

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY – 24th May 2020

‘Know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time’. When someone we love dies – a parent, a spouse, a brother, a sister, a good friend - we remember the last time we saw that person and, especially, we remember the last words that person spoke. Before Jesus ascended to return to his Father in heaven his last words were ‘I am with you always’. Christ is with us always. He has been with us since he ascended into heaven and will be with us until time itself comes to an end. These words comfort us, especially if we feel depressed at the way of the world, or at events in Holy Mother Church. Today is also World Communications Day and this is an opportunity for us to reflect on how we communicate with each other and the wider world. News travels fast, bad news even faster, but it was not always like that. During the Napoleonic Wars, a monkey escaped from a ship in the port of Hartlepool in the north east of England. The people hanged the monkey, thinking it was a Frenchman. The news of Napoleon’s defeat at Waterloo took two days to reach London. Today, twenty-four hour news channels, newspapers, blogs and social media keep us inundated with news, and with opinion which can disguise itself as news. It is hard to differentiate news from propaganda. We need time to reflect on events, but rarely have the opportunity of doing so. We would be wise to take a leaf from St Paul’s book: to read our daily newspaper, weekly periodical, favourite blog, or to listen to radio or television, with what Paul describes as ‘a spirit of wisdom and perception’. World events may tempt some people to question the existence of God; others no longer listen to radio and television news bulletins or read the daily newspapers because there is so much bad news. Yet amidst all this, may we take note of Christ’s last recorded words in this world, before he ascended into heaven: ‘Know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.’

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

1. Jesus meets the disciples for the last time. His final words give them direction for their future. Perhaps you can recall such parting moments in your own life – leaving home, school, college, or the death of a loved one. Was there an occasion when the words spoken to you gave you direction for the future?
2. Perhaps you can identify with Jesus in the story, when as a parent, teacher, or in some other way, you sent someone on his/her way in life, knowing that you would not be with him or her as in the past. When did the way you parted help the other to make his or her way in life?
3. Despite this extraordinary encounter with Jesus, some of the disciples doubted. Dealing with questions and doubt is part of an adult faith journey. How have your questions and doubts helped to shape the faith you have today?
4. Jesus told his disciples that although he would not be physically with them, he would be with them in a new way right through life. Have there been times when you were reassured by the love and support of another even though he or she was not physically present with you? What are the things that help you to be aware of the presence of Jesus on life’s journey?

John Byrne OSA

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid’s
Talbotstown
23rd & 24th May, 2020**

**St. Patrick’s
Rathvilly
The Ascension of the Lord**

**The Assumption
Tynock
The Ascension of the Lord**

Months Mind Mass for Bridie Colgan, Rathdaniel this Saturday, 23rd May at 7.30 p.m.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Saturday/Sunday, 23rd / 24th May

Charles Byrne, Williamstown and deceased family members

Mary & James Healy, Ricketstown

John Healy, Ricketstown & London

Brendan Healy, Ricketstown & London

Johnnie Moore, Edenderry & London

Imelda O’Donovan, Rosscarbery

Pat & Frances Nolan, Killenure

Patrick Nolan, Killenure

Barry McEvoy, Kilcavan, Co. Laois

Dan Kelly, Garretstown

James & Ann Kelly, Ballymore

Denis & Mollie Nolan, Ladystown

Patrick & Sheila Nolan, Ladystown

Bridget & Jack Kelly, New Rd. Ballyoliver

Saturday/Sunday, 30th/31st May 2020

Fr. Liam Fanning and deceased family members

Bridget & Edward Nolan, Rathvilly

Robert & Sarah Molloy

Michael & Ellen Tobin, Rathmore

Michael Tobin Jnr., Rathmore

Matthew & Bridget Halpin, Hacketstown and deceased family members

Margaret Doyle, Tobinstown

John Doyle, Tobinstown

Timothy Doyle, Tobinstown

Laurence Doyle, Tobinstown

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/

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

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.**

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 16/17 May, 2020

We thank all our parishioners who sent in weekly contributions, Easter Stations, Easter Collections. Retired Priests Collection - €110.00
Weekly Envelope Collection €375.00. Trócaire €135.00
Any financial contribution you can make will be very much appreciated. You can also make your donation to the parish by electronic banking. You can contact the Parish Office for details or log on to the Diocesan Website www.kandle.ie and donate to Rathvilly Parish.

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

The Annual Collection for the Retired Priests takes place this weekend. You can use your own envelope or the special envelope from your weekly envelope box.

TRÓCAIRE

Thank you to everyone who sent in their Trócaire Donation. The Lenten Campaign continues during Covid 19. Anyone who still have Boxes can return them when we return to Mass.

GOSPEL READINGS – 24th – 31st May, 2020

Sunday: Mt 28: 16-20	Mon: Jn 16: 29-33	Tues: Jn 17: 1-11
Wed: Jn 17: 11-19	Thurs: Jn 17: 20-26	Fri: Jn 21: 15-19
Sat: Jn 21: 20-25	Sunday: Jn 7: 37-39	

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

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.

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.

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. The support line is open from 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

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. 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.

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Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Local Safeguarding Reps: Eoin Cheasty Mary Phelan Elizabeth Austin David Carton

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Mr. Mick Daly - Email: dlp@kandle.ie

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