

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

**John 1:35-42 “Come and see”**

In today's extract from John's Gospel, we hear how Jesus invites his friends to 'come and see'. The invitation arises from a short exchange with two of John's disciples who have begun to follow Jesus. 'What are you looking for?' Jesus asks, and their response is simple: 'Rabbi, where are you staying?' Rather than telling them, Jesus extends a hand a friendship and welcome, and the disciples stay with him in his home for the day. They would have talked and listened, eaten and drunk with him, all of the building blocks of friendship. Jesus' invitation is intimate. He wants his friends to spend time with him and get to know him. This precious time with Jesus is life-changing, laying the foundation for a lifetime of discipleship.

We might remember as children being invited to visit a friend's home. It was always a big step in cementing a friendship and getting to know someone on a deeper level. Our close friends always have a warm welcome for us; it can be lovely to visit a longtime friend after they've moved house, to see how that person's character and hospitality transfer into a new space, just because of the person who inhabits it. Today, we hear the call of Jesus to 'come and see'. To all who seek him, he is ready and waiting for us to spend time with him, learn from him, receive his gift of friendship and love. As we reflect on the inviting love of Jesus, we are encouraged to extend a warm welcome to others in a spirit of friendship. Pope Francis has often spoken of our responsibility as individuals, communities, and Church, to welcome everyone – including those who are homeless or who have been forced to leave their home or country. One example of this is the generosity of those who have opened up their homes to people fleeing war. Our welcome to others is a response to the call of Jesus to love the other, the stranger, as ourselves.

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'Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age. ---  
*Pope Francis*

### **VOLUNTEERS INVITED TO HELP IN THE PARISH**

Church Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Baptism Team, etc.  
If you feel that you can help, please contact the Parish Office – 059 9161114.

### **ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO**

**[www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam](http://www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam) Radio 104.3 fm**

**Parish Office – Mon-Fri: 10 am – 1 pm - 059 9161114**

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## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's  
Talbotstown**

**Sat/Sun, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**

**St. Patrick's  
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption  
Tynock**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Recent Deaths:** Fr Eddie Lalor, St. Patrick's Kiltegan & Raheen, Co. Laois  
Mary Windley formerly Kevin Barry Road who died on 28<sup>th</sup> December

**Months Mind Mass** for George Byrne, The Moate this Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> January

#### **ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

##### **Sat/Sun, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> January**

Patrick & Mary McNevin, Raheendaw

Frances Faulkner, Collins Park

Tom & Maureen Flinter, Ballyraggan

##### **Sat/Sun, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> January**

**Months Mind Mass** for Kevin Barry, Tombeagh on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January at 11 a.m.

#### **ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

James Kearns, Rathvilly – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Vera Lawlor, Rathvilly – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Christopher Lawlor, Rathvilly

Kathleen Doyle, Bough

Mike Kane, Bough

Joe & Sheila Kirwan, Mount Kelly

John St. Ledger, Waterstown

William Gahan, 18 Collins Park & deceased family members

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

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

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** – Adoration each Friday from 3.00 – 6.00 p.m. Please note change of time.

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

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> January – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Siobhan Doyle.

### **CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK**

Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Mary Byrne.

### **WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> January**

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €367.67

Envelopes €432.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €97.40

Envelopes €170.00

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

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

Results for 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €14,000.

Numbers: 08 – 10 – 20 – 22. 11 Match 3 numbers and get €91.00 each.

Two local winners matched three numbers –

Winner - Elaine McKenna. Promoter – Thomas Donovan.

Winner – Brian Byrne. Promoter – Trish Leonard.

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

On **Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January the Jackpot is €15,000.** Tickets €2.

### **CATHEDRAL EVENING PRAYER FOR ST BRIGID**

February 1st marks the opening of a national year commemorating St Brigid, patron of our diocese and secondary patron of Ireland, 1500 years since her death. Bishop Denis invites people from across the diocese to join him for a special evening prayer in the Cathedral of the Assumption on February 1st at 7:30 pm. Music will be led by Fr Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir.

