

GOSPEL READINGS – 3rd – 10th May, 2020

Sunday: Jn 10: 1-10 Mon: Jn 10: 11-18 Tues: Jn 10: 22-30
Wed: Jn 12: 44-50 Thurs: Jn 13: 16-20 Fri: Jn 14: 1-6
Sat: Jn 14: 7-14 Sunday: Jn 14: 1-12

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

MAY - THE MONTH OF MARY

May is the month when Catholics traditionally focus on Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The practice dates back at least 700 years and is still observed around the world today. May is seen as the beginning of new life and the start of summer, which makes this a logical time for the celebrations of Mary, who brought life into the world.

May Devotions

This month of devotions in the Church calendar is characterised by special hymns and the use of flowers, which bring nature into the church. There are several Marian feast days in May, including Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The May Crowning

This practise is echoed on a smaller scale throughout the Catholic world with families decorating a statue or picture of the Virgin Mary in their own homes.

Marian Shrines

Marian shrines also receive particular attention during this special month and, again, are decorated with flowers. Pilgrims sometimes undertake a journey to reach a particular shrine, praying the rosary along the way. The lady chapel of a church or cathedral is often also decorated with flowers during May.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

1. In the Middle East, it was the task of the shepherd to find water and pasture and to ensure safety. In your life, who have been the people who nourished you and gave you security? For whom have you done this? How has Jesus been a good shepherd for you?
2. Important to the shepherd's ability to give security to the sheep is the fact that he was known and familiar to them. They recognised his voice. Does this resonate in any way with your experience?
3. We are familiar with the image of Jesus as the shepherd. The image of Jesus as the door (or gate) is not so familiar, but is one that merits attention. Jesus presents himself as the door through which we pass and find life. What are the doors through which you have passed and found life: a situation, a place, a book, an experience, a person? For whom have you been a door to a richer life?

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

2nd & 3rd May, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday/Sunday, 2nd/3rd May

Months Mind Mass for Olive Fahy, nee Corcoran, Ballyhackett

Months Mind Mass for Rita Conway, Straboe

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

William Reilly, Collins Park

Thomas & Margaret Corcoran, Ballyhackett

Deceased members of the Keatley Family, Castledermot

Sean Corcoran, Rathvilly

Paul Flinter, Ballyraggan

Patrick Donegan, Collins Park

Bridget, Michael, Mary & Patrick Mangan, St. Patrick's Park and
deceased family members

Saturday/Sunday, 9th/10th May

Bill Doyle, Tankardstown 1st Anniversary

Michael Byrne, Ricketstown

Walter & Elizabeth Hovenden

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

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 ON OUR WEBSITE – rathvillykilteganparish.ie

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We pray for all the children who were looking forward to receiving their First Holy Communion during the month of May. In our Parish we would have two ceremonies: Saturday, 9th May, for children from Talbotstown & Tynock N.S. and on Sunday, 17th May children from Rathmore and Rathvilly N.S.

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, 25/26 April, 2020

Thank you to all our parishioners who sent in weekly contributions, Easter Stations and Easter Collections. Weekly Envelope Collection €475.00. Trócaire €300.00. To date for 2020 – we received 44% of Easter Collections compared to 2019. Offertory Collection from 16th March – 30th April 2020: €0.00. (2019 - €2,727.53) Weekly Envelopes from 16th March – 30th April 2020: 27% compared to 2019. Any financial contribution you can make will be very much appreciated.

The Irish Catholic Newsletter is available in Mace each week at €2 each

The Parish Newsletter is available in Mace Shop and The Post Office.

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

MESSENGER

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

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice.”

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. Do you hear the voice of the Lord, the Good Shepherd calling you to a particular way of life?

If you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact the National Vocations Office, email: info@vocations.ie or contact Rev. Ruairi O’Domhnaill Email: ruairiodomhnaill@eircom.net

SOLIDARITY WITH FRONTLINE WORKERS

This Sunday, 3rd May at 8 p.m. there will be a show of solidarity with all frontline workers who are providing a service during the Covid 19 pandemic. People are asked to go outside their house and applaud for approximately one minute as a sign of appreciation while observing social distance guidelines.

Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Faithful for the Month of May 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing. FRANCIS

First Prayer

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus’ suffering, and persevered in your faith.

“Protectress of the Roman people”,

you know our needs,

and we know that you will provide,

so that, as at Cana in Galilee,

joy and celebration may return

after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the will of the Father

and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering,

and burdened himself with our sorrows

to bring us, through the cross,

to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God;

Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.