

MEDITATION OF THE DAY *Invited to “Come Away” with Him*

Christ is alive! We need to keep reminding ourselves of this, because we can risk seeing Jesus Christ simply as a fine model from a distant past, as a memory, as someone who saved us two thousand years ago. But that would be of no use to us: it would leave us unchanged, it would not set us free. The one who fills us with his grace, the one who liberates us, transforms us, heals and consoles us is someone fully alive. He is the Christ, risen from the dead, filled with supernatural life and energy, and robed in boundless light. That is why Saint Paul could say: *If Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins.*

Alive, he can be present in your life at every moment, to fill it with light and to take away all sorrow and solitude. Even if all others depart, he will remain, as he promised: *I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.* Because he lives, there can be no doubt that goodness will have the upper hand in your life and that all our struggles will prove worthwhile. If this is the case, we can stop complaining and look to the future, for with him this is always possible. That is the certainty we have. Jesus is eternally alive. If we hold fast to him, we will have life, and be protected from the threats of death and violence that may assail us in life. Every other solution will prove inadequate and temporary. It may be helpful for a time, but once again we will find ourselves exposed and abandoned before the storms of life.

With Jesus, on the other hand, our hearts experience a security that is firmly rooted and enduring. Saint Paul says that he wishes to be one with Christ in order *to know [him] and the power of his resurrection.* That power will constantly be revealed in our lives too, for he came to give you life, *and to have it to the full.* If in your heart you can learn to appreciate the beauty of this message, if you are willing to encounter the Lord, if you are willing to let him love you and save you, if you can make friends with him and start to talk to him, the living Christ, about the realities of your life, then you will have a profound experience capable of sustaining your entire Christian life. **Pope Francis**

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE?

Permanent Deacons are ministers of the Word, the Altar and Service.

Bishop Denis is inviting expressions of interest in learning more about formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin.

The Permanent Diaconate is open to men aged between 30 and 60 who have a genuine sense of vocation to this calling. Deacons are self-supporting and continue in their family lives and secular employment. A new programme of discernment and formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese will commence in September 2021. For further information please contact Fr. John McEvoy before **Saturday July 31st.** Tel: 059 9161114 Email: permanentdiaconate@kandle.ie
‘You did not choose me but I chose you’ – John 15:16

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid’s
Talbotstown**

17th & 18th July, 2021

**St. Patrick’s
Rathvilly**

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Recent Deaths: Jim Haberlin, Ballybit Big. Brid Moloney, Bough.
Donal Butler, Carlow brother of Clare Halligan, Rathvilly.
Michael Doyle, Abbeyleix brother of Kieran Doyle, Ballyhackett.

Months Mind Mass for David Aher, Killalesh this Sunday, 18th July at 11.00 a.m.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Saturday/Sunday, 17th & 18th July

Harry & Elizabeth Donohoe, St. Patrick’s Park Martin Folan

Saturday/Sunday, 24th & 25th July

David & Mary Byrne, Patrickswell Michael Moloney, Bough
Mary Smith, Coole Christy Lawlor, Slaney Bank View
Peter Deegan, Carnew
Kathleen Burke, Bough and deceased family members

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

St. Patrick’s Church, Rathvilly

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Communion Service on Thursday at 9.30 a.m. led by Deacon Liam.

THE ROSARY will be recited each morning before Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Thursday 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

Church of the Assumption, Tynock

Mass on Sunday, 18th July at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Conor O’Leary.

Mass on Saturday, 24th July at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Paula Boland.

St. Brigid’s Church, Talbotstown

Mass on Saturday, 17th July at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Joe O’Brien.

Mass on Sunday, 25th July at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Breedh Murphy.

LOUGH DERG

Connect with Lough Derg in St Patrick's Church, Rathvilly to pray a Station Prayer on Tuesday 20th July at 8 pm and every Tuesday until 10th August. There are no visitors allowed on Lough Derg for a second year due to Covid 19. It is a way for us to connect with the special prayerful place of the pilgrim island. We invite people to write a petition prayer and leave it in the petition box in the Church for these 5 weeks Petition requests will be prayed for in a special way on Tuesday evenings.

THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place for the first time on Sunday 25 July 2021 on the theme 'I am with you always' (Mt 28:20).

Bishop Denis Nulty, chair of the Bishops' Council for Marriage and the Family has welcomed Pope Francis' World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, as a timely reminder for the whole Church to be close to all the elderly and grandparents at this time of pandemic.

Bishop Nulty said, "There have been so many unsung heroes and heroines during the pandemic – grandparents and elders, including our older priests and religious – all who are to be applauded for how they have coped with the challenges and uncertainty brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. As a society we have learned a lot from their stoicism and pragmatism in the face of so many challenges.

BAPTISM - Individual Baptisms can take place with a maximum of ten people attending. Contact the Parish Office for details.

GOSPEL READINGS – 18th – 25th July, 2021

Sunday: Mk 6: 30-34 Mon: Mt 12: 38-42 Tues: Mt 12: 46-50
Wed: Mt 13: 1-9 Thurs: Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18 Fri: Jn 15: 1-8
Sat: Mt 13: 24-30 Sunday: Jn 6: 1-15

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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 10th & 11th July, 2021

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections.

Rathvilly: Offertory €121.30 Envelopes €628.65

Kiltegan: Offertory €65.91 Envelopes €335.10

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 www.kandle.ie

PARISH LOTTO (Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Draw)

Results for 14th July, 2021 Numbers: 2 – 9 – 20 – 28.

No Jackpot winner. 18 Match 3s get €56.00 each. No local winners this week.

The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.

On Wednesday, 21th July the **Jackpot is €11,000**. Tickets €2 each.

Tickets available at the Parish Office, Rathvilly Post Office, Mace and after Mass in the three Churches. **We need more promoters to sell tickets each week.** If you can help, please contact the Parish Office 059 9161114 – Mon-Fri 10 am – 1 pm.

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

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

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

THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIM PATH

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the lough shore is now open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option, and several information boards highlight features of particular interest. Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre.

A guided walk experience will be offered on Sunday 25th and Saturday 31st July, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. Further dates for these guided walks will follow for late August and early September. For bookings and further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 071 9861518. www.loughderg.org

SYNODALITY - A CALL TO EVERYONE

ACI Zoom discussion - July 22nd 2021 - led by: Professor Tom O'Loughlin

As the priestly manpower crisis deepens in Ireland, the call for 'more vocations' becomes ever more plaintive. But what does synodality mean in our Catholic understanding of 'vocation'? Is that still too often all about clergy and religious - when all of the baptised faithful are now called to become 'first responders' in an era of crisis? Might the 'priest crisis' itself be a result of an unbalanced theology of Priesthood, Ordination and Baptism? Is every baptised person now being called equally to mission - to help keep hope and faith alive among those we love and meet? Dr Tom O'Loughlin's profound understanding of the history of Catholic Theology is in high demand by all who study the problem of Catholic Church renewal today. Join us on Thursday July 22nd at 8.00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85148985546?pwd=ZThhdUZxbGhrOFV0VG8wNVZLUkJKHUT09> Learning from experience, the ACI has purchased extra Zoom capacity for this event – to accommodate all-comers.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 12 - 13 - 22 - 26

Match Three: win or share €150

Sean Clarke, Waterstown, Rathvilly

Declan Clarke

Pat Doyle, Ricketstown, Rathvilly

Mace Rathvilly

Wendy McCall c/o Laura Kavanagh

Laura Kavanagh

Shirley and Hugo Jackson, Hacketstown

Michael Kehoe

Pam Byrne, Woodgrove Avenue, Rathvilly

Anthony Byrne

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Anthony Byrne.

Next draw 19 July 2021 **Jackpot €15,200** Thank you for all your support.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 14-15-17-26

Match 3 win or share €150

Fiona Corcoran Rathvilly 8-14-17-26

On Line winner

Promoters Prize €20

Brian O'Donoghue

Next draw 20 July 2021.

Jackpot €3,400

Our **drive-in Bingo** continues every Wednesday night at 8pm sharp

Thank you for your continued support.