

Matthew 5:5-12 An alternate wisdom

Today we read and hear from the opening verses of Matthew's most famous passage. 'The Sermon on the Mount' and it is here that the Good News of Jesus Christ unfolds. The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' teaching, yet it is unfortunate that we hear so little about them. The Beatitudes are far from a box-tick exercise in order to receive God's love. On the contrary, they speak a language of grace. They do not condemn, rather they give us a glimpse of a life that is lived out of the call to love God and neighbour, spoken in a way that motivates rather than criticises. While the first part of each beatitude speaks about the present and is rooted in human experience, the second part invites us to contemplate what is to come. The Beatitudes are not idealising some future utopia either but lived and experienced in the here and now. It sounds like a paradox or a riddle, but here we are lovingly invited to grow into what the beatitudes praise. This is what a real *metanoia* (a turning around) looks like. As the Sermon on the Mount unfolds, we are invited into whole relationship, with God, with our loved ones, even with our enemies! The Beatitudes are a predisposition for what follows. Like a compass, they orient us towards restoration. The first beatitude set the scene for everything that follows:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven'.

This beatitude, ironically, praises spiritual poverty or emptiness and invites us to gently examine our inner attitude and attachments. Then we might be more open to receive God's grace into our hearts. The reward is not necessarily referring to the afterlife. The Kingdom of Heaven is a state of being that can be experienced in the here and now. The Beatitudes promise comfort, greater awareness and intimacy with God. Through the Beatitudes, Jesus blesses those that this world crushes: the meek, the peacemakers, those who are persecuted. The Beatitudes turn the world upside down with their dramatic reversals and are the essence of the in-breaking Kingdom of Heaven. **Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett 2022. *The Deep End, A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew.***

“Jesus embodied the highest level of enlightenment. He spent his brief adult life describing it, teaching it, and passing it onto future generations. Jesus intended to save the world by showing others the path to God-consciousness. - **Deepak Chopra**

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

28th & 29th January 2023

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recent Death: Vera Lawlor, Rathvilly

Months Mind Mass: Declan Kehoe this Sunday, 29th January in Tynock Church

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 28th & 29th January

Peg Henson, nee Kearns

Sean Bolger, Rathvilly

John O'Toole, Dublin

Martha Leonard, Collins Park

Cindy Garside, St. Patrick's Park

Billy Keegan, 8 Ballyoliver & deceased family members

Michael & Mamie Fox and deceased family members

Thomas Keegan, Ballyoliver and deceased family members

Ayres Family, Kellistown

Michael Hayden, Coventry

Tom Bolger, Ballybit

Anthony Keogh, Castledermot

Fergus Coleman, Tobinstown

Sat/Sun, 4th & 5th February

Agnes Byrne, Garretstown – 1st Anniversary

Canice Donnelly, Broughillstown

Philip Kavanagh, Broughillstown

Matt & Bridget O'Toole, Slaney View

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

Wednesday – The Feast of St. Brigid – Mass at 11 a.m.

Thursday, 2nd February – The Presentation of the Lord – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

It is customary to bring candles to be blessed and used in the Church for the year.

Friday, 3rd February – The Feast of St. Blaise – The Blessing of Throats.

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

CONFESSION Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Confessional & during Thursday's adoration.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Mass on Sunday, 29th January at 9.30 p.m.

Reader: Lucilla Brophy.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

St. Brigid's Day – 1st February – Mass at 9.45 a.m.

Mass on Sunday, 5th February at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Breedh Murphy.

CHRISTMAS CRIB

The Crib will remain open until 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation.

All donations will go to the homeless. To date €762.35 was raised – Thank you.

HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR FEBRUARY Friday, 3rd February 2.00 – 5.00 p.m.

PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI AND ROME

Visiting the Tombs of St Francis, St Clare and Blessed Carlo Acutis; a guided tour of the St Peters Basilica and attendance a General Papal Audience. Travelling dates 25th – 31st May 2023, cost €1235 pps, single supplement €270. Spiritual directors Fr Liam Merrigan & Fr John McEvoy. You can book through the Parish Office 059 9161114. A deposit is required. or visit www.marian.ie

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

Results for 25th January 2023 Numbers: 09 – 12 – 19 – 27.

No Jackpot winner of €11,000.

21 Match 3s get €48.00 One local winner this week.

Thomas Donovan. Promoter – Thomas Donovan.

