

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent** Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne  
**Mark 9:2-10 Listen to him**

Today's Gospel is from a carefully constructed centre of Mark's Gospel (8:22 – 10:52). It is no coincidence that Mark framed this section with the healing of two blind men (8:22; 10:46). Peter knows that Jesus is the Messiah but he does not grasp the full picture (8:32-8), a bit like the man who partially regains his sight but cannot see clearly (8:24). The Transfiguration is a very significant moment for the disciples, an attempt by Jesus to cure the spiritual blindness of this close inner circle, so that they might see Jesus' true identity. While the English translation says that Jesus was 'transfigured', the Greek verb *metamorphothe* (metamorphosis) is used. The disciples literally witness Jesus' bodily form changing and they hear a voice from heaven: 'This is my beloved Son; listen to him.' Understandably, they 'were terrified'. Jesus' clothes are described as dazzling white. Mystics throughout the centuries describe experiences of such light, what the Orthodox mystics call 'the Uncreated Light'. We also find such descriptions of such light in the Scriptures when referring to a direct encounter with God or when a person's inner self is displayed. In a mixture of awe and panic Peter offers to build tents, afraid to lose the mystical moment. While we can understand his motivation, Peter still doesn't get it, his vision is blurred. The disciples must come down from the mountaintop, because Jesus' way involves walking a path that will not be so easy, a path that leads to the cross. A disciple must replicate the life of the one they follow, a choice that they must make continuously – to come down from the mountain and engage with the suffering of the world.

The disciples have caught a glimpse of the Divine, and no doubt this will give them strength for walking the difficult road ahead. These glimpses are not beyond us if only we see through a lens that is more deeply aware of Christ's presence in the world. Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellet, 2023. *The Deep End: A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Mark*. (Dublin: Messenger Publications 2023), 64.

'We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become. If we love things, we become a thing. If we love nothing, we become nothing. Imitation is not a literal mimicking of Christ, but rather, it means becoming the image of the beloved, an image disclosed through transformation. –  
*St Clare of Assisi*

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**RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH  
NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's**                      **St. Patrick's**                      **The Assumption**  
**Talbotstown**                      **Rathvilly**                      **Tynock**  
**Sat/Sun, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2024**                      **Second Sunday of Lent**

**Recent Death:** Mary Kennedy, Coppengagh, Tullow

**Months Mind Mass:** Timmy Kelly, Fr. Cullen Tce., this Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> February

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

**Sat/Sun, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February**

Eithne Condon, Cnoc Mhuire  
James & Ellen McNamara, Ballyoliver and deceased family members  
James & Elizabeth Byrne, Ballyoliver  
Peter Reilly, Ballyoliver  
Elizabeth & James Byrne, Tobinstown

**Sat/Sun, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Nan Sibbald, Phelan Street & deceased family members  
William Fox, Coppengagh  
Jim Smith, Coole & London  
Jenna Chadwick, Durban, South Africa  
Peter Carroll, Knocklishen & deceased family members

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

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

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March – **Mass at 10.00 a.m.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS – each Friday at 7.00 p.m.**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** – Adoration each Friday from 3.00 – 6.00 p.m.

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

Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Breedh Murphy.

**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK**

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Lucilla Brophy.

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

Results for 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €10,000.

Numbers: 13 – 20 – 23 – 28. 17 Match 3 numbers and get €59.00 each.

No local match three winners this week.

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

On **Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February the Jackpot is €12,000.** Tickets €2.

Thank you to all our parishioners who support the Lotto each week.

## Irish Episcopal Conference Message regarding the Referendums on March 8<sup>th</sup>

Please see full statement from the Irish Episcopal Conference on our website.

