

## POPE FRANCIS

## PRAYER TO OUR LADY

### Second Prayer

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment. Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone. Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realise that we are all members of one great family and to recognise the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. **Amen.**

### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

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

## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's  
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's  
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption  
Tynock**

**9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2020**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES

#### Saturday/Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> May

Bill Doyle, Tankardstown 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Michael Byrne, Ricketstown  
Walter & Elizabeth Hovenden  
Kathleen Gahan, 15 Kevin Barry Road  
Gerry Brennan, Rathvilly

#### Saturday/Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> May

Stan Doyle, Bough  
Ita McHenry  
Gerald Bray  
William & Mary Byrne, Tynock & deceased family members  
Kieran Bray  
Thomas & Julia Byrne, New Road, Ballyoliver  
Charles Byrne, The Road, Williamstown

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

### MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

Monday – Mass at 12 Noon followed by the Rosary.

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 at 12.30 p.m. 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/](http://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.**

## **CHURCH RE-OPENING**

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly will reopen 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. We will have a rota so you may be required for one hour per week. If you can help please contact the Parish Office 059 9161114.

Masses will continue to be celebrated behind closed doors.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

At Masses this weekend we remember the children from Talbotstown and Tynock National Schools who were preparing to celebrate their First Holy Communion this Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Brandon, Conor, Daniel, Dean, Ella, Emmie, Flynn, Hannah, Nathan, Robbie.

**A message from Bishop Denis to all children preparing for First Holy Communion  
My First Holy Communion How can I continue to get ready?**

Bishop Denis is asking you to do 3 things this month to help you to stay getting ready for your First Holy Communion

- 1) Make your Prayer Space a May Altar
- 2) Pray a Decade of the Rosary
- 3) Go to Mass on livestream

Please see [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) or [www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie](http://www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie) to view the full message from Bishop Denis.

## **WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 2/3 May, 2020**

Thank you to all our parishioners who sent in weekly contributions, Easter Stations and Easter Collections. Weekly Envelope Collection €262.00. Trócaire €82.50  
Any financial contribution you can make will be very much appreciated.

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

## **GOSPEL READINGS – 10<sup>th</sup>– 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2020**

Sunday: Jn 14: 1-12      Mon: Jn 14: 21-26      Tues: Jn 14: 27-31  
Wed: Lk 11: 27-28      Thurs: Jn 15: 9-17      Fri: Jn 15: 12-17  
Sat: Jn 15: 18-21      Sunday: Jn 14: 15-21

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

## **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 a variety of platforms, including Facebook and webcam. More details to follow.

**See our website for 'A Leaving Cert Student Prayer'**

## **COVID-19 COCOONING FOR OVER 70'S**

Carlow County Council through the 'Carlow Covid-19 Community Response Forum' will respond to the needs of the vulnerable members of our community by linking State agencies, the community and voluntary sectors to vulnerable peoples needs and will also arrange shopping and pharmacy deliveries.

Freephone in confidence 1800-814-300 from 8am – 8pm Monday to Sunday or Email: [covidsupport@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:covidsupport@carlowcoco.ie)

## **SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS**

1. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me.' Trust in another person can help us in difficult times. Remember and give thanks for the people you were able to trust in difficult moments. Remember also when your faith in God helped you through anxious moments.

2. Thomas struggled with the desire, which is in all of us, to know the exact destination before we set out. Jesus invites us to make an act of faith and to take one step at a time. Can you recall times when it helped you to take that trusting attitude to life?

3. Jesus proposed himself to Thomas as the way, the truth and the life. In what ways has Jesus been the way, the truth and the life for you on your faith journey?

4. Philip wanted Jesus to give him a glimpse of God and got the surprising answer: 'Whoever has seen me has seen the Father'. Jesus put a human face on the love of God. He gives us a glimpse of the divine. Who are the people whose love has helped you to believe in the love of God? To whom have you given an occasional glimpse of the divine?      John Byrne OSA

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

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**Local Safeguarding Representatives:** Eoin Cheasty      Mary Phelan  
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