

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Deacon: Rev Liam Dunne

John 8:1-11 Another way

The Old Testament Law demanded that those caught in the act of adultery should be put to death. In today's Gospel, we hear about a woman who has been arrested by the religious leaders and dragged before Jesus. There is no mention of her sexual partner – he may have been one of her accusers or a friend of theirs, but we are not told. This woman is being used by these men to trap Jesus as he teaches in the Temple precincts. Displaying the characteristics of a mob mentality, they want to judge, condemn and even kill her. Jesus does not condemn the women, of course, but a key piece of this passage draws attention to his demeanour. In the face of the fierce aggression of the mob, Jesus embodies a radical humility and remains calm.

We live in a stone-throwing society, one that cares little for the circumstances that lead people into their particular situations. We want someone to blame, and the sooner the better. If you watch the news, you will see the blame game, in process daily. The mob mentality is contagious and often lazy, because it is the easy option when faced with complex circumstances. Those who accuse others often do so because they find inward reflection too difficult. Here, Jesus encourages the religious leaders out of that mentality and back to their own individual reality: *“Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her”*.

Everyone makes mistakes, and we all need forgiveness from time to time. As we approach the Easter Season, remember that Jesus can and wants to free us from these burdens and invites us to start again each time. The Gospel also challenges us to relate compassionately to others. It is in this way that we can rediscover our common humanity. Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett, 2021

“I can hear the stones start to drop as the men walked away and soon the only one that was left with any right to throw a stone was Jesus. And he has no inclination to do so. We can see that the closer we are to God the less we want to throw stones at other people. Shane Claiborne

Community Health Care Assistants Required

If you are a qualified HCA or are interested in completing the QQI qualifications and becoming a Community Health Care Assistant and are based in the Rathvilly/Kiltegan Parish and/or surrounding areas please get in touch 01.2605002 and send a copy of your CV to paula.cahoon@connected-health.ie Earn up to €16 per hour + travel allowance; Provide care and support within your local community to allow people to remain independent in their own home. Must have a clean driving license and access to a car!

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

2nd & 3rd April, 2022

5th Sunday of Lent

Recent Deaths: Fr. Sean McGrath, St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan
Marie Corcoran, Castledermot sister of Patty Munroe, Ballyhackett
Declan Byrne, London, son of Sean Byrne, St. Patrick's Park
Annie Gray nee Doyle, Bough who died in California
Liam Griffin, England and formerly Ballyoliver

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Rathvilly Church, 2nd & 3rd April

Daniel Lawlor, Fr. Cullen Tce – 1st Anniversary Rita Conway, Straboe
Paddy Byrne, Garretstown Bridget Cassells, Ricketstown
Christine & Frank Donovan, Rathdangan

Rathvilly Church 9th & 10th April

Kathleen Smith, St. Patrick's Park Ned & Mary Balfe, Rahill
Paudie Doyle, Raheendaw The Gill Family, Clane
Elizabeth & James Kelly, Mount Neill Mary Gahan, Collins Park
Dan Byrne, Lisnavagh and deceased family members

Church of the Assumption, Tynock – Sunday, 10th April

Dorothy & John Moriarty, Tynock

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 Sunday, 3rd April at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Mary Kelly, Feddan.

Mass on Saturday, 9th April at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Siobhan Doyle.

Church of the Assumption, Tynock

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

Reader – Paula Boland.

Mass on Sunday, 10th April at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Nigel Byrne.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

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

COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

Thank you to all who contributed to the recent collection for Ukraine. To date €2,269.00 was collected. Envelopes still available in the Church.

DEATH NOTICE

The death has occurred of Annie Josephine Gray nee Doyle, Bough sister of Mairead, Philomena, Cecilia, Nuala, Agnes and brother Tommy and the late Mary. Funeral to take place in Oaklands, California.

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

www.rathvillvilkilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam Radio 104.3 fm

By tuning into the Webcam or Radio you can hear Week day Masses.

EASTER PENANCE SERVICES – All Ceremonies at 7.30 p.m.