### **RATHMORE NS**

Enrolment for new pupils into Junior Infants in Rathmore NS is now open.

Applications will be accepted until January 26th 2024. The Admissions Notice, Enrolment Policy and Application Forms are available from the school website (<https://rathmorens.webador.ie>) or by contacting the school office on 0599161375 or rathmorens.ias@gmail.com

### **QUIZ NIGHT IN AID OF RATHMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL**

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> January in Lawlor's Rathvilly at 7 p.m. Team of 4 €40.

Prizes and Raffle. Light refreshments on the night.

Contact Emma 085 1419446 or Ciera 087 2986013

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

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 6-12-15-29

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Brendan Murphy Slaney Bank, Rachel Sibbald Knockroe & Lena Smith Haroldstown – All online winners

Peg Doyle Kill - Ed. Brennan Scott Kelly Fr. Cullen Tce. - Paul Kelly

Next draw 16 January, 2024 **Jackpot €6,200**

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

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 7 - 19 - 23 - 29

Noel Ryan, Knockroe 3-7-19-23

Online Winner

Paula Cummins, 5 Slaney Bank 5-7-23-29

Michael Kehoe

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Martin Curran, Fr. Cullen Terrace

Next draw 16<sup>th</sup>. January 2024 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support.

### **CARLOW HISTORICAL & ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

Presents 'Rathvilly – A Journey Through Time' A lecture by Turtle Bunbury on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January at 8.00 p.m. in Lawlors Pub. All welcome.

### **RATHVILLY TIDY TOWNS EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

to fill the roles of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary

Due for the need of a new Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary prior to the next AGM (usually held in April), I am calling an Extraordinary General Meeting to have these positions fulfilled in time for the 2024 Tidy Towns Competition.

For the past 6 years we have enjoyed being representatives of the community and providing the benefits to the village that we can all be proud of. However, due to other commitments it is time to pass on the reigns to other Rathvilliers.

It is therefore imperative that the community in Rathvilly come and support us at this time and volunteer for these positions, because if not you run the risk of not benefitting from what the committee being present provides.

Some of the benefits the committee provides or will be lost are:

- the ability for the village to use the services of TUS and the Community Employment Scheme who provide an ongoing village maintenance such as mowing, weeding and litter picking,
- grants for village improvement such as machinery, paint, repairs, seating, bike racks and community garden.
- Being a poster free village will no longer be enforced
- village representation for major or minor projects will not be available
- Planting/maintaining of flower beds will no longer be available
- Providing a voice to TII and the county council on matters relating to the maintenance of paths and roads, and many other aspects that benefit the village. Please, we need your support.

**Venue: Lawlors Bar, 7:30pm, Tuesday 23rd January 2024**

Bruce Cherrill Chairman, Rathvilly Tidy Towns

**BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL** open evening will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January from 7 to 8pm. Prospective parents and their children are invited to come along to visit our school and meet our wonderful students and teachers. If you are interested in enrolling your child in Bigstone National School but cannot attend on the 25<sup>th</sup> please contact the school on 059-9161171 or 085-2120952 or by email at [office@bigstonens.ie](mailto:office@bigstonens.ie) for an application form. Further information and application forms may also be found on our website: [www.bigstonens.ie](http://www.bigstonens.ie).

### **SCOIL PHÁDRAIG NAOFA, RATHVILLY**

**Annual Admission Notice for 2024/2025 School year.**

Applications will be accepted from 12<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Contact the School for a copy of the Admission Policy and the Application Form for Admission - [www.rathvillyns.com](http://www.rathvillyns.com) or email: [rathvilly.ns@gmail.com](mailto:rathvilly.ns@gmail.com) or by writing to the School.

**6 Week Draw starts on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January in aid of School Funds**