

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

John 4:5-42

Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne
Partners in mission

The lengthy dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman is one of the most intriguing encounters of the Gospels. The woman is aware of the cultural barriers being crossed. ‘How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?’ she asks. Jesus makes a request of her before he offers her anything, implying a level of equality; the woman is an active rather than passive participant in his ministry. They develop a rapport, discussing ‘living water’, the differences between their religious customs, and the promise of the Messiah. As they walk, the woman moves from calling Jesus ‘a Jew’ to addressing him as ‘Sir’, then to recognise him as a ‘prophet’, and finally to announcing him to others as ‘Messiah’. As their connection deepens, she grows in understanding, and the testimony is authentic and convincing. Soon, others are drawn to him.

The encounter breaks religious and social taboos, but Jesus casually engages the woman in conversation as if it’s the most natural thing in the world. He recognises her as an individual with a life story and a context of her own. There is intimacy in this encounter. She is deeply affected by his openness and his teaching, and becomes a crucial witness. Jesus uses the metaphor of the harvest to indicate his mission that includes the Samaritans. The time of the harvest has come, he tells his disciples, and this woman represents that movement outwards. What is beautiful about today’s Gospel is the way Jesus goes about winning hearts: meeting the woman where she is, transcending boundaries, listening and allowing space for questions and debate. It’s a more gentle model for Lent than we might be used to.

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“This woman is a partner first in conversation, then in mission. The story liberates women for discipleship. It should be read as one of the great missionary texts of the church. . The woman does not wait for permission. She is the bearer of good news and she will proclaim it. *Anne Thurston*

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid’s
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick’s
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

11th & 12th March, 2023

3rd Sunday of Lent

Recent Deaths: Patsy Power, Barryderry West, Kiltegan
Joe Gahan, Paulville House
Fr. Norbert Reid, St. Patrick’s Missionary Society, Kiltegan

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 11th & 12th March

Hilda Nolan, Collins Park
Mick & Dan Abbott, Ballyoliver & deceased family members
Paddy Doyle, Foxcover
James & Elizabeth Dowling, Knocklishen
William Smith, Coole
John Byrne, Collins Park
Peter Byrne, Collins Park
May Kelly, Knockboy
Tom McCall, Bough

Sat/Sun, 18th & 19th March

Maura & Seamus Tobin, Dublin
Larry Byrne, Maplestown
John Foley, Bough
Michael & Madeline Curran, St. Patrick’s Park
Martin & Mary Curran, Ballybit
Nolan Family, Baltinglass
Cummins Family, Ballintraire
Dr. Elizabeth Harpur, Rathvilly
Dr. Fergus Kirk, Rathvilly
Dr. Patricia Horne, Dublin
John Treacy, Ballintraire
Seamus Cummins Ballon
Mary Tustain, Kevin Barry Road
Shaun Leonard, Rahill

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.
Thursday, 16th March – Vigil Mass for St. Patrick’s Day at 7.30 p.m.
Friday, 17th March – St. Patrick’s Day – Mass at 11.00 a.m.
There will be no Stations of the Cross on Friday, 17th March.

EUCHARISTIC 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, 12th March at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Nigel Byrne.
St. Patrick’s Day, 17th March – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Lucilla Brophy.

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Mass on Saturday, 18th March at 6.00 p.m. Reader: Joe O’Brien.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration Presentation will be given at weekend Masses of 25th and 26th March. Can you see yourself sparing one hour in the week to sit still, to pray and to rest with Jesus?

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

Results for 8th March, 2023 Numbers: 05 – 24 – 25 – 28.

No Jackpot winner of €11,000. 7 match 3s get €143 each – No local winner.

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

On Wednesday, 15th March the Jackpot is €12,000. Tickets €2.

