

Matthew 5:17-37 Love is the key

The Sermon on the Mount continues and today's Gospel starts with Jesus' declaration that he has not come to 'abolish the Law or the Prophets' but to 'fulfil' them. This is an important theme for Matthew. It can be understood in different ways: Jesus is fulfilling, i.e., bringing about that which was promised by the Prophets and the Law, but also Jesus himself *is* the fulfillment. He reveals and is the true and deeper meaning of the Law. Later in the Gospel Jesus identifies love of God and of neighbour as the greatest commandment, saying 'On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets' (Mt 22:40).

Today, we hear several teachings beginning with the formula, 'You have heard that it was said ... but I say to you ...' Jesus is not contradicting the Law but strengthening and intensifying it. Not only should we 'not murder' - as required by the Law - but we are also to avoid anger and insults, which are placed on the same spectrum. Jesus is talking about more than our actions. When we explore this teaching in the context of love, it involves everything from our inner attitude to the way we interact with others, in small situations as well as big. Reconciliation and harmonious relationships are to take priority over worship. In another example, the commandment to 'not commit adultery' reaches beyond outward faithfulness to our inner thoughts, what's in our hearts. Jesus' talk of the tearing out of eyes and cutting off of limbs seems designed to shock his audience, and these words are doubly shocking to the modern listener. We may be familiar with the commandments and rules of a life of faith, but have we engraved them in our hearts? These teachings of Jesus illustrate what he means by 'righteousness'. If love is at the heart of the Law, we will do more than simply obey but endeavour to act with compassion, respect, and self-giving.

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"True love is delicate and kind, full of gentle perception and understanding, full of beauty and grace, full of joy unutterable ... With such a love one would see all things new; we would begin to see people as they really are, as God sees them - *Dorothy Day.*

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

11th & 12th February, 2023

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recent Deaths:

Arthur Norton, Hollywood, husband of Sheila Byrne, New Rd, Ballyoliver.
Noel Farrell, Barraderry, Kiltegan. Requiem Mass on Sunday at 2 p.m. in
Talbotstown Church and Burial afterwards in Tynaclash Cemetery.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 11th & 12th February

Bridie Doyle, Tankardstown

Tommy Kelly, Williamstown

Adrian Byrne, Fr. Cullen Tce.

Jim & Mollie Nolan, Ballyhackett

Christy Gahan, Collins Park

Andrew Smith, London and Coole

Kathleen & George Faulkner, St. Patrick's Park

Vena Doyle, Foxcover

Thomas & Helen Foley, Rathmore and deceased family members

William, Kieran, Thomas & Michael Byrne, Kevin Barry Road

Sat/Sun, 18th & 19th February

Months Mind Mass for Jimmy Kearns, Rathvilly on Saturday, 18th February.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Eithne Condon, Cnoc Mhuire – 1st Anniversary

Helen Smith, St. Patrick's Park – 1st Anniversary

Laurence (Chappie) Byrne, Knockroe

Billy Leonard, Collins Park

Martin Molloy, Rathvilly

Joe Curran, Collins Park

Mary & Mick Byrne, The Moate

John & Ellen Doyle, Portrition, Kiltegan

Denis & Mary Anne Connors, Rathdaniel and deceased family members

Mai & Jack Carson, Ricketstown

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Sat 7.30 pm Sun 11 am.

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 Saturday, 11th February at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Mary Kelly, Feddan.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Mass on Sunday, 19th February at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Siobhan Doyle.

CONFIRMATION 2023

Special Mass for all Confirmation candidates takes place this weekend –
Tynock Church on Saturday, 11th February at 6.00 p.m.
Rathvilly Church on Sunday, 12th February at 11.00 a.m.

COLLECTION FOR SYRIA & TURKEY

Bishop Nulty is requesting that a collection be taken up at all Masses next weekend,
18th and 19th of February, for the people of Syria and Turkey.

There is an immediate and urgent need for humanitarian aid in this region, your
support is greatly appreciated. Baskets will be circulated after Holy Communion.

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

Results for 8th February, 2023 Numbers: 02 – 15 – 22 – 26.

