

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Deacon Liam Dunne

*Gospel: Luke 13:22-30* Strive to enter through the narrow gate

In today's Gospel, as Jesus continues on his Way, he is asked, "Will only a few be saved"? Many in the crowd, and in the early Christian communities, would have assumed they were 'saved' because they were contemporaries of Jesus or because of their social status. Jesus' response is the parable of the narrow door, which is not about who will be saved, or how many; it is walking a particular path.

Through his ministry, Jesus has shown us what the Kingdom of God is like. This dream of God motivated all that Jesus said and did (Lk 4:18-21). We are told that the Kingdom is within us, or in our midst (17:21), to be achieved in our time and space. This Kingdom will therefore require an inner transformation. It is interesting that Jesus uses the image of a 'narrow door'. Doors are means of connecting one place with another. On our spiritual journeys, we should feel nourished and be shown how to move forward, not remain in a dead place.

The parable warns against complacency, encouraging us to go deeper. It demands that we strive continuously to grow in our awareness, discovering new depths about ourselves and our humanity. This Way requires effort and inner freedom. There are many obstacles and distractions that can prevent us from progressing on this path, which is why the Way is narrow and crowded. Yet, it is not an impossible task.

To ask "Who will be saved?" misses the point completely, Jesus says people will be welcome from "east and west, from north and south". This path is available to all. God's dream is not only for a select few.

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"Jesus says, 'The Kingdom of Heaven is within you' (that is, here) and 'at hand' (that is, now). It's not later, but lighter – some more subtle quality or dimension of experience accessible to you right in the moment. You don't die into it; you awaken into it. - *Cynthia Bourgault*

**GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO** on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.  
Jackpot on 50 numbers €2650 Double number €530 Lotto €2150 Great prizes.

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

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**RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

**NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's  
Talbotstown**

**20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2022**

**St. Patrick's  
Rathvilly**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Assumption  
Tynock**

**Recent Death:** William Reynolds, Kilmuray Lodge, late of Dublin.

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

**Sat/Sun, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

Fr. Bernard Ryan

Harry & Mary Byrne, Slaney View

Harry Byrne Jnr., Slaney View

Jim Byrne, Slaney View

Maureen Quinn nee Byrne Slaney View

Marie Doyle, The Moate

Rojanie Cortes, Sydney

**MASS TIMES THIS WEEK**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Mass at 9.30 am

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Thursday - 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.**

**CONFESSION** each Saturday evening at 7.00 p.m. at the Confessional and during Thursday's adoration.

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

Mass on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> August at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Breedh Murphy.

**Church of the Assumption, Tynock**

Mass on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> August at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Nigel Byrne.

**CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE**

Thus the timetable for the rest of August in Tynock and Talbotstown is as follows:-

**ALL MASSES ARE AT 9.30 AM**

Sunday 21 August Talbotstown

Sunday 28 August Tynock

A Public Meeting for all parishioners will be at 8 pm in Talbotstown Church on Wednesday 24th August. The purpose is to allow a proper sharing of views on our Mass Schedule. Other matters may be brought to the attention of the Meeting. Open to all. Please attend and let your voice be heard - Fr John McEvoy PP

**PARISH OFFICE**

The Parish office will open on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> August from 10 am to 12 noon. Items or notes can be left in the post box outside the office or messages can be left on the phone – 059 9161114.

## BAPTISMS

Starting in October Baptisms will take place one weekend per month. Sat/Sun, 7/8 October, 12/13 November, 10/11 December. To book a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

## WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

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

Rathvilly: Offertory € 404.64      Envelopes €388.70

Tynock: Offertory €34.35      Envelopes €223.00

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

Results for 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2022      Numbers: 05, 21, 24, 28

No Jackpot winner. 9 Match 3s get €112.00. No local winner this week.

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

On **Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> August the Jackpot is €18,000.** Tickets €2.

Thank you for your continued support. Full results on our website.

## DATES FOR THE LONG & THE SHORT OF IT

The dates for the 7 week workshop programme for The Long & Short of It are: 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> August 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> September in Rathvilly Parish Meeting Room each Tuesday from **11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Please note change of times.**

## DEFERRED - PRAY A LOUGH DERG STATION

The 3 day Lough Derg Pilgrimage runs from 1st June to 22nd August every year and to coincide with this we invite everyone to Pray a Lough Derg station in St Patrick's Church Rathvilly on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 8 pm.**

## CHILDMINDER

Childminder available to mind school going children before and after school in her own home. Also available to do school runs. Contact 087 6269681

## SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 11 – 15 – 19 – 22

Ivy O'Brien, Collins Park 7-11-19-22      Michael Kehoe

Elisha Ryan, Danesfort, Kiltegan 11-19-22-29      Online Winner

Margaret Angulin, Slaney Bank 11-15-19-21      Online Winner

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Fergal Harmon, Kiltegan.

Next draw 23 Aug. 2022 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support

## RATHVILLY G.A.A.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 1-18-27-30

Match 3 win or share €150

Cathy Balogh Castledermott 1-6-18-27      Bingo Winner

Next draw 23 Aug. 2022 **Jackpot €6,100**

**Drive in Bingo Wednesday night at 8pm sharp**

## Irish Catholic – €2.50 available in the Church each week

Some of the articles covered in this weeks edition of the Irish Catholic.

- Ireland is a 'haven' for human trafficking Irish religious warn
- Door-to-door sisters aims to relieve pressured priests
- Bishops to discuss letter from youth on liberal reform

## NATIONAL SYNTHESIS OF SYNODAL PROCESS

The national synthesis – which has now been submitted to the Synod Secretariat in the Vatican as part of the global synodal process announced by Pope Francis for the Church is available to read and download on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

Dr Nicola Brady, Chair of the Synod Steering Committee, said, "We invite everyone to read the national synthesis and reflect on what we are called to do, as individuals and as a church community, as a result of what we have heard. The issues raised are not new, but the honesty and clarity with which they have been articulated in this process, and the relational approach that has characterised the work to date, offers a strong foundation to build upon. Some of the findings are stark, many of the experiences shared are painful, but there have also been many hopeful and encouraging aspects, notably the importance many people have placed on this process and the skills and experience we will take forward into the subsequent phases of this work. Important questions have been set out for deeper reflection and pastoral action at every level of Church life and there will be many more opportunities for people to get involved and help shape this process."

## SUPPORTING CATHOLIC PARENTS

On Tuesday 6th September, there will be a conference on Zoom hosted by 'The Hook of Faith'. The topic of the conference will be: 'Supporting Catholic Parents: Sharing the Catholic Vision of Love and Human Sexuality with Our Children'. The speaker will be Fr Chris Hayden, author of the recently published book: 'A Better Vision: Understanding and Living the Catholic Vision of Human Sexuality'. The conference will begin at 8pm and conclude at 9pm. All are welcome. All you need to do to take part is send an email to: [thehookoffaith@gmail.com](mailto:thehookoffaith@gmail.com) This conference is designed to help Catholic parents be the best educators of their children in the areas of faith and morality in our modern culture.

## THE MEANING CRISIS, MODERNITY AND THE CHRISTIAN WAY

Benburb Priory will soon host a day conference on the meaning crisis (rise in suicides, depression, and more) and the Christian way, today. The conference will feature leading Christian thinkers, including Paul Kingsnorth, Paul Vander Klay, and Fr Calvin Robinson. This event will take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Tickets are available at [Benburbpriory.com](http://Benburbpriory.com) now. All are welcome. Details at The Meaning Crisis, Modernity, and the Christian Way: A Benburb Priory Conference - Benburb Priory