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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 4th & 5th March, 2023

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €421.98

Envelopes €815.32

Kiltegan: Offertory €351.11

Envelopes €405.77

TRÓCAIRE – 50 years – 1973 - 2023

The remarkable women of Trócaire who fight for a just world -

This year, as we mark our 50th anniversary, we in Trócaire acknowledge **50 remarkable women** who over the past five decades we have had the privilege to work with and learn from. But this list extends way beyond 50. Trócaire has worked with and supported millions of remarkable women in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America in their fight to secure a better life; to protect themselves and their children; to have their voices heard and to claim their fundamental rights. I have been inspired by, and in awe of, the ability of women in extremely difficult and often seemingly impossible situations to find the strength to keep going, to persevere, to find solutions and to overcome.

You can help them build a better future this Lent. Trócaire Boxes in the Church.

THE CELTIC TENORS

The St. Tegan's Hall Committee are delighted to announce the return of The Celtic Tenors to St. Tegan's Hall, Kiltegan on Friday, 28th April at 8 p.m.

Tickets available at 059 6473143. We are fortunate to be offered a performance by these internationally acclaimed artists. A wonderful night is assured.

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND'S

March 2023 support group meetings for carers will take place as follows:

Carlow Carers Support Group meeting on Tuesday, 21st March from 11am to 1pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre.

Please contact the Family Carers Ireland Kilkenny/Carlow office on 056 7721424 with any queries. Looking forward to meeting new and old friends.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, Rathvilly/Kiltegan - 083 1494412

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER – available in Rathvilly Church each week - €2.50

Some of the articles covered in this week's edition of the Irish Catholic –

Dioceses succeed in making multi-million euro Covid claim

All 26 Irish dioceses have now been awarded or are in the process of finalising Covid-19 insurance claims arising out of a loss of vital weekly donations when parishes were ordered to shut by the Government during the pandemic. The Irish Catholic understands that a number of dioceses, including Ferns, Cork and Ross and Cloyne...

For 2020 Rathvilly Kiltegan Parish received €2,608.00.

Catholic homeless advocates condemn plans to lift eviction ban

Catholic campaigners and charities have been critical of Government plans to end the ban on evictions at the end of this month. Speaking Monday night on Upfront with Katie Hannon, veteran advocate for the homeless Fr Peter McVerry said he's increasingly coming to see the Government as being on the side of "the owners of..."

Dana set to launch new St Patrick song in Downpatrick

Famed singer and Eurovision winner Dana Rosemary Scallan is set to release a new song this month in honour of St Patrick at The Saint Patrick Centre in Downpatrick. Written and recorded by Dana, Light The Fire recalls how St Patrick defiantly lit the flame on the Hill at Slane in 433AD. Speaking about the...

SILVER SCREENINGS

The IMC cinema, Fairgreen, Carlow are running a weekly over 60's club on Thursdays @1.30pm. Latest releases, reduced volume, raised lighting and special rate of €7.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 8-15-20-28

Match 3 win or share €150

Mary Donegan Mountneill 1-15-20-28

Mick Kehoe

Next draw 14 March 2023 **Jackpot €9,000**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 1 – 5 – 18 – 19

Kelsey Purcell, Tuckmill, Baltinglass 1-12-18-19

Online Winner

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Brian Curran, Woodgrove Avenue, Rathvilly.

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

Golden Goal Fundraiser Result- Premier League: Liverpool v Man Utd. - the winning minute was 43rd. The winner of €60 was Elaine O'Brien, Fr. Cullen Tee.

TAI CHI FOR HEALTH AND VITALITY

4-week course starts Wed. 15th March 2023 7.30-9pm in Talbot Hotel, Carlow

CHI KUNG AND MEDITATION

4-week course starts Thursday 16th March 2023 7.30-9pm in Talbot Hotel, Carlow

For info and to book contact Rosaleen Fadden by text 086 0789241 or email info@taichinandwellnessacademy.com.

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO on Tuesday 14th March St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm.

Over €12,700 in prizemoney!! Jackpot on 50 numbers €6420

Double number €2070 Lotto €1150 Great prizes, bring a friend.