No Jackpot winner of €13,000. 9 Match 3s get €112. One local winner this week.
Winner - Zoe & Ben Patterson. Promoter – Breda Reilly.

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

On **Wednesday, 15th February the Jackpot is €14,000.** Tickets €2.

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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 4th & 5th February, 2023

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €286.53

Envelopes €860.30

Kiltegan: Offertory €156.40

Envelopes €253.00

RATHVILLY NATIONAL SCHOOL - Draw Results – Week 5

€100 – Emma Sutton.

Promoter – Robyn Kelly.

€50 - Amy Curran.

Promoter – Harry Curran.

€20 - Paul Condrón.

Promoter – Seán Condrón.

€20 - Rían Nolan.

Promoter – Odhrán Nolan.

Promoters Prize €20 – Tom Bolger.

Draw Results – Week 6

€100 – Maria Byrne.

Promoter – Lottie Kelly.

€50 - Lucky Byrne.

Promoter – Jade Byrne.

€20 - Delemare Family.

Promoter – Jade Byrne.

€20 - Mossie Keane.

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Promoters Prize €20 – Fionn Farrell.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 2-18-22-26

Match 3 win or share €150

Robyn & Ruby Kelly Tullow 2-7-18-22

Paul Kelly

Next draw 14 Feb. 2023

Jackpot €8,600

SCOIL NAOMH BRÍD, TALBOTSTOWN

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

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 5 - 9 - 16 - 30

John Duffy, Fr. Flood Avenue, Rathvilly 9-14-16-30

Online Winner

Ben and Josh Blackburn, Knocklishen 5-7-16-30

Jenny Donegan

Kevin Byrne, Woodgrove Avenue 5-9-15-16

Kevin Byrne

Bridget Pendergast, Baltinglass 5-9-13-16

Breda Keogh

Maeve Plant, Parkmore, Baltinglass 5-9-27-30

Breda Keogh

Shep and Monty c/o Talk Of The Town, Kiltegan 5-7-9-16

Fergal Harmon

Bill Byrne, Rathvilly 5-9-11-16

Clive Byrne

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Anthony Byrne, Woodgrove Avenue

Next draw 14 Feb. 2023 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support.

Golden Goal Fundraiser Result (5)

Premier- Arsenal v Man Utd - the winning minute was the 17th.

Winner of €60 was Patrick Horan, Slaney U12's.

Golden Goal Fundraiser Result- (6)

Premier - Brighton v Liverpool - the winning minute was the 30th.

Winner of €60 was Anthony Byrne, Woodgrove Avenue, Rathvilly.

ST. PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, KILTEGAN

Staff Nurse Vacancies: 1. Permanent – 26 hours/week

2. Fixed Term – to August 2023 (earliest) 3. Relief position.

With new and exciting developments ahead, St. Patrick's Missionary Society is
looking for a number of Staff Nurses for its Caring Services for retired missionary
priests in the beautiful countryside of Kiltegan. The new nurses will be part of the
evolving operational team with the goal of providing evidence-based care within an
expanding service. See our website for the full advertisement.

Applications should be made via email attaching a CV and cover letter to Maebh
Doran, Director of Care, at directorofcare@spms.ie

Association of Catholics in Ireland Zoom meeting "Turn away from sin – repent and believe in the Gospel." What does this mean for us in 2023?

ZOOM - 16th Feb 2023 - 8.00 pm

To hear the archbishop and participate in the discussion that follows, why not join
us on Thursday 16th February, by clicking the link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9924186865?pwd=ZjZpWHpkT11BdElyTHc3T0N4SXgwUT09> Meeting ID: 992 418 6865 Passcode: 123456

BE KIND 2 YOUR MIND

The Be Kind 2 Your Mind programme starts in Carlow on Thursday 2nd March.

Running for 5 weeks in the Talbot Hotel, Carlow. The Be Kind 2 Your Mind

programme is for teens and their parents and focuses on managing anxiety,
emotional regulation and building confidence. For more information or to book

your place call or text Aisling on 087 791 0560 or email info@bekind2yourmind.ie.

More information including dates for half-day workshops can be found
at www.bekind2yourmind.ie