

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne

*Matthew 17:1-9* “It is good for us to be here”

Today’s Gospel describes an overwhelming experience for three of the disciples, Peter, James and John – Jesus’ ‘inner circle’. Jesus has been talking about his impending death and resurrection and about the challenges of discipleship (Mt 16:13 –27). It’s an intense chapter in their friendship with Jesus, and now they have an opportunity for time alone with him. Mountains are important locations in Matthew’s Gospel, associated with divine revelation, places where heaven touches earth. The trio realise there is something deeper going on as Jesus is transformed before their eyes. The presence of Moses (representing the Law) and Elijah (representing the Prophets) invites parallels between these figures and Jesus, who fulfils both the Law and the Prophets.

“It is good for us to be here.” These words of Peter recognise the enormity of the moment. Life is full of opportunities to acknowledge and appreciate the presence of God and others. ‘It’s great to see you.’ ‘Thanks for coming.’ We pause with gratitude when we welcome a loved one, particularly if we haven’t seen them for a while. Think of the joyful reunions after the COVID-19 pandemic had abated, and we could visit and hug our loved ones again. How often do we take a moment with God to simply say, ‘Here I am’? Lent gives us that opportunity to press pause and come into the presence of God.

Every moment holds the gift of God’s presence. Sometimes this is referred to as the ‘sacrament of the present moment’, a realisation that God is not ‘out there’ but here and now, in this time and place. We encounter God in both the extraordinary and ordinary moments of life. In times of laughter and joy, when we delight in our loved ones, God is to be found. In times of rest and reflection, God is within. So, while we might not identify with the disciples’ experience of the Transfiguration Jesus, if we are attentive to the present moment, we may just find that our world is ablaze with divine love.

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“Too often we are not present to the beauty, love, and grace that brim within the ordinary moments of our lives . . . The secret to prayer is not to try to make God present, but to make ourselves present to God. - Ron Rolheiser

*Silent is an anagram of listen*

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## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid’s  
Talbotstown**

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

**St. Patrick’s  
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption  
Tynock**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Recent Death:** Mary B. Ploog, nee Byrne, Dublin and formerly Rathvilly.

**Months Mind Mass** for Vera Lawlor, Rathvilly this Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m.

**Months Mind Mass** for Noel Farrell, Barraderry this Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March in Talbotstown Church at 9.30 a.m.

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES

#### Sat/Sun, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> March

Jim Smith, London and formerly Coole – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Joseph O’Brien, Knocklishen

Joseph & Rose Byrne, Knockroe

James O’Toole, Bough

Joseph Byrne, Jnr., Knockroe

Anne Byrne, Knocklishen

Laurence (Chappie) Byrne, Knockroe

Bill & Sinead Darcy, Phelan Street

Nan & Jim Kennedy, St. Patrick’s Park

Peter Carroll, Knocklishen and deceased family members

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

### ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March** – Mass at 10.00 a.m. in the Main Church.

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March** – Stations of the Cross 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.

### ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Mass on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Fiona Kane.

### CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Mass on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Nigel Byrne.

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

Results for 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 Numbers: 05 – 07 – 14 – 32.  
No Jackpot winner of €10,000. 11 Match 3s get €91.00 One local winner this week.  
Winner - Paddy Deering. Promoter – Kitty Kennedy.  
The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.  
On **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March the Jackpot is €11,000.** Tickets €2.  
Thank you for your support throughout the year. Full results on our website.

### **WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2023**

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections.  
Rathvilly: Offertory €234.69 Envelopes €524.70  
Kiltegan: Offertory €100.70 Envelopes €318.50

### **TRÓCAIRE – 50 years – 1973 - 2023**

From 2011-2021, Trócaire worked to improve customary land rights in Uganda, and from **2020-2021** led a coalition of five Ugandan civil society collectives to implement a joint **citizen monitoring and advocacy** strategy with the aim of improving customary land tenure for women and men.  
You can help them build a better future this Lent. Trócaire Boxes in the Church.

### **ACCORD MARRIAGE PREPARATION FACILITATORS**

Accord is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation facilitators. Marriage facilitators are part of a team that prepare couples for the sacrament of marriage. Couples find our courses fun, engaging and very relevant, while facilitators gain valuable life skills. If you are interested, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) for more information.

**JOB VACANCY** – Mt St Anne's Conference and Retreat Centre, Killenard  
Operations Manager - Mount St Anne's is looking for a dynamic and experienced person to join our Team at this busy Centre. For detailed job description, please email [ceo@mountstannes.com](mailto:ceo@mountstannes.com) Closing date for Applications (CV and letter of application): Monday March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9am  
For information about the Centre visit our website: [www.mountstannes.com](http://www.mountstannes.com)

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

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 9-16-17-20  
Match 3 win or share €150  
Lena Smith Haroldstown 9-16-17-24 On Line winner  
Mark Doyle Collins Pk. 2-9-17-20 On Line winner  
Next draw 7 March 2023 **Jackpot € 8,900**

### **PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

Askea, Bennekerry and Tinryland parishes are travelling to Lourdes for 5 nights on 21 August 2023, spiritual director Fr Tommy Dillon. For more details contact Askea Parish Office 059-9142565 or Tullys Travel Carlow, 059-9136100.

### **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 –  
**IRELAND WELCOMES NEWLY APPOINTED PAPAL NUNCIO** –  
Pope Francis appointed a new papal nuncio to Ireland over the weekend, following the previous nuncio's posting to Czechia last year. Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor was the papal nuncio to Columbia but will now take the diplomatic reins in Ireland. He succeeds Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo who appointed 12 bishops in his five-year term. Archbishop Montemayor...

**GOVT DEMANDS THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF NICARAGUAN BISHOP**  
Tánaiste Micheál Martin has called for the “immediate and unconditional” release of a Nicaraguan bishop who was sentenced to 26 years' imprisonment after refusing to leave the country for exile insisting he wanted to be with his people. Mr Martin said he was “gravely concerned” about Bishop Rolando Álvarez (56) and the wider crackdown in...

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

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 1 – 3 – 11 – 16  
Christy Connors, 28 Collins Park, Rathvilly 1-11-16-20 Jenny Donegan  
Promoter's prize €20 was won by Brian Curran, Woodgrove Avenue, Rathvilly.  
Next draw 7 March. 2023 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support.  
**[10] Golden Goal Fundraiser Result:** League Cup Final, Man Utd. v Newcastle  
- the winning minute was 33<sup>rd</sup> and the winner of €60 was Bob Barrett, which was sold by Will Darcy.

**ST. PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, KILTEGAN** have the following vacancies and invite interested applicants to email their applications to [hrmanager@spms.ie](mailto:hrmanager@spms.ie). Staff Nurse vacancies consisting of 1. Fixed Term Contract 2. Relief position. 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) before 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2023.

**Sli an Chroi and Animator.** This is a two-year contract at 39 hours per week. The purpose of the role is to work with the society on the development and day to day management of the retreat centre, ensuring that it is a place of welcome and conducive to personal welcome and human development. For a detailed job description please contact Dearbhail McKee, HR Manager on 059 6484434. Closing date for receipt of application is close of business on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

### **PILGRIMAGE - Holy Land Christmas 2023 Ex Dublin**

Taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Last Supper Room, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives with full day in Bethlehem on Christmas Day. Payment can be made by instalments  
Contact James Treacy 061-921470 [jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com](mailto:jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com)

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