

MOTHER'S DAY – 27th March 2022

Happy Mother's Day

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Deacon: Liam Dunne

Luke 15:1-3,11-32 The Elder Son

Sometimes we can be so familiar with a particular Gospel passage that we switch off after the first few sentences. That would be a shame, especially when listening to today's parable, which is unique to Luke, and is one of the great blockbuster parables. The parable of things lost and found emphasise the unending forgiveness of God and God's rejoicing for those who return. Parables always have something to teach us. They enable us to engage at a deeper level with tough questions, inviting us to reflect on similar situations in our own lives. The main topic here is forgiveness, and the real challenge in the story is what happens after the lost son returns. The Father's welcome for the younger son would have been considered extremely foolish by those listening to this story, and their viewpoint is mirrored in the reaction of the elder brother. After all, he has 'worked like a slave' for years and is understandably upset at the lavish party that has been thrown for his delinquent sibling. The Father, however, reassures the disgruntled brother that his welcome for the younger brother does not change his love for him or diminish the inheritance he will receive. This Gospel shows us that God returns those who are lost to the community, regardless of the obstacles that we might put in place. Jesus teaches a lesson here in radical hospitality. No matter how far one wanders from home, God still loves us, waits for us and is calling us back with open arms. The elder brother has a choice: he can come to the party or feel sorry for himself. It will cost him nothing to reach out to his younger brother, but his ego is in the way. What does he do? Significantly, Luke does not finish the story; rather he leaves it up to us to continue the narrative. We have nothing to lose in welcoming home the lost.

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"To forgive is to set a prisoner free and realise that the prisoner was you"

- Lewis B. Smedes.

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

26th & 27th March, 2022

4th Sunday of Lent

Months Mind Mass for Eithne Condon this Saturday, 26th March at 7.30 p.m.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Rathvilly Church, 26th & 27th March

Madeline & Mick Curran, St. Patrick's Park

Terry Redmond, Delacy Abbey

Martin & Mary Curran, Ballybit

Susan Kavanagh, Ballybit

Kathleen Lawlor, Phelan Street

Liam Hayes

Rathvilly Church, 2nd & 3rd April

Daniel Lawlor, Fr. Cullen Tce – 1st Anniversary

Paddy Byrne, Garretstown

Rita Conway, Straboe

Christine & Frank Donovan, Rathdangan

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Friday – Mass at 10.00 a.m.

Rosary before Mass each day.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – Thursday 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS each Friday at 7.00 p.m. for Peace in Ukraine.

St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown

Mass on Saturday, 26th March at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Breedh Murphy.

Mass on Sunday, 3rd April at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Mary Kelly, Feddan.

Church of the Assumption, Tynock

Mass on Sunday, 27th March at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Lucilla Brophy.

Mass on Saturday, 2nd April at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Paula Boland.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Rosary & Prayers for Peace in Ukraine each Wednesday during Lent at 7.00 p.m.

COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

A special collection will be taken up nationwide at all Masses this weekend Saturday/Sunday 26th/27th March. Please give generously.

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all the children from Rathvilly, Talbotstown & Tynock Schools who received their Confirmation from Bishop Denis Nulty on Wednesday last.

HOUSEBOUND

The housebound will receive their April visit on Friday, 1st April from 2 – 4.30 pm.

PRAYER FOR PEACE FOR UKRAINE

Loving God,
we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 19th & 20th March, 2022

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections.
Rathvilly: Offertory €209.99 Envelopes €823.70
Kiltegan: Offertory €499.09 Envelopes €567.87
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.

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

Results for 16th March, 2022 Numbers: 02 – 14 – 20 – 28.
One winner of €17,000. Barbara Lawlor, Mountmellick Parish.
Results for 23rd March, 2022 Numbers: 01 – 10 – 17 – 22.
18 Match 3s get €56.00. No local winners this week.
The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.
On **Wednesday, 30th March the Jackpot is €11,000.** Tickets €2 each

SYNOD - LISTENING LENT

Pope Francis has called for a Universal Synod of the Church. He wants to hear from
the whole Church about the reality of being part of the Church right now. The first
level of this four-fold process is Parish. He wants us, in the parish, to think about
the following questions:

Conversation One: COMMUNION.

Thinking about the Church and our parish, how and when do I find being part of it a
source of joy or nourishment for me in my faith? When might it bring
disappointment or pain?

Conversation Two: Participation.

When I hear the word ‘Church’, who do I think of? who is missing? whom do we
need to listen to? how can we be more inclusive?

Conversation Three: Mission.

Thinking about how we as a parish community bring the love of Christ into the
world, what one thing does our local parish do really well? what one thing could it
do better? what one thing could I do? what specific hope or dream do I have for the
Church moving forward?

Questionnaires are available in the Church, please take one home and fill it out and
return as soon as possible.

**Pope Francis asks all Catholics to take part in Consecration of Russia, Ukraine
to Immaculate Heart of Mary - 25th March 2022** copies available in the Church.

LOUGH DERG 2022 Pilgrimage Season Re-Opens on Sunday, 1st May 2022.

One Day Retreats May, August & September.

Three Day Retreats June, July & August. For information contact 071 9861518
info@loughderg.org or www.loughderg.org

FRIENDS OF CALCUTTA

Clothes Collection on Wednesday, 30th March. Clothes can be left outside the
Phoenix Centre, Tynock Church Gate and Talbotstown Church up to 4 p.m.
Thank you for your support.

KILTEGAN DRAMA

Two Act Play ‘Weigh In’ and ‘Last Tango in Little Grimley’ in St. Tegan’s Hall,
Kiltegan on 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 8th, 9th & 10th April at 8 p.m. Admission €10 at the door.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 1 – 15 – 19 – 26
Match 3 win or share €150 -
Geraldine O Boyle, 12 Kevin Barry Rd. 1-12-19-26 Rathvilly Post Office
Promoter’s prize €20 was won by Michael Kehoe, Rathvilly Post Office.
Next draw 28 March 2022 **Jackpot €18,800.** Thank you for all your support.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 7-13-18-25
Match 3 win or share €150 Noel Conalty Rathvilly 7-9-18-25 Mick Kehoe P/O
Promoters Prize €20 Eithne Brennan
Next draw 29 March 2022 **Jackpot €4,000** Thank you for your continued support.

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DO YOU WANT TO WIN MONEY

@ Graiguecullen Bingo on Tuesday 29th March? St.Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.
Jackpot on 50 numbers €3850 Double number €950 Lotto €1050