

Third Sunday of Easter

John 21:1-19 Come and have breakfast

As in last Sunday's Gospel, we are again with the disciples when Jesus appears to them. The scene is clearly set: by the Sea of Tiberias (or Galilee), Peter decides to go fishing, and a few others decide to join him. Now that they have seen the Risen Jesus, we may find it strange that they are back to their day jobs. Perhaps they are unsure of their next step, wondering what Jesus expects of them. In the meantime, they have to eat and to earn a living. Their night fishing is unsuccessful. They are returning empty-handed when a stranger calls from the shore, advising them to cast out their nets again. This time, the catch is so great they can barely haul it in. Once the disciples recognise Jesus, he issues a simple invitation to come and sit by the fire for a meal: *'Come and have breakfast'*.

This meeting takes place in the same location as *'the feeding of the five thousand'* earlier in John's Gospel. The components of the meal are the same – bread and fish – and again a substantial amount is left over. As always, Jesus has provided more than enough. Through his death and Resurrection, he has met their spiritual needs, though they do not fully understand that. Now, he meets their immediate needs, by serving them breakfast in this ordinary setting and by being with them in friendship. He goes on to explain that following him will not be easy. His presence with them will be nourishment for the journey.

Jesus knows our needs. When we are disheartened or ready to give up, help can come from an unexpected source. It is often the simple moments of friendship with others that are the most life-giving, when we sense God's presence with us, giving us sustenance for the road ahead.
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“For we are Easter people and we are called to celebrate the whole earth as the Body of Christ. Every act done in love gives glory to God: a pause of thanksgiving, a laugh, a gaze at the sun, or just raising a toast to your friends on your Zoom screen. The Good News? He is not here! Christ is everywhere and Love will make us whole. Sr. Ilia Delio OSF

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 2 - 11 - 15 - 26

Match 3 win or share €150

Mary O'Neill, 5 Slaney Bank, Sean Leonard, Rahill, William Burgess, Lisnavagh - Promoter - Michael Kehoe.

Kevin Byrne, Woodgrove Avenue – Promoter - Kevin Byrne.

Colm Murphy, Kiltegan - Promoter - Fergal Harmon.

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

Next draw 3 May 2022 **Jackpot €19,300.** Thank you for all your support.

GRAIGUECULLEN MONSTER BINGO ON TUESDAY 3RD MAY

St.Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 50 numbers €4500 Double number €390

Lotto €1300 Great prizes, bring a friend.

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

30th April & 1st May, 2022

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

3rd Sunday of Easter

Recent Deaths: Tom Roche, Hacketstown brother of Margo Kelly, Williamstown.
John Byrne late of 7 Fr. Cullen Tce., burial took place in Wexford.
Dolores McDonnell, Ballybit.

Months Mind Mass for Paddy Connor, Knockavagh & Oxford on Saturday, 30th April

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun, 30th April & 1st May

Eleanor Murphy, Castledermot

William Reilly, Collins Park

Denis Tierney, Slaney Meadows

Martin & Elizabeth Coady, Station Road and deceased family members

Tom & Paul Flinter, Ballyraggan

Patrick Donegan, Collins Park

Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun, 7th & 8th May

Months Mind Mass for Pat Doyle, The Dales, Ricketstown on Saturday, 7th May

Months Mind Mass for Freda Cashen, Slaney View on Sunday, 8th May

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Teresa O'Toole Bough

Paddy O'Toole, Bough

Peg O'Toole Eccles, Bough

Michael Byrne, Collins Park

Catherine & Thomas Faulkner, Garretstown

Jack Doyle, Coole

Bill & Mary Doyle, Coole

Kathleen Gahan, Kevin Barry Road & Weavers Square, Baltinglass

Clarke Family, Williamstown

Stephen & Maura Murphy, Bough

Jack Keogh, Phelan Street

Tom & Nancy O'Toole, Rathdangan

Dermot Byrne, Arklow

Margaret Cowman, Donore

George Gahan, Kevin Barry Road

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

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Friday – Mass at 10.00 a.m. Rosary before Mass each day.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Thursday 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

Church of the Assumption, Tynock

Mass on Saturday, 30th April at 6.00 p.m.

Mass on Sunday, 8th May at 9.30 a.m.

Reader - Mary Kelly, Feddan.

Reader – Muireann Gartland.

Rosary – For the month of May the Rosary will be recited each Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Tynock Church. All welcome.

St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown

Mass on Sunday, 1st May at 9.30 a.m.

Mass on Saturday, 7th May at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Siobhan Doyle.

Reader – Joe O'Brien.

Best wishes to Patsy Coady who celebrates his 90th birthday this weekend.

HOUSEBOUND

The housebound will receive their May visit on Friday, 6th May from 2 – 4.30 pm.

KILDARE & LEIGHLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sunday, 5th June 2022.

