

## **CHRISTMAS 2021**

Deacon Liam Dunne

*"God loves things by becoming them,  
God did so in the creation of the universe and of Jesus,  
and continues to do so in the ongoing human  
Body of Christ"*

Richard Rohr

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, come forth from deep within me  
with Christmas luminous beauty. For my heart has become the sacred crib,  
the birthing place of God-among-us"*

Edward Hays

"Instead of complaining in these difficult times about what the pandemic prevents us from doing, let us do something for someone who has less: not the umpteenth gift for ourselves and our friends, but for a person in need whom no one thinks of! And another piece of advice: in order for Jesus to be born in us, let us prepare our hearts, let us go to pray; let us not let ourselves be swept up by consumerism. "Ah, I have to buy present. I must do this and that". That frenzy of doing things, more and more. It is Jesus that is important." (Pope Francis, Angelus Talk, Dec 2020)

### **SYNOD – WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?**

A 6 minute video, 'All you need to know – synod on synodality' can be viewed on [www.kandle.ie/synod](http://www.kandle.ie/synod) at the bottom of the page in the dropdown box 'synod resources'. Please take this Advent – Christmas time to pray for the synodal journey we are setting out in the months ahead.

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

### **RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB**

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 2-16-18-29

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Paula Deering Ballybit	On Line winner
Annette Heydon Rathvilly	On Line winner
Amanda Dempsey Bough	On Line winner
Liz Coyle The Moate	On Line winner
Brendan Murphy Slaney Bank	On Line winner

### **Christmas Draw Winners:**

Irene Smith Fr. Cullen Tce., Mia Ansell Rathvilly, Julie Doyle Woodgrove.  
Robyn & Ruby Kelly c/o A. Kelly, Bruno's Takeaway  
Promoters Prize €20 Bruno Next draw 28 Dec. 2021. **Jackpot € 2,700**

### **ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO**

**[www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam](http://www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam)** **[Radio 104.3 fm](http://www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/radio)**

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

**Email: [office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie](mailto:office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie) Website: [www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie](http://www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie)**

**Diocesan Website: [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) Parish Radio 104.3 fm**

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

**Diocesan Director of Safeguarding:** Ms. Kathleen Sherry - Email: [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie)

## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's  
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's  
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption  
Tynock**

**CHRISTMAS 2021 & NEW YEAR 2022**

**Recent Death:** Fr John Kearns St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan

### **ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

#### **Rathvilly Church - Christmas Eve & Christmas Day, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> December**

Fr Edward Flood, former Parish Priest	Moya Mullin, Rathdangan
James & Teresa Maguire, Lacken, Blessington	Christina Balfe, Rahill
Denis & Hilda Nolan, Collins Park	Matthew & Margaret Byrne, Ballymanus
Jimmy Fowler, Passage East, Birmingham	Catherine Noctor nee Kelly, Waterstown
Paddy & Nora Quinn, Roscommon	Una Brennan, Rathvilly

**Talbotstown – Christmas Eve at 8 p.m.** John & Catherine Grant, Maureen Marriott

**Tynock Church – Christmas Day at 10.00 a.m.** Richard Donegan

**Talbotstown Church – Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 a.m.** – Charlie Brophy

#### **Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022**

Maureen Flinter, Ballyraggan – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary	Molly Lawlor, St. Patrick's Park
Joe McCall, Bough	Liam Lawlor, Phelan Street
Harry & Bridget Byrne, Fr. Cullen Tce.	Jim Dempsey, Rathvilly
Mary Plant, Rahill	Jim Doyle, Ricketstown
Ann O'Connor nee Plant, Rahill	Eileen Balfe, Rahill
Sheila Fitzpatrick, Mt. Kelly	

### **MASS TIMES THIS WEEK** **St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly**

Christmas Eve, 24<sup>th</sup> December – Mass at 4.30 p.m. and 9.00 p.m.

Christmas Day, 25<sup>th</sup> December – Mass at 11.00 a.m.

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> December – Mass at 11.00 a.m.

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

**No Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> December.**

Monday & Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> January – **No Mass.**

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January – Vigil Mass 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> January – Holy Day – Mass at 11 a.m.

#### **St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown**

Christmas Eve, 24<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00 p.m.

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 a.m.

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> January at 6.00 p.m.

#### **Church of the Assumption, Tynock**

Christmas Day, 25<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 a.m.