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

On **Wednesday, 1st February the Jackpot is €12,000.** Tickets €2.

Thank you for your support throughout the year. Full results on our website.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 21st & 22nd January, 2023

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €730.14

Envelopes €783.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €170.91

Envelopes €444.00

RATHVILLY NATIONAL SCHOOL - Draw Results – Week 2.

€100 – Denys Vysotskyy.

Promoter – Denys Vysotskyy.

€50 – Lexi O’Brien.

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€20 – Candace Gibbon.

Promoter – Jude Jackson.

€20 – Emily Jane Finnegan.

Promoter – Ellie Finnegan Rooney.

Promoters Prize €20 – Savannah Keogh.

SCOIL PHÁDRAIG NAOFA, RATHVILLY Admissions for the 2023/2024.

A copy of the school’s Admission Policy and the Application Form for Admission for the 2023/2024 year is available to download at www.rathvillyns.com or on request by emailing rathvilly.ns@gmail.com or writing to the School.

The number of places available in junior infants for 2023/2024 is 30 students.

FÉILE BRÍDE 2023 – Kildare Town.

Brigid: Flame of Justice and Peace January 31st – 7th February.

Pilgrimage, Art Exhibition, Annual Celtic Lecture, Walking Nature Meditation, etc.

Leaflets available in the Church.

ST BRIGID'S CAMINO WALK, MONASTEREVIN

To Commemorate Brigid, Monasterevin Parish have organised a Camino Walk in her honour. Starting at St. Brigid's Shrine at Mountrice on the Monasterevin – Rathangan Road (R414) @ 11 am on Monday 6th February (walk is approx. 6km). The Walk will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty and will journey via Umeras then along the New Canal Blue Way, finishing in St. Peter & Pauls Church Monasterevin with a service of light at 12.30 pm. Contact 045-525346 for details.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Special Mass for all First Holy Communion candidates takes place 5th February. Talbotstown Church at 9.30 a.m. and Rathvilly Church at 11.00 a.m.

BALTINGLASS PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Wednesday 30th Aug to 6th Sept. 2023 Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board. Cost: €795 *€50 discount if €100 deposit paid by 31st January* Contact: Parish Office 059 64 81 254, Fr. Ger 087 629 8881, Andy Murphy 087 09 00 819.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 3 – 4 – 7 – 24

There were four match three winners, who shared €160:

Maire Connors, 28 Collins Park 4-7-11-24

Jenny Donegan

Tommy Donegan, 28 Collins Park 3-7-11-24

Jenny Donegan

Trish Leonard, Bough 3-4-7-14

Michael Kehoe

Leigh Byrne, 10 Fr. Flood Avenue 3-4-7-25

Michael Kehoe

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

Next draw 31 Jan 2023 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 10-14-17-23

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Sarah Gallagher Bough, Caoimhe Deering Ballybit, On Line Winners

Peadar Doyle, Knockavagh

On Line Winner

David Deering Knockavagh

Helen Deering

Angela Beckett Woodgrove

Brennan’s Shop

Next draw 31 Jan. 2023 **Jackpot €8,400**

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND

Family Carers Ireland is the national charity supporting the 500,000+ family carers across the country. Our mission is to highlight the contribution of family carers to Irish society and to improve the lives of family carers throughout the country. As a not-for-profit organisation, we support family carers and young carers through the provision of free emergency care planning, counselling, specialised training and education programmes, wellbeing support, crisis management, emergency respite/respite provision, advocacy, peer support groups information on rights and entitlements and many other worthwhile initiatives. We are available to support Kilkenny and Carlow family carers at Unit 1, Springhill Clinic, Waterford Rd, Kilkenny R95 AW26. Contact Danielle Dunne, Support Manager Community on 056-7721424.

RADIO MARIA IRELAND

Totus Tuus Eucharistic Conference 2023 is Live on Radio Maria Ireland from 2pm on Saturday 4th February. Speakers: Fr. Columba Mary Toman OP, Fr. Patrick Cahill O.J.S.S, Fr. Patrick Lagan (Derry Diocese), Maura Murphy (Holy Family Mission). Download The Radio Maria Ireland App, Saorview Channel 210 Live at (01)4373277.

SCOIL NAOMH BRÍD, TALBOTSTOWN

Table Quiz in Germaine’s, Baltinglass on Friday, 24th February. Table of 4 €40.