

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent** Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

**John 3:14-21 God so loved the world . . .**

Our Gospel for today comes from a discourse of Jesus to Nicodemus, a Jewish leader who has come to him with a series of questions. It contains one of the most concise and familiar expressions of Christian faith: ‘God so loved the world . . .’ (3:16). Like Nicodemus, we seek to understand who Jesus is. Jesus explains that the key to the mystery is love.: God loved the world so much that God become one of us. The creative love of God reaches its climax in the Incarnation: Jesus is the way into this great mystery of God’s presence in our world, in ourselves, in one another. Through Jesus, God invites us into the divine nature, so we can share and participate in it. We are pulsing with divine energy.

During these weeks of Lent, as we reflect on the self-giving love of God, we ponder and practice ways of putting this love into action in our lives. One model of this selfless love can be seen in the all-encompassing love of a parent for their child – the desire to hold them close, protect them from harm fill them with love and hope. Today’s Gospel reminds us of the intense love of God for the world, and the intense wish of God we share everlasting life with God. The love of God weaves and flows through our lives, connecting us with the source of Divine love and turning us towards each other in love. The imagery of light and darkness in this passage powerfully conveys the invitation that Jesus places in front of us: are we ready to believe in God, to love like God, to live our lives in the light? Lent offers us the opportunity to step out into the light and to begin again, in love.

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‘Jesus is the model and metaphor for all of creation being drawn into this infinite flow of love. **Richard Rohr.**

**Special Kildare Pilgrimage to Fatima Pilgrimage 9<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> August EX Dublin.**

Mass in Santarem where bleeding host took place, visit visionaries’ homes, Hungarian Stations of the Cross. Lisbon with Church of Saint Anthony where he was born and baptised, seaside excursion.

**Payments can be made by instalments.**

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**RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

**NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid’s**

**Talbotstown**

**Sat/Sun, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

**St. Patrick’s**

**Rathvilly**

**The Assumption**

**Tynock**

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

**Recent Death:** Liam Corcoran, Dublin, brother of Shay Corcoran, Slaney Bank

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

**Sat/Sun, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> March**

James O’Toole, Bough

Paddy Doyle, Foxcover

Joseph O’Brien, Knocklishen

Una & Sheila O’Brien who died in England during the past year

Mick & Dan Abbott, Ballyoliver and deceased family members

Annie & Johnnie Dempsey, Ricketstown

Hilda Nolan, Collins Park

Anne Byrne, Knocklishen

William Smith, Coole

**Sat/Sun, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Mary Ann Leonard, Rahill – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Larry Byrne, Maplestown

John & Peter Byrne, Collins Park

**ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday – Mass at 9.30 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, 10<sup>th</sup> March – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Furlong Family.

**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK**

Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Muireann Gartland.

**WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €260.92

Envelopes €896.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €80.47

Envelopes €227.50

**PLANNING MEETINGS TO ARRANGE EASTER CEREMONIES**

We ask all Church Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Choir and volunteers in any area to attend a Meeting on:

**Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. in Rathvilly Church.**

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7 p.m. in Tynock Church.**

### **NOVENA TO ST PATRICK**

9 Day Novena in Honour of St. Patrick our National and Parish Patron. The Novena will be recited each day at Mass. Novena Leaflets are available in the Church.

### **CHRISM MASS**

Bishop Denis invites you to join him for the celebration of the Chrism Mass. It will take place in the Cathedral of the Assumption in Carlow on Monday, 25 March at 7:30 pm. At this diocesan Mass, the holy oils are blessed and consecrated for use in parishes in the coming year and the priests of the diocese renew their priestly promises. The diocesan choir will lead us in singing, for the first time, the newly composed Mass of St Brigid by Fr Liam Lawton.

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

Results for 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 One Jackpot winner of €13,000.

Congratulations to Colm Moynihan from Clonbullogue Parish.

Numbers: 02 – 05 – 10 – 14. 33 Match 3 numbers and get €31.00 each.

Two local match three winners this week.

Winner – Lucy Haberlin. Promoter – Kitty Kennedy.

Winner – Anthony Kelly. Promoter – Breda Reilly.

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

On **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March** the **Jackpot is €10,000**. Tickets €2.

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

### **GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND**

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked every Catholic Parish in the world to take up a collection on Good Friday to support the needs of Christians in the Holy Land. This year the needs are massive and the plight of the Christians in the Holy Land is desperate. The exhortation to support the Saints in Jerusalem was first made by St Paul in many of his letters. The Church has always supported this call and I ask you to be as generous as you can this Good Friday.

### **COFFEE MORNING - IN AID OF EIST**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 11.30-1.30 pm in Tullow Parish Centre.

Representative from Eist will be there in attendance for emotional support and practical help to anyone affected by cancer in a relaxed environment. All welcome.

### **MASS OF ST BRIGID OPEN WORKSHOP**

An open workshop with composer Liam Lawton will take place the following dates: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024, Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow @ 8.00 p.m. Come and learn a new Mass setting suitable for all choirs. Admission is Free.

### **DRIVE AND DROP – Askea Parish Church Car Park this Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Community Connect volunteers will be there in the car park from 3-5pm with their car boot open, to collect practical items. They are asking for NEW ITEMS ONLY, including things such as nappies, baby vests & babygros, baby blankets, baby bottles. Unopened gift items for mother will be gratefully received!

### **DIRECTOR OF PARISH DEVELOPMENT**

Kildare and Leighlin Diocese is inviting applications for the fulltime position of Director of Parish Development. A job description and information on how to apply can be found on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie). Closing date for applications is 25 March 2024. This is a very important appointment for our diocese, and we ask your prayers that our search to fill this position will be successful.

### **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, The Post Office, The Pharmacy, The Parish Office, and members of the committee.

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

Lotto results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 12-20-22-24.

Match 3 win or share €150

Bernie Molloy, Ricketstown 12-20-21-24 On Line winner

Peg Sibbald, Woodgrove 5-12-22-24 On Line winner

Next draw 12 March 2024 **Jackpot €7,000**

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

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 1 – 5 - 12 - 28

Elisha Ryan, Kiltegan 1-5-12-23 Online Winner

Declan Clarke, Waterstown 1-6-12-28 Declan Clarke

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Brian Curran, Woodgrove Avenue, Rathvilly.

Next draw 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 **Jackpot €20,000**. Thank you for all your support.

### **WALKATHON**

An exciting community event is taking place in the village on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April. Rathvilly National School, in conjunction with Rathvilly GAA club are holding a 24- hour Walkathon from 3pm to 3pm the following day. We are looking for leaders or team members that would like to help raise funds for the school and the football club. Each team will dedicate an hour to walking around the pitch on the date mentioned above. If you would like to get involved, please contact Liz Kelly on 0874150283 (Chairperson the Parents Association) or email the football club on [secretary.rathvilly.carlow@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.rathvilly.carlow@gaa.ie). Your support is greatly appreciated.

### **ACI Rewilding Faith Creating New Spaces for Faith Workshop**

A workshop to equip and encourage lay people to take leadership around their faith, and create spaces to nurture their faith and that of others. Takes place via Zoom on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00 p.m. The workshop will draw on Active Hope process. Developed by US eco-philosopher Joanna Macy, and Scottish Mental Health Specialist, Dr Chris Johnstone, this reflective group process is intended to support people becoming active participants in bringing about what they hope for. Tickets cost €10, to sign up please visit <https://www.patriciahiggins.ie/event-details-registration/aci-rewilding-faith-creating-new-spaces-for-faith-workshop>