Ceremonies begin at 2.30 p.m. in the Basilica.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 23rd & 24th April, 2022

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €329.21 Envelopes €364.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €65.70 Envelopes €252.40

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

Results for 27th April, 2022 Numbers: 02 – 11 – 26 – 32.

No Jackpot winner. 7 Match 3s get €143.00. No local winner this week.

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

On Wednesday, 4th May the Jackpot is €12,000. Tickets €2 each.

Thank you for supporting the Lotto each week.

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH LOTTO

Our parish Lotto celebrates its first anniversary. This is an opportunity to renew.

On behalf of the priests and the parish council our gratitude to all promoters and supporters from all parts of Rathvilly Kiltegan parish and beyond its boundaries.

In April 2021, we launched the idea of having a Parish Lotto and being joined in the Diocesan Co-operative Lotto. The decision was made in the wish to do some fundraising to offset the loss in parish income since the twice yearly draws ceased. The ongoing pandemic also made the idea of selling tickets somewhat more difficult.

Nevertheless, our Lotto has been successful. We are fortunate in having the regular promoters and in having Trish our parish secretary able to co-ordinate it from the Parish Office. Thanks also to Tommy Donovan for his help with the Lotto each week.

People have joined in different ways:

Paying €100 to be entered for an entire year or €50 for six months or €25 for three months. The cards have eleven lines @ €2 per entry per week. Half of this is income for the parish and the other half is paid to the central Lotto in Portlaoise who take responsibility for all printing and for the prize money.

As well as the weekly chance of winning the Lotto of at least €10,000 and up to €20,000, supporters are entered into occasional draws for extra prizes which the parish gives out from the lottery income.

To continue to succeed and even improve in raising income for the parish we need more to buy a ticket or to sell a few tickets. Being a promoter is not very demanding. Everyone knows a few people who would be happy to join.

While thanking all who have made the Lotto a success for the parish, I would encourage others to join in and support this effort.

SYNOD NEWS

Thank you to all who participated in any way in our Listening Lent. A team of 12 people from across the diocese, a mix of male, female, lay, religious and clergy, are currently reading all the submissions and will work together on creating the diocesan submission to the Bishops' Conference. The submission will also be made available to the people of the diocese. This is just the beginning of our walking and listening to one another on our synodal pathway as we rediscover a way of being Church together.

The ACI invites you to Zoom Synodal Gathering

What do you want to say to the bishops who will gather in Rome in October 2023?

ACI is invited, as a representative reform and renewal organisation, to contribute our synthesis of members' and supporters' views to the National Synod. We wish to listen and represent as many perspectives as possible. We ask you, therefore, to share this invitation so that our gathering reflects the spirit of the Synod.

To join us on Thursday May 5th, click this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86136528758?pwd=bjIyV0RtRE9FUWpuSk9xaGRJK0xiQT09>

Meeting ID: 861 3652 8758. Passcode: 159134

LOUGH DERG RE-OPENS

Three Day Pilgrimage: 1st June - 15th August. Booking advised. Concessions available for students, seniors and groups.

One Day Retreats and guided Pilgrim Path experience: dates in May and late August through September. Booking essential. All booking information at www.loughderg.org, email info@loughderg.org or telephone 071 9861518.

WOMEN IN FAITH CONFERENCE

The Women of Faith Conference 2022 is LIVE on Radio Maria Ireland on Saturday 7th May from 2pm. We are blessed to have the following speakers. Sister Consilio (Cuan Mhuire), Wendy Grace (Catholic Speaker) Fr. Freddy Warner, SMA, Sister Susan Evangelist (Sister of Mercy) Dr. Edward Sri (Scripture Scholar). Please join us for this blessed event sponsored by Totus Tuus Magazine.

Radio Maria Ireland is accessible by: Going online at www.radiomaria.ie

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 2-13-16-21

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Nicola Cosgrove Tullow, Jude Kehoe Ladystown, Carmel Doyle Knockavagh - all On Line winners. Elaine Byrne Fr. Cullen Tce. - Paul Kelly

Ivy O'Brien Collins Pk. - Mick Kehoe Next draw 3 May 2022 **Jackpot €4,500**

RATHVILLY COMMUNITY ALERT/TEXT ALERT

The attendance at our AGM on 26th April was very disappointing and we had a full agenda to discuss. Speakers from Gardai and T.A.S.K. were present and gave presentations. Finding volunteers to join local community groups has become very difficult, and we feel privileged to be able to welcome two young people willing to work with us and who have now been elected to the Committee. As Siobhan O'Reilly-Porter, previous Treasurer, and Phil Heenan, previous Secretary have stepped down a new committee was elected as follows: Chairman – William Burgess. Secretary – Ciara Smith. Treasurer – Anna Deering. Text Alert Co-Ordinator – Julie Doyle. Care Unit Co-Ordinator – Phil Heenan.