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> January – Holy Day – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Mary Kelly, Feddan.

Reader – Joe O'Brien.

Reader – Breedh Murphy.

Reader – Siobhan Kelly.

Reader – Paula Boland.

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** for the Priests of the Parish will be taken up at the Christmas Masses. Many thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Station.

**WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2021**

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €249.10 Envelopes €613.70

Kiltegan: Offertory €72.25 Envelopes €386.00

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](http://www.kandle.ie)

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

Results for 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2021 Numbers: 08 – 09 – 13 – 23.

No Jackpot winner of €14,000. 23 Match 3s get €44.00 each.

One local winner this week – Imelda Burke. Promoter – Parish Office.

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

On **Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January** the **Jackpot is €15,000**. Tickets €2 each.

Thank you for your continued support.

**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 a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**CAT TO A GOOD HOME**

If you would like to add a Cat to your family, please contact 087 2819385.

**EIST CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE**

The Eist Cancer Support Centre will re-open on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January at 10 am.

We wish all our clients, their families and friends a peaceful Christmas.

Feel free to contact us on our mobile no. 085 866 1499 at any time.

**SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.**

LOTTO-No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 4 - 9 - 21 – 27

Trish Harmon, Kiltegan 4 - 17 - 21 - 27 Fergal Harmon

Leslie Burgess, Lisnavagh 4 - 5 - 21 - 27 Online Winner

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Brian Curran, Woodgrove Ave.

Next draw 27 December 2021 Jackpot €17,500. Thank you for all your Support.

Christmas Extra Draw - €150 was shared between five lucky dips: Mark and Elisha Ryan, Kiltegan; Ciara Bolger, Bough; Dawn Keogh, 11 Fr. Cullen Tce; Sean Kelly Williamstown and Trish and Fergal Harmon, Kiltegan.

The committee of Slaney Rovers AFC would like to thank everybody for their support to the Club Lotto during the year and would like to wish one and all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

**NEW APPOINTMENT:** Our former parish priest Fr Michael Kelly SPS has last month commenced his term as National Director of **Missio Ireland** formerly called at different times World Missions Ireland and Pontifical Mission Aid Societies. His role involves co-ordinating Ireland's support of Catholic missions worldwide. Best wishes to him in this new chapter of his priestly ministry.

**APPRECIATION:** Approaching end of 2021, we offer our sincere thanks for all who voluntarily give of their time and talent in supporting the activities of the parish and in this pandemic the safe delivery of our opportunities to worship in our Churches. We acknowledge the special work of our secretary, the sacristans and Church music people. In addition, special thanks are due to the flower arrangers, Church cleaners, the sanitisers, distributors of envelopes, the stewards and those in the ministries of reading or helping in the distribution of Holy Communion. We hope to resume the activity of altar servers in the New Year.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT:** Rathvilly Kiltegan Parish has been assisted consistently by parishioners through their contributions in support of the clergy and of the parish. We deeply appreciated the generous help of all our supporters. It has been a difficult time since we were hit by Covid-19, but people have still found ways of offering their support. This has been most encouraging. The ordinary ways of supporting the parish is through the offertory collection and the use of weekly envelopes. Donors of €250 or more in a calendar year, who are taxpayers, qualify for the refund of some tax for the parish (which has charitable status). They need to sign and return the relevant CHY Form, which the parish office sends out to such donors. Recently over €9,000 was added by Revenue in this way for 2020 and earlier years.

We were accustomed to having a twice yearly Parish Draw which was a good fundraiser for the parish. After a year of having no fundraiser, in April 2021 we commenced the weekly Lotto which is a regular source of support for the parish. We thank the promoters and the buyers. People can pay upfront for 13 weeks, 26 weeks or a year for €25, €50 or €100. Promoters get one line per card free. Ideas are always welcome for new fundraising ideas. Meanwhile, our most sincere thanks to all who help the parish financially.

**PARISH CEMETERY:** Rathvilly cemetery has been extended on about three previous occasions. We are currently involved in adding about one and a half acres of ground to the cemetery. The paths have been tarmacked at an expense of about €25,000 much of which has been covered by funding which we were fortunate to obtain from Carlow County Council. The generous donations of parishioners to the upkeep of the cemetery are greatly appreciated, enabling the works needed in this great project.

*Priests of the Parish & Parish Council*

**PARISH OFFICE will re-open on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE from Bishop Denis – see copies in the Church**