

5th Sunday of Easter Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Gospel: John 15:1-8 'Abide in me'

Thanks to the incredible scientific discoveries of the past century, humanity is beginning to realise just how deeply interconnected everything is in our universe. Every atom of carbon in our muscles, calcium in our bones and iron in our blood was created inside a star before the Earth was born. Most of us are aware that we share 99 per cent of our genome with chimpanzees, but we also share 85 per cent of our genome with field mice and even 33 per cent with primroses. Despite appearances, we share the essential components for life with our fellow creatures; we are deeply embedded in, part of, this web of life and all of creation shares in this creative Mystery together. If we want to understand God more fully, then we should look at God's creation (*Romans 1:20*). 'We see in each thing a teaching from God ... to contemplate creation is to hear a message, to listen to a silent voice' (*Laudato Si'*, §85).

Jesus constantly evokes images from the natural world to teach us something about God. 'He often stopped to contemplate the beauty sown by his Father and invited his disciples to perceive a divine message in things' (*Laudato Si'*, §97). The grapevine image, a common biblical symbol of God's relationship with God's people, shows us that there is no separation between the human and the Divine. There is a loving reciprocity expressed in the image that reminds us that we belong to each other, the Divine Creator, the Risen Christ, each of us dependent on the other so that the fullness of Divine love can bear fruit. 'Abide with me' invites us not to lose sight of the reality of this intimate connectedness. The mystics knew this on a profound level. Hildegard of Bingen teaches that 'Everything that is in the heavens, on the earth and under the earth, is penetrated with relatedness.' At this moment in history, we are being invited to rediscover God's earthly dynamic all around us, so that the fruits of the vine can express the reality of Divine presence.

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'We flow into God – and God into us – because it is the nature of love to flow. And as we give ourselves into one another in this fashion, the vine gives life and coherence to the branch while the branch makes visible what the vine is. – *Cynthia Bourgeault*

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Sat/Sun, 27th & 28th April, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Recent Death: PJ Hanlon, Tuckmill, father of Colette Hanlon, Delacy Abbey

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 27th & 28th April

Bridie Tobin, Rathmore – 1st Anniversary

William Reilly, Collins Park

Susan Tobin, Woodgrove Ave – 1st Anniversary

Richard Bolger, Ballybit

Michéal & Anna McEvoy, Ballyroan

Elizabeth Heffernan, Rathdangan

Bill Doyle, Tankardstown

Kate McDonnell, Greystones

Patrick Donegan, Collins Park

Maureen & Joe Deering, Patrickswell

Sat/Sun, 4th & 5th May

Teresa O'Toole, Bough

Peg O'Toole Eccles, Bough

Paddy O'Toole, Bough

Paul Flinter, Ballyraggan

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Adoration on Friday 3 – 6 p.m.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Saturday, 27th April – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Joe O'Brien.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 5th May – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Nigel Byrne.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 20th & 21st April

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €387.79

Envelopes €440.40

Kiltegan: Offertory €102.18

Envelopes €189.55

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

Results for 24th April, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €15,000.

Numbers: 03 – 04 – 09 – 28. 16 Match 3 numbers and get €63.00 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, 1st May the Jackpot is €16,000.** Tickets €2.

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

PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR MAY

Rathvilly Area – Friday, 3rd May 2 – 5 pm.

Kiltegan Area – Wednesday, 8th May 2 – 5 pm.

ROSARY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

The Rosary in honour of Our Lady will be recited in Tynock Church each Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. starting on Tuesday, 7th May.

K & L DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sunday, 2nd June 2024.

Ceremonies begin at 2.30 p.m. in the Basilica.

THE SCHOOL HOUSE COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Rathvilly Community Centre Committee presents the "The Celtic Brothers" in St. Patrick's Church Rathvilly this Sunday, 28th April at 7pm (Doors open 5.30pm) Tickets €25 are available online or hard copy in Brennans Centra, The Post Office, The Pharmacy, The Parish Office. Please bring a cushion.

