

## THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

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### *Matthew 3:13-17* The Great Turning

Full of conviction, passion and righteous anger, John the Baptist pleads with people to turn around and 'prepare the way' (3:3). Yet, in today's Gospel we meet a different John. He is surprised to see that Jesus has arrived to be baptized by him and feels unworthy of such a task. Jesus explains to John that this is a necessary signal at the beginning of his ministry, a public statement of identity. It is also more than that. In Jesus' first spoken words in Matthew's Gospel, he says this baptism is 'to fulfil all righteousness', and here we have the central theme of Matthew's Gospel announced. In the Old Testament, 'righteousness' literally means "**right relationship**". It is not solely focused on an individual's repentance but refers to the turning around of God's people, a collective turning towards restoration and justice across the land. Jesus at the Jordan stands with God's people, in solidarity yes, but also in his full human experience, in his living, suffering, dying, and in the making of straighter paths. Jesus is baptized in the Jordan, because he is modelling the way for humanity as we strive for 'righteousness' in our communities and in the complexities that life brings for each of us. We are not short of situations in our world which require people to *turn around* and walk a new path. The environmental crisis is one example, calling the entire human species to wake up and walk an entirely different path in order to ensure a sustainable future for all. This requires a **collective turning**, what authors Joanna Macey and Chris Johnson call '**The Great Turning**'. They describe our current situation as one where we are living through three realities at once: '**Business as Usual**' (measuring progress by economic growth), '**The Great Unravelling**. (the destruction of our only home in order to achieve economic growth), and '**The Great Turning**'. *This Great Turning* is the global awakening, the ecological revolution that is underway and which must be fully embraced if we are to bring healing to our world.

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"In the past, changing the self and changing the world were often regarded as separate endeavours and viewed in either-or terms. But in the story of the Great Turning, they are recognized as mutually reinforcing and essential to one another.

*Joanna Macey & Chris Johnson*

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

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## RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

### NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's  
Talbotstown

St. Patrick's  
Rathvilly

The Assumption  
Tynock

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023

The Baptism of the Lord

**Recent Deaths:** Steven Frazer, Monavothe

John Fitzpatrick, Bennekerry

Esther Woods nee Byrne, Birmingham formerly of Rathvilly

Brendan Owens, Athy brother in law to Bridie Deacon and Lar Corcoran

#### Months Mind Mass:

Larry Byrne, Tynock this Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> January in Talbotstown at 9.30 a.m.

#### ANNIVERSARY MASSES

##### Sat/Sun, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> January

William Smith, Monavothe

Eileen Balfe, Rahill

Peter Smith, St. Patrick's Park

Christina Balfe, Rahill

Thomas & Theresa Agar, Dublin

John Doyle, Dublin

Alice Kelly, Ballyhackett

##### Sat/Sun, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> January

Bill Gahan, 18 Collins Park – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Patrick & Mary McNevin, Raheendaw

Frances Faulkner, Collins Park

#### MASS TIMES FOR NEXT WEEK

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

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

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

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

Mass on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Joe O'Brien.

#### **Church of the Assumption, Tynock**

Mass on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Nigel Byrne.

#### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> January is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. At Mass we will remember all the children baptised during 2022. Families are invited to attend the Mass in Talbotstown at 9.30 am & Rathvilly at 11 am. There will be a special blessing for the children. Baptismal Certificates will be available after Mass.

#### THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Station and Christmas Collection for the Priests of the Parish.

### CONFIRMATION 2023

Special Mass for all Confirmation candidates takes place next weekend 14/15 Jan. Talbotstown & Tynock NS – Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> January at 6 p.m. in Tynock Church. Rathmore & Rathvilly NS – Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> January at 11 a.m. in Rathvilly Church.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Special Mass for all First Holy Communion candidates takes place 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Talbotstown Church at 9.30 a.m. and Rathvilly Church at 11.00 a.m.

### CHRISTMAS CRIB

The Crib will remain open until 2<sup>nd</sup> February, the Feast of the Presentation. All donations will go to the homeless.

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

Results for 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Numbers: 02 – 05 – 06 – 10.

No Jackpot winner of €16,000 25 Match 3s get € 40.00

No local winner this week.

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

On **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January the Jackpot is €17,000.** Tickets €2.

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

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 31<sup>st</sup> Dec & 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2023

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €411.62

Envelopes €435.50

Kiltegan: Offertory €24.55

Envelopes €147.00

### WEEKLY ENVELOPES 2023

Weekly Envelopes Boxes have been distributed to families in the Parish. If you do not receive a box and would like to contribute to our Parish, there are boxes available in the Church or contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your support.

### SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 6 – 17 – 24 – 29

Timmy Kelly, Fr. Cullen Terrace

Peg Kehoe

Tony Kelly, Tankardstown, Tullow

Michael Keogh

Monica Mullen c/o Seller

Martin Curran

Catherine Fenton, Glen of Imaal

Breda Keogh

Ann Sleator, Parkmore, Baltinglass

Breda Keogh

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Peg Kehoe, St. Patrick's Park, Rathvilly.

Next draw 10 Jan 2023 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support

### GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

St.Fiacs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 50 numbers €5250 Double number €1440

Lotto €700 Great prizes, bring a friend.

### THE IRISH CATHOLIC

This week's Special edition remembers the life of the late Pope Emeritus Benedict.

**POPE BENEDICT XVI** born **Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger**; 16 April 1927 – 31 December 2022) was the head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State from 19 April 2005 until his resignation on 28 February 2013. Benedict's election as pope occurred in the 2005 papal conclave that followed the death of Pope John Paul II. Benedict chose to be known as "Pope emeritus" upon his resignation, and he retained this title until his death in 2022.

On 11 February 2013, Benedict announced his resignation, citing a "lack of strength of mind and body" due to his advanced age. His resignation was the first by a pope since Gregory XII in 1415, and the first on a pope's initiative since Celestine V in 1294. He was succeeded by Francis on 13 March 2013 and moved into the newly renovated Mater Ecclesiae Monastery in Vatican City for his retirement.

May he Rest in Peace.

### RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 6-10-15-25

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Robbie Molloy Ricketstown

On Line winner

Amanda Dempsey Bough

On Line winner

Aiden McDermott Ricketstown

On Line winner

Pat Doyle Slaney Bank

Helen Deering

James Brennan Ballyoliver

Eithne Brennan

Next draw 10 Jan 2023 **Jackpot €8,100**

### A MESSAGE FROM AN GARDA SIOCHANA

An Garda Siochana wish to warn people of a doorstep fraud and theft offence which has become prevalent over the last number of weeks.

Elderly People are being targeted at their homes by Criminals who are impersonating Gardaí. The offenders are fraudulently pretending to be plain clothes Gardaí who are checking for dud money. They have duped people all around the country and stolen their cash on the pretence of checking to see if it is genuine money. They are producing false identification to assist the process.

#### Advice:

**An Garda Siochana will never ask people about their finances on the doorstep of their homes and will never ask to check money.**

**Always ask for Identification and do not be afraid to question it. If in doubt politely tell the caller that you want to verify their true identity. If necessary contact your local Garda Station who will be able to establish quickly if the caller is a member of An Garda Siochana.**

**Report any such activity to your local Garda Station even if you have not been the victim of a theft. That report could save a neighbour or someone else close by.**

**Please check on elderly neighbours, family and friends and advise and reassure them.**

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