KEEPING THE EASTER OCTAVE IN THE HOME

The Easter season lasts for 50 days with the Feast of Pentecost. The first eight days, taking us to the Second Sunday of Easter, is referred to as the Easter Octave. You might like to mark these days by lighting a candle each night and praying the Prayer for Easter Sunday.

A Prayer on Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday is the 'Feast of feasts', a day of joy and happiness as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Light a candle and pause for a few moments to become aware of God's presence. Make the Sign of the Cross, as you pray:

Lord of all life.

You are our hope and our joy, our source of true happiness. We have journeyed to Easter and in the most difficult of trials we have renewed our baptism and proclaimed your resurrection. We embrace with gladness the new life to which you call each one of us. Bless us, our families and all the world, with your constant presence and protection. May we give you thanks every day and share the good news of our faith with all we meet. And may the light of our Easter faith guide our footsteps in your ways of love, peace and truth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. In Easter joy we proclaim, Christ is risen! Alleluia, alleluia! If you have Holy Water, use it to bless yourself as you make the Sign of the Cross. Place your candle safely somewhere prominent in your home as a reminder of the Light of Christ amongst us.

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's	St. Patrick's	The Assumption
Talbotstown	Rathvilly	Tynock
3 rd & 4 th April, 2021		Easter 2021

Recent Death: Daniel Lawlor, Fr. Cullen Tce, Rathvilly & Graiguecullen.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday, 3rd & 4th April

Kathleen Smith, St. Patrick's Park	Paudie Doyle, Raheendaw
Bridget Cassells, Ricketstown	Paddy Byrne, Garretstown
James & Elizabeth Dowling, Knocklishen	Ned & Mary Balfe, Rahill
James & Elizabeth Kelly, Mount Neill	The Gill Family, Clane
Susan Kavanagh, Ballybit	Eilish McGrath, Fr. Cullen Tce.

Sat/Sun, 10th & 11th April

Dorothy Moriarty, Tynock – 1 st Anniversary	Gerry Brennan, Rathvilly
John Moriarty, Tynock	John Swayne, Rathvilly
Ciss Doyle, Ricketstown	Willie Swayne, Baltinglass
Dan Byrne, Lisnavagh and deceased family members	

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY FOR QUIET PRAYER Monday to Saturday – 10 a.m. – 5p.m.

Sunday - 12 Noon - 5 p.m.

MASSES THIS WEEK - will be celebrated behind Closed Doors

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30 p.m. Good Friday – Stations of the Cross at 3.00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 5.00 p.m. Holy Saturday – Vigil Mass at 9.00 p.m. Easter Sunday – Mass at 11.00 a.m.

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

THE ROSARY will be recited each morning before Mass at 9.40 a.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - Thursday 10.00 - 11.00 a.m. The Church will be open for Adoration.

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam Radio 104.3 fm

EASTER MESSAGE 2021

Bishop Denis Nulty has sent an Easter Massage to all his Diocesan Families. Copies available in the Church and also on our Website.

We wish all the families in our Parish a Healthy & Happy Easter.

A CANDLE IN THE WINDOW ON HOLY SATURDAY

Bishop Denis is inviting people across the diocese to light a candle of hope and place it in a window at home. The attached image can be used to promote this invitation locally.

RATHVILLY PARISH OFFICE will reopen on Wednesday, 7th April.

GOSPEL READINGS - 4th - 11th April, 2021

Sunday: Jn 20: 1-9	Mon: Mt 28: 8-15	Tues: Jn 20: 11-18
Wed: Lk 24: 13-35	Thurs: Lk 24: 35-48	Fri: Jn 21: 1-14
Sat: Mk 16: 9-15	Sunday: Jn 20: 19-31	
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All the Sunday and Daily Mass Readings can be accessed from our website.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS - 27th & 28th March, 2021

Thanks to our parishioners who left in Weekly Envelopes of $\in 829.75$ during the week. 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. **Donation Buttons on KandLe Website**: There are now two electronic 'Donate Buttons' on the front page of the diocesan website <u>www.kandle.ie</u>

Easter Collection for the Priests of the Parish is due at this time.

PARISH FUNDRAISING

As you are all aware the last year has been tough because of the pandemic. Parish funds have been badly hit as we were unable to run our parish draw. Weekly revenue is greatly reduced due to the fact that there is no attendance allowed at Mass. The Parish Council is exploring the possibility of joining the Kildare & Leighlin Co-op Lotto and promoting it within our Parish. We would ask that all our draw promoters would come onboard and help promote it. We would also ask all our loyal parishioners to support as you have done in the past. The minimum jackpot is $\in 10,000$ each week and this rises by increments of $\in 1,000$ weekly to a maximum of $\in 20,000$ if the jackpot is not won. There is also a $\in 1,000$ prize fund each week divided by match 3 winners even when the jackpot is won. If a promoter sells a jackpot winning ticket they will receive 10% of the jackpot amount as a promoter's prize. This is in addition to the one ticket per book they receive for selling a full book. For further details please contact the Parish Office.

RATHVILLY COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Parish has a new project in conjunction with the Tidy Towns and Rathvilly National School. The small field behind the Parish Centre is being developed into a Community Garden. There is funding for the project but are looking for interested individuals and groups to make this a reality. Everyone is welcome -not only to work on the project but also board members and artists. We could also use top soil or compost. The plan is available for viewing at the Church and post office – covid restrictions are limiting some activities - but please contact Father John or inforathvillytidytowns@gmail.com if you are interested.

<u>BAPTISM</u> - Individual Baptisms can take place with a maximum of six people attending. Contact the Parish Office for details.

IRISH CATHOLIC – available in the Church each week. Cost €2.50

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage 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 seven days - 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

EASTER MUSIC PROJECT

During this Lent, the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore designed an innovative music project and generated a shared vision across 6 dioceses: **Waterford & Lismore, Kildare and Leighlin, Ferns, Kerry, Limerick, Dublin Arch Diocese & Elphin,** bringing together 66 students in over 17 schools and young people from several youth groups, to give a beautiful spiritual expression to this Easter Season and to generate much needed funds for the Charity, Mary's Meals. Mary's Meals at present feed school-going children 1,600,000 meals every day

across the world. The young people recorded 3 songs, readings, reflections, and liturgical dance, that focus on the 3 movements of Easter – Palm Sunday- The Crucifixion– The Resurrection of our Lord.

Not even a Pandemic could prevent the generous, kind-hearted, and talented spirit of our young people who supported such a worthy cause as 'Marys Meals'. Through their example they showed the true meaning of Easter as 'A Time of Hope.' Click the link <u>https://youtu.be/jAopVZUJGpE</u> to watch the video and details on how to donate to Mary's Meals.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winnerNumbers were 9 - 17 - 19 - 24Match Three: win or share $\in 150$ Trevor Chaney, 20 Woodgrove Avenue 7 - 9 - 17 - 19Promoters Prize $\in 20$ Peg KehoeNext draw 5 April 2021Jackpot $\in 13,700$ Thank you for all your support.

TRÓCAIRE

Can you imagine having to flee your home and leave everything behind you? Every single day 28,000 people are forced to flee their homes, like Awut and Ajak, because of conflict and persecution. Leaving behind everything, trying to find safety and shelter, dealing with trauma, maybe never being able to return to your home again. These are some of the extreme challenges you might face when forced to flee your home for safety.

Please return your Trócaire Box as soon as possible.

Trocaire Boxes still available in the Church.