

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent** Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

**Luke 21:25–28, 34-36 Stay awake!**

As we take our first steps into Advent, the message is to stay awake! In today's Gospel we meet Jesus towards the end of his ministry, instructing the disciples to be aware of the signs of the times and to stay 'alert'. It is a message designed to keep his followers on their toes.

It can be easy for us to fall into a comfortable rut, not really engaging with the wider world. When we do look up, we notice 'the worries of life': in the natural world, in troubled countries, in our Church, perhaps in our own families. But what would happen if we were to truly wake up? We can think of many people who are awake to the problems in society. One who comes to mind is Malala Yousafzai. In 2012, when she was fourteen, Malala was shot and almost killed on her way to school in Pakistan. She was targeted for campaigning for the rights of women and girls to education, a fight she continues today. She has said, 'We realise the importance of our voices only when we are silenced'. Another person who embodied this spirit is climate activist Greta Thunberg. Her 'School Strike for Climate' began in 2018 with her sitting alone outside the Swedish Parliament. Since then, her protest has grown into a worldwide movement of young people calling for action to address climate change.

Both of these young women are 'awake' to the world around them – their eyes are open, they see the injustices and they have acted. They are forging a brighter future. Countless others are reaching out, speaking out against injustice, working to heal wounds in the natural world, in communities and families. We can't afford to sleepwalk through life when the Gospel challenges us to be bearers of hope and 'Good News'. This Advent, we are called to, 'Stay awake' and be aware of the 'signs of the times'. © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellet, 2021. *The Deep End: A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Mark*. (Dublin: Messenger Publications 2021).

'When we start to act, hope is everywhere. So instead of looking for hope – look for action. Then the hope will come. – *Greta Thunberg*

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## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's  
Talbotstown  
Sat/Sun, 30<sup>th</sup> Nov & 1<sup>st</sup> Dec, 2024**

**St. Patrick's  
Rathvilly  
Sat/Sun, 30<sup>th</sup> Nov & 1<sup>st</sup> Dec, 2024**

**The Assumption  
Tynock  
First Sunday of Advent**

**Recent Deaths:** Peter Murphy, Portriton, Kiltegan Ann McNamara, Baltinglass  
Fr Joe Fleming, retired Parish Priest of Clonegal

**Sat/Sun, 30<sup>th</sup> Nov & 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**Months Mind Mass:** Betty Farrell, Maynooth this Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November

#### **ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

Seamus Williams, Coolmanagh

Michael & Elizabeth Deering, Ballybit

Christina & Matthew Hanly, Williamstown

Matt & Rita Hanly, Dublin

Des Conway, Barnhill

The Johnson family, Phelan Street

Elizabeth Larkin nee Kavanagh, Broughillstown

John Colgan, Rathaniel

Cora Cullen, Knockavagh

Liam McCarney, Monaghan

Kathleen Keegan, Ballyoliver

Christopher Doyle, Knockavagh

Anna McEvoy, Ballyroan

**Months Mind Mass:** Kathleen Faulkner, Bough on Sat/Sun, 7<sup>th</sup>/ 8<sup>th</sup> December

#### **ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

**Sat/Sun, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Joe Byrne, Bristol & Sunnyside

James, Mary & Ann Leonard, Monavothe

James, Marie & Ann Byrne, Sunnyside

Kathleen Balfe, Rahill

John Balfe, Rahill

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

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

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

#### **CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK**

Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Muireann Gartland.

Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December – Holy Day of Obligation – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

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

Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Joe O'Brien.

**RATHVILLY SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL** New members urgently needed.

**ANNUAL COLLECTION** for SVP takes place next weekend, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR DECEMBER**

**Kiltegan** area Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December

**Rathvilly** area Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

To assist with the Offertory Collection we would kindly ask that people would pass around the Collection Bags that are hanging on the Aisle side of the seats.

Your co-operation and support is greatly appreciated. Part of this week's Offertory Collection is to support Bishop Denis Nulty.

## Rathvilly/Kiltegan Parish INVITATION

Calling all lay people to become involved in working together to build our Parish Redevelopment Group. The group will work to shape the future of our Parish.