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> February

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €435.36

Envelopes €439.60

Kiltegan: Offertory €185.82

Envelopes €262.00

### RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3-6-12-26

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Tom McCall Bough, Pat McCall Bough, Mary Lennon, Knocklishen Online winners

Wm. Burgess Lisnavagh - Mick Kehoe Noel Doyle (jnr) Knockavagh - A. Doyle

Next draw 27 Feb. 2024 **Jackpot €6,800**

### SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 14 – 23 – 28 – 30

Grainne Curran, Fr. Cullen Terrace 18-23-28-30

Martin Curran

Stephen O'Brien, Ricketstown 9-14-23-30

The Harp Bar

Pam Byrne, Woodgrove Ave. 9-14-23-28

Anthony Byrne

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

Next draw 27<sup>th</sup>. February 2024 **Jackpot €20,000**. Thank you for all your support.

### RATHVILLY COMMUNITY/TEXT ALERT

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April in the Harp Bar at 8pm. We would appreciate a good attendance as we have speakers arranged and we can take questions if anyone wishes to have information about our group.

Light refreshments will be served.

We now have an email address [rathvillycommunityalert@gmail.com](mailto:rathvillycommunityalert@gmail.com) for anyone wishing to contact us for any information.

### SCOIL PHÁDRAIG NAOFA, RATHVILLY

6 Week Draw – Results Week 5

Prize	Winner	Promoter
€100	AJ Doyle, c/o Yvonne Whyte	Cooper O'Brien
€50	Mila Bariss	Jamie Barriss
€20	Hugh Reilly	Aoidh Reilly
€20	Cody Byrne	Cody Byrne

Promoters Prize €20 – Tara Gibbons.

**6 Week Draw – Results Week 6**

Prize	Winner	Promoter
€100	Daisy Simpson	AnnaBelle Simpson
€50	Lilly Bolger	Aoibheann Bolger
€20	Richard Hanly	Evie Farrell
€20	Vita Bariss	Jamie Bariss

Promoters Prize €20 – Lottie Kelly.

### THE SCHOOL HOUSE COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Rathvilly Community Centre Committee presents the "The Celtic Brothers" in St.Patrick's Church Rathvilly on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7pm (Doors open 5.30pm) Tickets are €25 and are available online or hard copy in Brennans Centra, Rathvilly Post Office and Rathvilly Pharmacy. You can also contact any member of the committee. The committee would like to thank Monsignor McEvoy and the Parish Council for the use of the Church for this wonderful event in aid of fundraising for the renovation of the Phoenix Centre, "The School House Community and Enterprise Centre".

### PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Full Religious programme operated by Marian Pilgrimages Medjugorje Team. For more information please contact Fr John O'Brien 086 2403787.

### VOCATIONS WEBINAR

There is a webinar on Vocations taking place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 8-9pm. The Webinar is hosted by 'The Hook of Faith' platform ([www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)) and is organised in collaboration with the National Vocations Office. The webinar is entitled '*The Last Priest in Ireland? It Depends on You*'. It is a follow up of a RTE documentary broadcast in January entitled '*The Last Priest in Ireland*'. The keynote speaker will be Breda O'Brien. There will be a panel of responders. The webinar is a Church response to the programme and an opportunity for dialogue about the future of vocations to the priesthood in Ireland. The initiative is part of the year of prayer and promotion to the diocesan priesthood 'Take the Risk for Christ'.

### UISCE FOR TANZANIA

Your donations meant that UISCE FOR TANZANIA provided 2,500 villagers and their farm animals with a permanent water supply in 2023.

This project, the first for UFT, was a great success. Jim Kavanagh was on site for the duration of the project, arranging the purchase of materials and organising the local men who willingly dug trenches for water pipes, carted materials over difficult land, doing all without payment. The knowledge that they were helping their own community was sufficient reward. Your donations have meant that this community in the Mbulu District of North Western Tanzania now has life-long water at a cost of about €14 per person. Your money has been well used.

2024 will see UFT back in the Mbulu District, where a similar project has already been identified. This time the water supply has been found and once harnessed and brought to the community it will serve a school of 600 pupils, a clinic used by the Mothers and children and a wide rural population. This project will also require money to be raised in Ireland. Thanks to your generosity in 2023 we have some funds in place but this will need to be topped up in the next few months.

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

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