

**Matthew 5:13-16 People of Light**

The hymn 'This Little Light of Mine' was written as a gospel song for children in the 1920s. It later became an anthem for the Civil Rights Movement in the US in the 1960s. It's associated in particular with Fannie Lou Hamer, a Civil Rights activist who dedicated her life to the struggle for Black voting rights and against racial segregation and injustice. Hamer was threatened, arrested, beaten and shot at, yet was not deterred from her cause. Her most famous saying - "I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired" - shone a light on the plight of the Black community. Hamer was a powerful singer whose favorite song was. 'This Little Light of Mine'. The song came to signify hope in the fight for equal rights and freedom.

The lyrics are based on the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus instructs his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth. . . You are the light of the world." The 'salt and light' sayings point outwards to their mission in the world. Salt must hold its taste in order to season, and a lamp must be lit in order to shine. Jesus is preparing the disciples to go out, to shine brightly and so to glorify God. What is this light? Some might call it the 'divine spark', God's presence in us. We recognise this light in the shining example of how one person or group can change the world. Without the efforts of Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parkes, Martin Luther King Jr., and all who were part of the Civil Right Movement, our world would be a different place. These 'salt of the earth' people brought light to many. The fight for justice continues today in those who lift up their voices to ensure people are treated fairly. People of light sit with those in darkness, in pain or who are persecuted. They challenge unfair systems. It can be tempting for people of light to become disheartened. But they carry on, bringing about change, however slowly, shining light in the darkness.

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"Sometimes it seems like to tell the truth is to run the risk of being killed. But if I fail, I'll fall five feet four inches forward in the fight for freedom. I'm not backing off.

*Fannie Lou Hamer*

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**RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

**NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's  
Talbotstown**

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2023**

**St. Patrick's  
Rathvilly**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Assumption  
Tynock**

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

**Sat/Sun, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> February**

Agnes Byrne, Garretstown – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Canice Donnelly, Broughillstown

Tomás José Salas Norris – 1st Anniversary

Matt & Bridget O'Toole, Slaney View

Philip Kavanagh, Broughillstown

Thomas Cassells, Ricketstown

John Swayne, Rathvilly

**Sat/Sun, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 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

**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY**

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

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February – Mass at 9.00 a.m.**

**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> February – Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – Mass at 11 a.m.**

**EUCHARISTIC 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, 5<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Breedh Murphy.

**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK**

Mass on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Mary Kelly, Feddan.

**CHRISTMAS CRIB**

Thank you to all who gave donations to the Crib. A total of €989.00 was raised for the homeless – Thank you.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023**

Special Mass for all First Holy Communion candidates takes place 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Talbotstown Church at 9.30 a.m. and Rathvilly Church at 11.00 a.m.

**CONFIRMATION 2023**

Special Mass for all Confirmation candidates takes place next weekend –

Tynock Church on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00 p.m.

Rathvilly Church on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00 a.m.

### **PLGRIMAGE 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 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.marian.ie)

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

Results for 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2023 Numbers: 01 – 12 – 17 – 23.  
No Jackpot winner of €12,000. 20 Match 3s get €50. No local winner this week. The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise. On **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February the Jackpot is €13,000.** Tickets €2.  
Thank you for your support throughout the year. Full results on our website.

### **WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections.  
Rathvilly: Offertory €337.08 Envelopes €338.60  
Kiltegan: Offertory €263.22 Envelopes €152.00

### **RATHVILLY NATIONAL SCHOOL - Draw Results – Week 3**

€100 – Liam McLoughlin. Promoter – Evan McLoughlin.  
€50 - Tony Bolger. Promoter – Tom Bolger  
€20 - Daisy-Mae Simpson. Promoter – Annabelle Simpson.  
€20 - Éabha & Clíodhna Hennessy. Promoter – Isla Hennessy.  
Promoters Prize €20 – Annabelle Simpson.

### **Draw Results – Week 4**

€100 – Saoirse Gibbons. Promoter – Saoirse Gibbons.  
€50 - Cody Byrne. Promoter – Cody Byrne.  
€20 - Andy Healy. Promoter – Ted Healy.  
€20 - Harry McMorris. Promoter – Harry McMorris.  
Promoters Prize €20 – Lauren Kehoe.

### **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.

### **BALLON BTS**

Say Hello to Zero Waste Cooking – Make the most out of your ingredients. Starting on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2 – 4.30 p.m. €75 for 5 weeks. To book a place – contact 059 9159447.

### **BOOK FAIR, CARLOW COLLEGE ST PARICK'S**

Carlow College, St Patrick's Book Fair returns after three years. This highly enjoyable one-day event which has always attracted large numbers takes place on the broad corridors of the College from 10am to 5pm on Wednesday, 8 February. All welcome. The College's librarians are busy preparing surplus stock which they wish to sell at reasonable prices. Second hand and antiquarian book sellers are welcome. Contact Dr Thomas Mc Grath at Carlow College: email [vpacademic@carlowcollege.ie](mailto:vpacademic@carlowcollege.ie)

### **SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.**

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 4 – 13 – 18 – 20  
There were two match three winners, who shared €150:  
Kevin Donegan, 28 Collins Park 4-8-13-20 Jenny Donegan  
Donie O'Reilly, Collins Park 4-9-18-20 Michael Kehoe  
Promoter's prize €20 was won by Daniel O'Brien  
Next draw 7 Feb. 2023 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support

### **RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB**

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 17-19-21-29  
Match 3 win or share €150  
Angela Lordan Woodgrove 1-17-19-29 On Line winner  
Next draw 7 Feb. 2023  
**Jackpot € 8,500** Thank you for your continued support.

### **SCOIL NAOMH BRÍD, TALBOTSTOWN**

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

### **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](mailto:directorofcare@spms.ie) by 8<sup>th</sup> February at 5 p.m.

### **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=ZjZpWHpkT1lBdElyTHc3T0N4SXgwUT09> Meeting ID: 992 418 6865 Passcode: 123456