

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mark 1:21-28

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

**The Holy One of God**

Jesus begins his ministry in Capernaum, a prosperous town on the northwestern side of the Sea of Galilee, the centre of Jesus' Galilean ministry and also his home (2:1). In the synagogue on the sabbath, Jesus teaches 'as one who had authority' and the people are 'astonished' by him, a reaction we will see frequently in Mark. The word used here for 'authority' is *exousia*, a word that was usually applied to kings and was associated with what God would do when God's Kingdom came. Unclean spirits or 'demons' in Jesus' time offered an explanation for physical or psychological illness, but having an 'unclean spirit' was a phrase also used to describe someone who was opposed to that which was considered 'holy'. Whatever the issue is here this man has no business being in the synagogue; he was considered ritually unclean, and this was a sacred place. There is an irony throughout Mark's Gospel in that it is the 'demons' and not the disciples who speak the truth about Jesus: 'I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' While this man speaks the truth, it is also an example of how it is not enough to *know* a thing. You can *know* the truth and still be opposed to it if it doesn't suit your agenda. The real example of faith involves trusting with the heart and responding with action and truth. The demons are unable to do this. Jesus responds quite bluntly to 'the unclean spirit', literally telling it to 'Shut up' or 'Be muzzled'.

There are many 'demons' in our world that need to be cast out – racism, discrimination of all kinds, greed, inequality, self-centredness. One message from the narrative today is that it is not enough to know a thing, you can *know* that Jesus is the Holy One of God, but faith is a way of living, not just believing. Jesus is the one who comes to restore and to liberate – his 'authority' is recognised through his healing action and service, a sign of the closeness of God's Kingdom. This is why the 'unclean spirit' cries out as it leaves – the game is up, it no longer has any power. Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellet, 2023. *The Deep End: A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Mark*. Dublin: Messenger Publications 2023).

'Once brought into the light of mutual love, demons lose their power and quietly leave us. - Henry Nouwen

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## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's  
Talbotstown**

**Sat/Sun, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**

**St. Patrick's  
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption  
Tynock**

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

**Recent Deaths:** Timmy Kelly, Fr. Cullen Tce. Tony Duffy, Baltinglass  
Ger Curry, Bawnogues, Baltinglass who died in London recently  
a brother of Nicholas Curry, Bough

#### Sat/Sun, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January

**Months Mind Mass** for Evelyn Wall this Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> January at 11 a.m.

**Months Mind Mass** for Brenda Malone this Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 p.m.

#### ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sean Bolger, Rathvilly

Thomas Keegan, Ballyoliver & deceased family members

Tom Bolger, Ballybit

Martha & Bill Leonard, Collins Park

#### Sat/Sun, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> February

Agnes Byrne, Garretstown

Adrian Byrne, Fr. Cullen Tce.

Anthony Keogh, Castledermot and St. Patrick's Park, Rathvilly

Philip Kavanagh, Broughillstown

William, Kieran, Thomas & Michael Byrne, 16 Kevin Barry Road

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

**Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February – Feast of St Brigid – Mass at 11 a.m.**

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

### ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> January – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Fiona Kane.

**Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February – Feast of St Brigid - Mass at 9.45 a.m.**

**ST BRIGID** – She is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She was born c. 454. When she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her but she insisted in consecrating her virginity to God. The St. Brigid's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of God's protection.

### CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> February – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Nigel Byrne.

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will take place from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, February 10 in the Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow Training will be led by Julie Kavanagh and Fr Tom O'Byrne.

To help with costs, participants are invited to bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please contact the Parish Office 059 9161114 if you would like to take part in this training.

### **WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> January**

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €475.66

Envelopes €399.25

Kiltegan: Offertory €131.60

Envelopes €388.00

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

Results for 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €16,000.

Numbers: 02 – 20 – 25 – 29. 19 Match 3 numbers and get €53.00 each.

One local winner this week. Winner – Bréogan O'Brien. Promoter – Josie Finn.

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

On **Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January the Jackpot is €17,000.** 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.

### **ST BRIGID'S CAMINO WALK, MONASTEREVIN PARISH**

Takes place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February starting at St Brigid's Shrine, Mountrice at 11am, led by Bishop Denis. The walk will journey to Umeras, reputed birthplace of St Brigid, continue along the new canal Blueway and finish in Sts Peter & Paul Church, Monasterevin with a service of light at 12.30pm. For more details please contact Monasterevin Parish Office 045-525346

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

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 2-10-12-20

Match 3 win or share €150

Martha Keogh Talbotstown 2-4-10-20

On Line winner

Mary Byrne Knocklishen 10-12-20-26

On Line winner

Next draw 30 Jan. 2024 **Jackpot €6,400**

### **PILGRIMAGE TO MEDUGORJE 23<sup>rd</sup> March for 7 nights.**

Further details from Duffy Coach Hire on 087 2543235 or 059 6471681.

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

#### **6 Week Draw – Results Week 1**

##### **Prize**

##### **Winner**

##### **Promoter**

€100

Aisling Masterson

Mya-May Boland Carthy.

€50

Frances Kavanagh

Niamh Farrell

€20

Kate Doyle Hughes

Jane Doyle Hughes

€20

Chris Townsend

Helen Molloy

Promoters Prize €20 – Amelia Duffy.

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

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 6 – 7 – 16 – 26

Ellen Cullen, Knockavagh 6-7-17-26

Michael Kehoe

Martin Curran, Fr. Cullen Terrace 6-16-18-26

Martin Curran

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Jenny Donegan, Michael Collins Park

Next draw 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support

### **KILTEGAN GAA & CAMOGIE CLUB**

**Lip Sync Battles** takes place on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024 in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Carlow. Tickets €25 each. (Adults only 18+)

Tickets available from Paul Boland 087 1554233, Gráinne O'Toole 086 3884598 and Siobhan Doyle 087 2372050.

To travel by bus please contact Duffy Coaches 087 2543235 to book a seat.

Bus leaves Kiltegan Club Grounds at 6.15 pm and leave Woodford Dolmen at 2 am

### **Christian Humanitarian Organisation World Vision Ireland launches campaign to sponsor 100 vulnerable girls.**

#### **Empowering Girls through Sponsorship: Addressing Gender-Based Violence and Educational Opportunities**

As violence against girls and women continues to rise, World Vision Ireland is taking action with the launch of a sponsorship campaign aimed at changing the lives of 100 girls' lives for the better. People in Ireland are invited to join as individual sponsors, to make a meaningful difference in these girls' lives. World Vision's sponsorship model is a proven solution that effectively fights vicious cycles of poverty and abuse that are not easy to escape, especially for women and girls.

For further details on the 100 Girls campaign call World Vision Ireland on 087 3867444, email [partnerships@worldvision.ie](mailto:partnerships@worldvision.ie) or to sponsor visit [www.worldvision.ie/sponsor-a-child/100-girls-ce/](http://www.worldvision.ie/sponsor-a-child/100-girls-ce/)

**GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 46 numbers €1740 Double number €810 Lotto €3500

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

If you feel that you can help, please contact the Parish Office – 059 9161114.