

## **Easter Sunday – Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne**

***Gospel: John 20:1-9 A New Beginning***

There is palpable excitement in the Gospel passage we hear today. We find in it a lot of frantic running and breathless storytelling. Mary Magdalene rushes in a panic from the empty tomb to tell the others. Peter and John take off at a run, with the important detail included that John outruns Peter! Chaos reigns in their hearts as they look at the scene, until it dawns on them that Jesus really has risen from the dead. The empty tomb means one thing: Jesus is alive! Their despair quickly turns to joy.

Easter is a time for hope and new beginnings. Our celebration on Easter morning is like that first warm day of spring when we throw open the windows and let the light and fresh air in. As followers of Christ, we share this morning in the energy and excitement of the disciples. Jesus has risen and life will never be the same. When the disciples enter the tomb, the linen coverings in which Jesus' body had been wrapped are empty and placed aside. It is a poignant sign that Jesus has left the bonds of death. In order to enter fully into the new hope of Easter, what are the burdens that we can leave behind in the tomb? Let the stone that has been rolled back and the linen wrappings represent all that prevents us from being free, all that keeps us captive emotionally, physically and spiritually.

Our Church has not always communicated well the Easter message of joy. At times, it has been more inclined to place heavy burdens on people than to lift them into true freedom and fullness of life. Our challenge is to live as Easter People. With our joy and our passions, our loves and our desire to live life to the full, let us declare that Jesus is risen!

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“Decide in your heart of hearts what really excites and challenges you, and start moving your life in that direction. Every decision you make, from what you eat to what you do with your time tonight, turns you into who you are tomorrow, and the day after that. Look at who you want to be, and start sculpting yourself into that person.

– **Chris Hadfield**

### **ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE**

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## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's  
Talbotstown**

**Sat/Sun, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2025**

**St. Patrick's  
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption  
Tynock**

**Easter Sunday**

### **ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

#### **Sat/ 19<sup>th</sup> & Sun 20<sup>th</sup> April – Easter**

Pauline Cullen, Dublin

Bill & Mary Doyle

Eileen Clarke, Waterstown

Jack Doyle, Coole

Mick Connors, St. Patrick's Park

Tom & Nancy O'Toole, Rathdangan

Stephen & Maura Murphy, Bough

Dermot Byrne, Arklow

Tom & Mary Coleman

Mattie & Margaret Cowman, Bagenalstown

Matthew & Anastia Murphy

Thomas & Catherine Doyle, Tobinstown

Micheál & Anna McEvoy, Ballyroan

Jane Guthrie, Bough

Timothy & Margaret Doyle, Tobinstown & deceased family members

#### **Sat/Sun, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April**

Mai Foley, Bough – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Tom Sibbald, Ballyoliver

Mona & Rita Abbey, The Strand, Rosslare

Paddy & Mary Keogh, Tullowland

Thomas & Margaret Corcoran, Ballyhackett & deceased family members

The Keatley Family, Castledermot & deceased family members

Richard Bolger, Ballybit

Charlie Lawlor, St. Patrick's Park

Kate Lawlor, Phelan Street & deceased family members

Sean Corcoran, Rathvilly

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

Easter Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> April – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Mary Byrne.

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

Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> April – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Breedh Murphy.

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

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - Mass at 9.30 a.m. No Mass on Thursday.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – No Adoration on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> April.**

### **WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> April**

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €294.80

Envelopes €474.85

Kiltegan: Offertory €77.28

Envelopes €235.50

**TRÓCAIRE BOXES** can be returned to the Church or the Parish Office.

**PRIEST EASTER COLLECTION takes place this weekend.**

### **EASTER CEREMONIES ON RTÉ**

RTÉ will broadcast ceremonies from The Church of St's Peter and Paul, Portlaoise  
Good Friday, 3pm - with V.Rev Msgr John Byrne VG PP  
Easter Saturday, 11pm – Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection with Bishop Denis Nulty

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

Results from 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 No Jackpot winner of €14,000

Numbers: 04-05-18-29. 7 Match 3 numbers get €143 each.

No local match three winner this week.

Next draw on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April. **Jackpot €15,000.**

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

Thank you to 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.

