

Feast of the Ascension Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Mark 16:15-20 Go out to the whole world

At the Easter Vigil we heard from the earlier ending of Mark's Gospel, and now, on the Feast of the Ascension, we hear an ending that was added by another author. While the original author of Mark ended the Gospel on an abrupt and uncertain note, with the disciples fleeing and afraid, this later ending centres around appearances of the Risen Jesus, his ascension and the commissioning of the disciples to 'proclaim the Good News to the whole creation'. Many readers of Mark prefer the shorter ending of the Gospel because it draws us into the narrative, inviting us to place ourselves in the shoes of the disciples. The additional material that we hear in today's Gospel vastly changes the tone and appears to be an attempt to 'tidy-up' the loose ends that the original text had left open. We see Jesus handing over responsibility for his mission to his followers, who immediately go out as instructed. This, at least, is in keeping with Mark's tendency to speak in totalities – they are sent into 'all the world' and to 'the whole creation'.

Controversial endings aside, we know that all the world and all creation is in need of Good News, news that is life-giving. The challenge of discipleship in every age is to encounter the world, and people, just as they are. Pope Francis has often emphasised the importance of meeting people where they're at, just as Jesus did with all those he met: 'We need to spend time with people, to listen to their stories and to confront reality, which always in some way surprises us.' The way in which Jesus reached out to heal and comfort, challenged but never judged, used images and parables that would resonate with his audience – this is the model for our communication and interaction with others as we attempt to live the Good News. © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellet, 2023. *The Deep End: A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Mark.* (Dublin: Messenger Publications 2023)

'Open your eyes with wonder to what you see, let your hands touch the freshness and vitality of things, so that when others read what you write, they too can touch first-hand the vibrant miracle of life. – *Blessed Manuel Lozano Garrido*

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's

Talbotstown

Sat/Sun, 11th & 12th May, 2024

St. Patrick's

Rathvilly

The Assumption

Tynock

The Ascension of the Lord

Recent Deaths: Edward Guthrie, Bough whose Funeral takes place this Sunday
Carmel Butterworth nee Whyte, England and formerly Garretstown who died recently.
Mary Moore Corr, nee Byrne Williamstown who died last Wednesday in Oxford, mother
of Bill Moore, Williamstown and sister of Patty Byrne, Tobinstown.
Ted Sinnott, Ardattin who died recently, husband of Catherine Faulkner, Bough

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 11th & 12th May

Mick Connors, 13 St. Patrick's Park

Thomas & Mary Humphries, Rathdaniel & deceased family members

Bridget & Michael Connors, Knockavagh & deceased family members

Fr. Tom McDonnell former Parish Priest of Naas

Michael & Mary Doyle, Ballyhackett

Jim & Essie Byrne, Knocklishen

Molly & Dan Kelly, Garretstown

Leon Kelly, New Road, Ballyoliver

Sat/Sun, 18th & 19th May

Ted & Bridie Foley, Graiguenamanagh

Stan Doyle, Bough

Thomas & Julia Byrne, New Road, Ballyoliver

Matt & Bridget O'Toole, Slaney View

James & Ann Kelly, Ballymore

Seamus Just, Stillorgan Dublin

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Monday, 13th May – Mass at 10.00 a.m.

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

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

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 12th May – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Siobhan Doyle.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Saturday, 18th May – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Muireann Gartland.

ROSARY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

Rosary will be recited in Tynock Church each Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS NEXT WEEK

Monday & Tuesday 10 am – 12 noon. Contact Fr. McEvoy on 086 3232403.

Email: office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie

CHURCH CLEANING

Calling all volunteers on Thursday, 16th May at 7 p.m. to clean Rathvilly Church in preparation for First Holy Communion.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 4th & 5th May

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €499.55

Envelopes €691.75

Kiltegan: Offertory €58.53

Envelopes €214.50

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the 4 children from Tynock NS and 8 children from Talbotstown NS who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 11th May in Talbotstown Church.

23 children from Rathvilly NS will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 18th May in Rathvilly Church at 11.00 a.m.

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

Results for 8th May, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €17,000.

Numbers: 03 – 05 – 10 – 29. 21 Match 3 numbers and get €48.00 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, 15th May the Jackpot is €18,000.** Tickets €2.

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

THANK YOU

Mary O’Neill, Slaney Bank wishes to thank all those who sent Get Well Cards & Get Well Mass Bouquets during her long stay in hospital, all those who phoned, text and came to see her in hospital and called to see her at home.

A special thank you to everyone.

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.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 9-18-19-25

Match 3 win or share €150

Colin Gibbons Station Rd.

On Line winner

Florrie Gibbons Station Rd.

On Line winner

Lorraine Moore Tullow

On Line winner

Cormac & Sean Leonard Rahill

Sean Leonard

Betty Conway Barnhill

Mick Kehoe

Next draw 14 May 2014 **Jackpot €7,900**

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SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 1 - 2 - 4 – 5

Martin Molloy, Rathvilly 2-4-5-6

Molloy’s Bar

Promoter’s prize €20 was won by Gabriel Deering, Patrickswell.

Next draw 15th. May 2024 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support

GRAIGUECULLEN/KILLESHIN PARISH NOVENA

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

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

20th May – Derek McGrath – former centre-forward and previous manager of the Waterford senior Hurling team.

27th May – Prof Jim Lucey – Inspector with mental Health Commission – writer, broadcaster and public speaker.

3rd June – Elma Walsh – Founder of the ‘Live Life Foundation’ in memory of her son Donal who died aged 16 years.

Understanding Our Natural Environment - Training Opportunity

Carlow Climate Action Team is organising Citizen Science training in conjunction with Wild Works training organisation on May 14th and June 11th in Myshall Community Centre and surrounding countryside. At the training, attendees will learn to recognise; wildflowers, songbirds, recording pollinators, identifying significant tree species, and how to do a kick sample to identify aquatic invertebrates. We will also learn how to share these skills with other people in our community. If interested in attending contact: Áine Byrne on byrne@carlowcoco.ie

County Carlow Environmental Network Free Film Event

County Carlow Environmental Network (CCEN) in partnership with The Visual Carlow are showing the film “The Seeds of Vandana Shiva” on the 29th May 2024 at 7 pm. A visually stunning film which shows how Vandana Shiva brought her scientific expertise and principles of non-violent resistance to support the struggles of poor Indian villagers. This film is free but booking is required: <https://visualcarlow.ie/whats-on/the-seeds-of-vandana-shiva>
Email: info@ccen.ie if any questions.

KNOCK SHRINE – SUMMER PROGRAMME 2024

Masses each day – 9 a.m. 12 Noon 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Pilgrimage Ceremonies each Sunday.

Stations of the Cross and Rosary weekdays at 2 p.m.

Mini Vigils on the first Friday of each month during the Pilgrimage season 9 p.m. to Midnight in the Parish Church. Novena 14 – 22 August.

For more information see www.knockshrine.ie