CALLING ALL CARD PLAYERS

25 Card Night in aid of Rathvilly First Responders on Friday 3rd May @ 8 pm in The Harp Lounge. €10.00 Admission. Support appreciated

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE

The first *National Pilgrimage for Life*, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 4th May in Knock Shrine with Mass at 3.00pm in the Basilica. Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy.

We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

DAY CARE BOUTIQUE

Call in to the Baltinglass Day Care Centre pop-up Shop for some great bargains on clothes and shoes. All proceeds going directly to Baltinglass Day Care Centre. Saturday, 4th May from 11 am – 3 pm. Venue – Day Care Centre (located at the back of Baltinglass Community Hospital).

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3-13-24-28

Match 3 win or share €150

Patrick Farrell Phelan St. 3-13-21-24 On Line winner

Jamie Kehoe Station Rd. 3-9-13-24 Helen Deering

Next draw 30 April 2024 **Jackpot €7,700**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 4 – 9 – 10 – 25

Claire Delmar, Monavothé 4-9-10-26 Online Winner

Siobhan Reilly, Coole 9-10-20-25 Michael Kehoe

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

Next draw 30th. April 2024 **Jackpot €20,000**. Thank you for all your support

RATHVILLY COMMUNITY ALERT/TEXT ALERT

Annual General Meeting on Monday, 29th April in the Harp Bar at 8 p.m.

We would appreciate a good attendance as we have speakers arranged and we can take questions if anyone wishes to have information about the group.

Light refreshments will be served.

DONAL WALSH LIVELIFE FOUNDATION

On the 10th anniversary of Donal Walsh's death, the Donal Walsh Livelife Foundation are holding Workshops & Mass in the Hub, Knock, Co Mayo on the 11th May 2024. The day starts at 10.00 am and finishes at 3.00 pm. There will be a choice of Workshops available on the day.

ALL-IRELAND POLLINATOR PLAN

The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is an island-wide attempt to reverse declines in pollinating insects. Every garden, no matter its size, can be a haven for hungry pollinators. See link for information: pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

GRAIGUECULLEN/KILLESHIN PARISH NOVENA

Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place in St. Claire's Church, Graiguecullen each Monday night. The Rosary is recited at 7.10 pm and Novena begins at 7.30 p.m.

29th April – Speaker - Mick Galwey, Football & Rugby Legend & Sports Commentator

6th May – Geraldine Mullan – how faith, hope and love carried her since her life changed in 2020 when her husband and 2 children tragically died.

13th May – David Walsh – Co-Founder of Netwatch & more recently Halo Care – strategic thinker and vocal advocate of entrepreneurship.

Cycle again suicide mental health peer support programme

In a drive to promote Peer-Support as a vital link in mental health awareness and suicide prevention, Cycle Against Suicide offers its training in Mental Health Peer-Support Programme *free of charge* to any community volunteer.

Our training in Mental Health Peer-Support for Clubs and Communities creates a compassionate network within a club and a community. Trained peer-supporters are attuned to subtle shifts in their community's well-being. This heightened awareness fosters a culture of genuine care and concern. Each club or community association should have a volunteer peer-supporter on-hand who is trained in peer-support with Cycle Against Suicide. Our next scheduled dates:

Course: Cycle Against Suicide's *free** Community Mental Health Peer Support Training

Delivery: Online via Zoom from 7-10pm on 4 evenings over 2 weeks

Option 1: May: Mon 13th, Wed 15th & Mon 20th, Wed 22nd - Spaces available

Option 2: June: Mon 10th, Wed 12th & Mon 17th, Wed 19th - Open now

Option 3: September: Mon 23rd, Wed 25th & Mon 30th, Wed 2nd Oct - Open now

To register: www.cycleagainstsucide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/

or email: training@cycleagainstsucide.com

*Training is free to over-18s, non-healthcare professionals who volunteer in a community club and association.