This is an exciting opportunity to contribute ideas, plan initiatives, and work together to enhance our parish facilities and programmes.

If you are passionate about making a difference and improving our shared space, we'd love to have you. Everyone has talents and skills and we invite you to be brave and step forward and come along to:

**An open meeting to have a conversation on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in the Parish Meeting Room in Rathvilly at 7.30 p.m. (R93 DR53)**

## CHRISTMAS PENANCE SERVICE

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 p.m.

Baltinglass Church on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 p.m.

## WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> November

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

Rathvilly: Offertory € 330.56                      Envelopes €451.20

Kiltegan: Offertory €82.75                      Envelopes €166.00

**CHRISTMAS STATIONS ARE DUE AT THIS TIME.**

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

Results from 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €20,000

Numbers: 02-05-06-24. 14 Match 3 numbers and get €72 each.

One local match three winner this week.

Winner – Sheena Nolan. Promoter – Philip Kirwan.

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

On **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December the Jackpot is €20,000.** Tickets €2.

Thank you to all our parishioners for supporting the Lotto.

Tickets available in the Post Office, Parish Office, Lotto promoters and also in Rathvilly, Tynock & Talbotstown Churches after Mass in the Sacristy.

## THE SCHOOLHOUSE COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE CENTRE

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT – St Patrick's Church, Rathvilly**

Starring the Celtic Brothers on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 p.m.

Tickets €30 available from Lawlor's Bar, Brennan's Centra, Post Office, The Green Lemon, Rathvilly Pharmacy, The Parish Office.

## TALBOTSTOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Our Annual Christmas Craft Fair & Raffle will take place in Germaine's, Baltinglass on Sunday 1st December from 10.30am - 5.30pm.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### **A Jubilee of Hope**

Advent is a season full of hope and expectation. The coming Jubilee Year of Hope reminds us that as Christians we are called every day to live with others as people of hope. Lord, bless us as we begin the Advent journey of waiting and watching, as pilgrims of hope. We pray for a listening heart so we can hear your word in Scripture and an attentive ear to recognise your voice in our daily lives. May we see your call in our work and your face in our companions who make our pilgrim journey with us.

**See separate Sheet for Advent Prayers and Blessings for the Home.**

## SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 7 - 10 - 14 - 22

Trish Harmon, Kiltegan 5-7-10-14

Fergal Harmon

Faye c/o Paula Byrne, Phelan St.7-10-14-27

Gabriel Deering

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Rathvilly Post Office.

Next draw 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dec. 2024 Jackpot €20,000. Thank you for all your support

## RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 9-23-24-26

Match 3 win or share €150

Niall Donovan Kiltegan 9-23-25-26

On line winner

Next draw 3 Dec. 2024 **Jackpot €10,800** Thank you for your continued support.

## BIGSTONE NS CHRISTMAS PLAY

Bigstone National School are looking forward to putting on their Christmas play

'It's a Cracker' in Bigstone Community Hall on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7 pm.

There will be calendars for sale that the students have produced themselves and also a raffle on the night. Everyone is welcome to come join us for a wonderful evening of music and song!

## "Planet Soil" - Free Film Viewing in the Visual Carlow:

You are invited to see the "Planet Soil" film on Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> of Dec in the Visual,

Carlow town at 7pm. This film showcases the secret world beneath our feet. Hear a

powerful call to action with practical solutions to nurture and restore the soils. Short

discussion about soil and soil related issues upstairs in the Visual bar after the film.

Everyone is welcome. FREE admission, but booking is necessary:

<https://visualcarlow.ie/whats-on/film>

## TULLOW DAY CARE CENTRE

Tullow Day Care Centre offers services to the elderly of Tullow, Grange, Ardattin,

Kilbride, Kildavin, Myshall, Ballon, Rathoe, Rathvilly and everywhere in between.

**Services include:** Meals on Wheels, Meals in the Centre, Client pick-up and bring home as well as so much more. If you know of someone who could avail of any of our services, contact the Centre on **059 9151833.**