Baltinglass on Friday, 8th April . Hacketstown on Tuesday, 12th April.

Rathvilly on Wednesday, 13th April.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 26th & 27th March, 2022

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €279.36 Envelopes €435.60

Kiltegan: Offertory €74.10 Envelopes €237.00

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

Results for 30th March, 2022 Numbers: 02 – 14 – 21 – 23.

14 Match 3s get €72.00. One local winner this week.

Winner - Anthony Kelly. Promoter - Breda Reilly.

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

On **Wednesday, 6th April the Jackpot is €12,000.** Tickets €2 each.

CHRISM MASS

Bishop Denis will celebrate the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, on Monday, April 11 at 7:30 pm. During this Mass, the Oils for use in the celebration of Sacraments in the coming year will be blessed and consecrated, and the priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises. People are welcome to come to the Cathedral for this Diocesan celebration.

LISTENING LENT SYNOD SURVEY

This is the last week to take part in the online survey in the diocesan phase of the Universal Synod. The survey can be accessed using the QR Code or at www.kandle.ie/synod Thank you to the hundreds who have already taken part in this synod process across the diocese.

The Matt Talbot Prayer Society

Prays daily for those with addictions. You can enrol somebody to be prayed for each day as well as at the monthly Mass which takes place in a number of Cathedrals in Ireland. The monthly Mass takes place on the First Monday of each month at 7:30pm In St Eugene's Cathedral Derry, SS Peter and Paul, Ennis, St Patricks Cathedral Armagh, Carlow Cathedral (10am) and Our Lady Of Lourdes, Sean Mc Dermot Street where Matt Talbots Body lays. The Next Mass is on Monday 4th April and we welcome everybody to join us at these Masses in person or online. For more information, visit www.mattalbotprayersociety.com

MEETING TO PREPARE FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Meeting on Monday, 4th April at **7.30 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church** to prepare the Liturgy for Holy Week. We request all Choir members, Church Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Liturgy Group and Parish Council members to attend.

GOSPEL READINGS – 3rd – 10th April, 2022

Sunday: Jn 8: 1-11 Mon: Jn 8: 12-20 Tues: Jn 8: 21-30

Wed: Jn 8: 31-42 Thurs: Jn 8: 51-59 Fri: Jn 10: 31-42

Sat: Jn 11: 45-56 Sunday: Lk 22: 14-23:56

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

CARE ASSISTANT POSITION

(18 hours/week) A temporary vacancy has arisen for a Care Assistant at the Care Unit in St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan. This position will be based across the Unit and may include one to one care for a resident.

Full details and Application Form from Fiona McHenry, HR Manager:

hrmanager@spms.ie. Closing date for applications via email: Wednesday 6th April.

GRAIGUECULLEN MONSTER BINGO

Tuesday 5th April @ 8.30pm in St. Fiacc's Hall. Over €9,000 in prizemoney to be won. Including Jackpot on 50 numbers €3980, Double number €1020, Lotto €1100.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner Winning numbers were 4 - 6 - 19 - 29

Match 3 win or share €150

Tom Clarke, Waterstown 6 -19 - 27 – 29

Online Winner

Paula Gavin, 17 Woodgrove Avenue 6 - 9 - 19 - 29

Michael Kehoe

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Michael Kehoe, Rathvilly Post Office.

Next draw 4 April 2022 **Jackpot €18,900.** Thank you for all your support.

KILTEGAN DRAMA

Two Act Play 'Weigh In' and 'Last Tango in Little Grimley' in St. Tegan's Hall, Kiltegan 8th, 9th & 10th April at 8 p.m. Admission €10 at the door.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 4-5-20-28

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips.

Margaret Dunne Athy

On Line winner

Carmel Gavin Knockavagh

On Line winner

Ed. Finnegan Crab Lane

On Line winner

Lar Kelly (snr) Garretstown

Collette Kelly

Betty Conway Barnhill

Mick Kehoe

Next draw 5 April 2022 **Jackpot €4,100**

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