

## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne

*John 11:1-45* 'I am going there to awaken him'

In today's dramatic narrative we read how Jesus is surrounded by a culture of death. His disciples are afraid to go back to Bethany because Jesus' opponents want to stone him to death, Mary and Martha are distraught over the death of their brother, and Lazarus himself lies bound in the darkness of the tomb. It appears as if there is no hope as even Jesus weeps, sharing in this grief and distress as he stands before the tomb of Lazarus. If Lazarus represents anything, he represents all humanity, and the tomb holds all of the situations of death in our world: grief, poverty, heartache, war, injustice, despair, brokenness.

In our own lives feelings of anxiety, resentment and worry can imprison us. The good news is we do not have to live in despair. The story of Lazarus invites all of us to resurrection in the here and now! Jesus calls us out of the tomb and into the fullness of life, to experience the consolation of God's love and peace today, not somewhere far off in the future. It is often easier to remain in the tomb, and tell ourselves, 'This will do', but Jesus wants more for us and says, 'Lazarus, come forth.' To the people Jesus demands, 'Unbind him, let him go', and then, 'They took away the stone.' In this story of liberation, we are given a new insight into the power of faith and love. During Lent, this is a message for us all to turn away from a culture of death, to help unbind one another and to allow ourselves and others to emerge into the light. To be saved in this sense is to be made well, to experience restoration. In the global sense it means acknowledging that 'Injustice is not invincible' (*Laudato Si'*, 74). At the heart of this story is the fact that love can conquer all, even death and despair. We can all share in this risen life, in love and peace, today, Jesus comes so that we may live life to the full (*Jn 10:10*).

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"In confronting the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus confronts every culture of death throughout history, including our own. Here marks the end of greed, poverty, executions, nuclear weapons, environmental destruction, and every injustice. And it falls to us, following the example of the non-violent Jesus, to carry on the work until it is fulfilled. - John Dear

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## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's  
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's  
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption  
Tynock**

**25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2023**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Recent Death:** John Lennon Jnr., Graiguecullen, Carlow

#### **ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

**Sat/Sun, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March**

**Months Mind Mass** for Peter Reilly, Kevin Barry Road this Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March

Terry Redmond, Delacy Abbey

Kathleen Curry, Ballybit

Eileen Doyle, Lisnavagh

Susan Kavanagh, Ballybit

Liam Hayes, Dublin

**Sat/Sun, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Paddy Byrne, Garretstown

Rita Conway, Straboe

Daniel Lawlor, Fr. Cullen Tce.

Christine Donovan, Rathdangan

Bridget Cassells, Ricketstown

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

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

**There will be Stations of the Cross on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00 p.m.**

**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**

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Muireann Gartland.

#### **ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN**

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 9.30 a.m.

Readers: Fiona Kane, Mary Kelly & Joe O'Brien.

#### **CONFIRMATION 2023**

Special Mass for all Confirmation candidates takes place next weekend –

Talbotstown Church on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 9.30 a.m.

Rathvilly Church on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 11.00 a.m.

#### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Adoration Presentation will be given at this weekend Masses of 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

March. Can you see yourself sparing one hour in the week to sit still, to pray and to rest with Jesus?

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

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of the late Peter Reilly, Kevin Barry Road wish to thank all those who sympathised with them, those who sent Mass Cards and Sympathy Cards, Flowers and all who attended the Funeral. Thanks to Msgr John McEvoy and Deacon Liam Dunne and Catherine & Breda for the lovely music. Thanks also to John Halligan for the professional way he conducted the Funeral.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for their Intentions.

## PLANNING FOR HOLY WEEK FOR RATHVILLY CHURCH

A Meeting takes place on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room for Church Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and anyone who would like to help with the Easter Ceremonies.

## EASTER PENANCE CEREMONIES

Baltinglass on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30 p.m.

Rathvilly on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m.

## Dates for your Diary:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass** for Bishop Moriarty will be celebrated this Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow.
- **Chrism Mass** - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Cathedral of the Assumption, 7.30pm.

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

Results for 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2023 Numbers: 04 – 10 – 22 – 32.

No Jackpot winner of €13,000. 14 match 3s get €72each – One local winner.

Winner - Breda Osborne. Promoter - Maria Doyle.

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

On **Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March** the **Jackpot is €14,000**. Tickets €2.

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

## WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €361.23

Envelopes €487.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €126.43

Envelopes €244.00

Easter Stations are due at this time.

## 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, 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

## RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 2-9-10-12

Match 3 win or share €150

Bridget Kehoe Ladystown 2-9-12-14

On Line winner.

Next draw 28 March 2023 **Jackpot €9,200**

## LOUGH DERG – 2023 Pilgrimage Season

**Three Day Pilgrimage** – 1<sup>st</sup> June – 15<sup>th</sup> August

**One Day Retreat** – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>.

August 19<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Residential Retreat** – Sun 11<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> June & Sun 6<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> August.

**Lakeshore Pilgrimage** – Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May & Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**Quiet Day** – Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> May & Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Full details from [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org) or phone 071 9861518

## SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 6 – 12 – 14 – 15

Fiona Kelly, Woodgrove Avenue 12-14-15-26

Brian Curran

Darragh Tallon, Mountkelly 6-12-13-15

Online Winner

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Clive Byrne, Fr. Cullen Terrace, Rathvilly.

Next draw 28 March. 2023 **Jackpot €20,000**. Thank you for all your support.

**Seniors Clinch Runners-Up Spot**- In the last league game of the season, the seniors travelled to Dolmen Celtic, needing a win to secure runners-up spot. The home side dominated the early stages and they had numerous opportunities to take an early lead but they couldn't find a way past Colin Byrne in the Slaney goal. Out of nothing, Owen Coleman put an exquisite shot into the corner on 20 minutes, with the home side equalising before half-time. After the break Dolmen took the lead, before Peter Keogh headed home a Daniel O'Brien free-kick to equalise on 50 minutes. With 13 minutes left, an accurate corner from Daniel found Fergal Donegan at the back post, who headed home for full points and runners-up in the league. Well done to all.

## NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Calling All Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament in this Diocese, the National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April (2<sup>nd</sup> wk after Easter) and all are welcome. Contact the relevant people for bus enquiries from these area's Tullow, Carlow - Phone Brendan 0876537753, Ballylinan, Stradbally, Portlaoise - Phone Margaret 0879793005 Full Details [www.eucharisticadoration.ie](http://www.eucharisticadoration.ie)

## RATHVILLY COMMUNITY ALERT - CARE UNITS

We would be grateful if families/relatives of people who received care units for them and no longer need them could please return them to me for re-use with another person. I can be contacted by phone on 059 9161313, or text me at 086 3434636, and I will be able to advise you on arrangements for collection or a point where you can leave the unit for me. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

## COUNTY CARLOW ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK (CCEN) FREE EVENT.

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, County Carlow Environmental Network (CCEN) is showing the film The Letter: A message for our Earth in An Gairdín Beo, Carlow town. Starting with pizza at 5.30pm and film showing at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome but booking is required. Email: [info@ccen.ie](mailto:info@ccen.ie) if any questions. [www.eventbrite.com/e/the-letter-a-message-for-our-earth-tickets-587430138357](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-letter-a-message-for-our-earth-tickets-587430138357)