank you, to Carlow Kilkenny Home Care Team Lisa, Imelda, Cathriona, Ann, Mary and Catherine for making it possible to take care of Eileen at home. Thank you to Fr McEvoy and Halligan Funeral Directors and staff, we would also like to thank Michéal and his staff at Kennedys Pharmacy for all their help and support. To all Eileen's neighbours and friends that stood out and gave Eileen a beautiful send off and to all who sent Mass Cards and remembered her in any way – Thank you.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your kind intentions.

GOSPEL READINGS – 17th - 24th May, 2020

Sunday: Jn 14: 15-21 Mon: Jn 15: 26-16:4 Tues: Jn 16: 5-11

Wed: Jn 16: 12-15 Thurs: Jn 16: 16-20 Fri: Jn 16: 20-23

Sat: Jn 16: 23-28 Sunday: Mt 28: 16-20

All the Sunday and Daily Mass Readings can be accessed from our website.

The Parish FACEBOOK page is constantly being updated – Rathvilly Kiltegan Parish

LEAVING CERT STUDENTS

Bishop to lead live streamed prayer service for Leaving Cert students

Bishop Denis will lead a Prayer Service for Leaving Cert students in Holy Family Church, Askea at 7pm on Thursday, May 21.

Students from across the diocese will be able to virtually join together to be supported and uplifted through music, prayer and reflections.

A special blessing for students will be given by Bishop Denis during the liturgy. Access to the prayer service will be through www.askeaparish.ie and www.kandle.ie and Facebook live.

PENTECOST TRIDUUM OF PRAYER

The Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin invites you to a **Triduum of Prayer** that is taking place across the Diocese. Households across the diocese are invited to dress their front doors with red ribbons for Pentecost Sunday. An image of a dove can be downloaded and added to the ribbons also. If you have a windchime in your garden you may like to add it to the decoration or place it near your door. Once more, people are invited to send their photos on Pentecost Sunday into the kandle Facebook page.

Beginning on **Wednesday 27th May**, these three nights of prayer will lead us through what it means to live the true meaning of Pentecost during the time that we find ourselves in.

Entitled **Faith, Hope and Love: Living Pentecost Today**, each night will take on one of these acts and through the mediums of song, word and prayer we will explore them in the context of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the current pandemic.

The Triduum of prayer leads us to **join with Bishop Denis on 30th May** as he celebrates the Vigil Mass of Pentecost in Carlow Cathedral and celebrate the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Tune in each night at the following links:

Naas 27/05 <https://www.naasparish.ie/our-parish/naas-webcam/>

Portlaoise 28/05 <http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/web-cam/>

Graigucullen 29/05 <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras/graugucullen-killeshin-parish-carlow>

Cathedral 30/05 <http://www.carlowcathedral.ie/webcam/>

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 seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

The May and June Messenger are available in the Parish Office for collection.