### **PILGRIM WALKS IN GLENDALOUGH**

At the Glendalough Hermitage Centre, we are delighted to offer parish groups from all localities a pilgrim experience in the beautiful valley of Glendalough, visiting the sacred sites associated with the 6<sup>th</sup> Century Saint Kevin and the monastic settlement which flourished through the "Golden Age of Celtic Christianity".

Our project was initiated in the Jubilee Year 2000 by the Archdiocese of Dublin at the beginning of the third millennium, with the purpose of 'restoring Glendalough as a place of pilgrimage' and during this Jubilee Year 2025, we invite all 'Pilgrims of Hope' to experience a life-giving day in the Valley of the Seven Churches. Our own parish church, St. Kevin's of Laragh has been designated as an additional Jubilee Church during this year. More details and bookings available by emailing [failte@glendaloughhermitage.ie](mailto:failte@glendaloughhermitage.ie)

### **Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators: Don't mow, let it grow!**

Reduce mowing to allow native wildflowers like Dandelions, Clover and Birds-foot Trefoil to naturally return over time. By reducing mowing – even to once a month – [pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/](http://pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)

### **Carlow Older Persons Council**

Free Information Morning for the over 55's, Monday's 10a.m – 12noon

We offer information and advice on a range of issues – Social Welfare, Home Energy upgrades and funding, form filling etc. Private and confidential service.

No appointment needed all are welcome. The Old School House, Barrack Street, Carlow, R93 YW10 Phone: 089 260 6828 or email [theoldschoolhouse25@gmail.com](mailto:theoldschoolhouse25@gmail.com)

### **GRAIGUECULLEN NOVENA to Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

Nine Monday Nights – 28<sup>th</sup> April – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025

Guest Speakers – Dana Rosemary Scallon; Fr Shaun Doherty; Peadar Tóibín; Niall Quinn; Dermot Dooley; Therese Dooley; Richie Power; Ger Brennan and Elizabeth Zion. Rosary at 7pm and Mass and Benediction at 7.30 p.m.

### **RATHVILLY COMMUNITY/TEXT ALERT**

We are holding our Annual General Meeting on MONDAY 12th May 2025 at 8pm in The Harp Bar and everyone is welcome to attend. We are hoping for a good attendance and we have several speakers on the night. Light refreshments will be available. It is important to remind people out walking or cycling the necessity to wear hi-viz clothing so that you are visible to traffic. Our rural roads are quite narrow and heavy vehicles and tractors are in use on a daily basis. If you are not wearing bright clothing you cannot be seen.

### **RATHVILLY GAA CLUB**

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 2-22-23-29

Match 3 win or share €150

Diarmuid Gavin Knockavagh 2-8-22-29

On Line winner

Next draw 22 April 2025 **Jackpot €3,500**

Date for your diary: **Drive in bingo starts back 19 May 2025, €3,000 in prizes.**

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

Lotto Results – No jackpot winner. Numbers drawn were 2 – 3 – 9 – 14.

Match 3 win or share €150 – One Match 3 winner – Fiona O'Reilly.

Promoters Prize €20 – Brian Curran. Next draw 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 Jackpot €14,200.

### **CARLOW LIBRARY**

There will be family storytelling in Carlow Library on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am, all welcome!

Join the Carlow Storytellers for a special evening of stories, recitations, yarns, poems and songs with a celtic twist on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm, all welcome!

There will be a Creativity for Wellbeing Connect Café with Mental Health Ireland on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 11am, Email [library@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:library@carlowcoco.ie) or 059 9129705 to book.

### **FEAST OF ST. LAZERIAN, MOLAISE DAY**

The Feast of St Lazerian, Molaise Day, Ecumenical Prayer Service and Procession, takes place in Old Leighlin on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. The service begins at St Lazerian's Cathedral, Old Leighlin, where the homily will be given by Bishop Denis. After the service in the cathedral there is the procession to St Lazerian's Holy Well for the concluding part of the service where Bishop Adrian Wilkinson of the Church of Ireland will speak. There are refreshments for all afterwards in the Old Leighlin Community Centre. Everyone is very welcome to come and celebrate one of the significant patron saints of our diocese.

### **ACCORD NEEDS YOU!**

ACCORD is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Contact Aisling 01 5053112 or email [marriagepreparation@accorc.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accorc.ie) or [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

### **Graiguecullen Bingo - Sunday 22nd April @ 8.30 p.m.**

Jackpot on 40 numbers €830 Double number €1160 Lotto €850