

3rd Sunday of Easter – Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Gospel: John 21:1-19 Come and have breakfast

As in last Sunday's Gospel, we are again with the disciples when Jesus appears to them. The scene is clearly set: by the Sea of Tiberias (or Galilee), Peter decides to go fishing, and a few others decide to accompany him. Now that they have seen the risen Jesus, we may find it strange that they are back to their jobs. Perhaps they are unsure of their next step, wondering what Jesus expects of them. In the meantime, they have to eat and to earn a living. Their night's fishing is unsuccessful. They are returning empty-handed when a stranger calls from the shore, advising them to cast out their nets again. This time, the catch is so great they can barely haul it in. Once the disciples recognise Jesus, he issues a simple invitation to come and sit by the fire for a meal: 'Come and have breakfast'.

This meeting takes place in the same location as the feeding of the five thousand earlier in John's Gospel. The components of the meal are the same – bread and fish – and again a substantial amount is left over. As always, Jesus has provided more than enough. Through his death and Resurrection, he has met their spiritual needs, though they do not yet fully understand that. Now, he meets their immediate needs, by serving them breakfast in this ordinary setting and by being with them in friendship. He goes on to explain that following him will not be easy. His presence with them will be nourishment for the journey.

Jesus knows our needs. When we are disheartened or ready to give up, help can come from an unexpected source. It is often the simple moments of friendship and fellowship with other that are the most life-giving, when we sense God's presence with us, giving us sustenance for the road ahead.

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“For we are Easter people, and we are called to celebrate the whole earth as the Body of Christ. Every act done in love gives glory to God: a pause of thanksgiving, a laugh, a gaze at the sun, or just raising a toast to our friends on the Zoom screen. The Good News? He is not here! Christ is everywhere and Love will make us whole. – *Sr Ilia Delio OSF*”

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

Sat/Sun, 3rd & 4th May, 2025

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

3rd Sunday of Easter

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 3rd & 4th May

Edward Guthrie, Bough – 1st Anniversary

Teresa O'Toole, Bough

Paddy O'Toole, Bough

Peg O'Toole Eccles, Bough

William Reilly, Collins Park

Bill Doyle, Tankardstown

Teresa & James McGuire, Kyle Beg Lacken

Susan Tobin, Woodgrove Ave.

Eilish McGrath and deceased members of the Coady Family, Station Road

Rose & James Cummins Ballintrane

Mary & Peter Nolan, Baltinglass

Mary & Johnny Windley

Dr. Elizabeth Harpur

Dr Fergus Kirk

Margaret & Patricia Horne

Michael Byrne, 5 Collins Park

Sat/Sun, 10th & 11th May

Agnes Corrigan, Monavothé – 1st Anniversary

Mick Connors, 13 St. Patrick's Park

Michael & Bridget Connors, Knockavagh & deceased family members

Mary & Thomas Humphries, Rathdaniel

Patrick, Peggy & Kay Humphries & Donna Walsh and deceased family members

Pat & Nancy O'Connor, Dublin

Patrick O'Connor, Dublin

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 4th May – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Muireann Gartland.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 11th May – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Mary Kelly, Feddan.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

Wednesday, 7th May at 9.30 a.m. Mass will be offered for the start of Conclave to elect a new Pope.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Adoration each Friday 3-6 pm.

PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR MAY

Kiltegan Area on Friday, 9th May from 2 – 5 p.m.

**PARISH NEWSLETTER – DOUBLE ISSUE NEXT WEEK Please Note:
Anniversary Masses & Notices to reach us before 10 a.m. on Thursday, 8th May.**

MAIN STAINED-GLASS WINDOW, RATHVILLY

Restoration Work on the stained-glass windows situated behind the main Altar in Saint Patrick's Church, Rathvilly will commence soon.

This necessary maintenance project is due to continuing deterioration of the lead in the windows. The work is needed to preserve the integrity of the windows. The initial phase is outside attending to the storm glazing. The next phase involves the removal of the stained glass in sections to the workshop of Traditional Stained Glass situated in Rathcrogue, Carlow. They have completed such work previously in Rathoe Church, Co Carlow and in several Churches around Ireland. The expenditure involved is €55,000 and the project has got the go ahead from the Parish Financial Council. A **Church Window Fund** towards offsetting the costs is established. Donations/ subscriptions are invited to help defray the cost of this sizable project.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 26th & 27th April

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €305.88 Envelopes €310.10

Kiltegan: Offertory €93.98 Envelopes €141.60

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Trócaire Collection –

We collected a total of €1,776.78 - Rathvilly €1,034.45 Kiltegan €742.33.

CHRISTMAS CRIB

Thanks to the generosity to our parishioners, the following beneficiaries received a share €1,000 from the Christmas Crib – St Clares Hospitality Graiguecullen, Focus Ireland and Fr Kevin Kiernan Capuchins Day Centre, Dublin. The recipients are most grateful and send their thanks.

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

Results from 30th April, 2025 No Jackpot winner of €16,000

Numbers: 01-23-31-32. 6 Match 3 numbers get €167 each.

No local match three winner this week.

Next draw on Wednesday, 7th May. **Jackpot €17,000.**

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.

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. 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.

Graiguecullen Bingo - Sunday 6th May @ 8.30 p.m.

Jackpot on 43 numbers €1090 Double number €1300 Lotto €950

Fr Seamus Whitney's ANNUAL GOLF COMPETITION

May Bank Holiday Monday (5th May 2025) at BALTINGLASS GOLF CLUB

3 Person Team Event €20 per person Shotgun Start @ 11am Registration from 10am

Booking on the club BRS or contact Fr Pat Murphy 089 404 0102

Prizes to be won! Proceeds to Sophia Counselling Centre

TOP TEN WAYS TO HELP POLLINATORS

Manage and plant native hedgerows for biodiversity

The more blossom your hedgerow has in Spring, the better it is for biodiversity. Allow hedges to grow into a natural A-shape profile rather than a neat box shape.

Why: Native hedgerow plants such as Hawthorn (also called Whitethorn), and Blackthorn flower early in Spring, providing vital food for wild bees when they emerge from hibernation. Birds and mammals eat their berries later in autumn.

pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

MARCH FOR LIFE 2025

The March for Life 2025, organised by the Pro Life Campaign takes place on Monday, 5th May in Dublin at 2pm (Meeting point: St Stephen's Green). It is being held to draw attention to the rapidly increasing abortion rates in Ireland and call for support for pregnant women and their babies. The event will be suitable for families and have excellent speakers.

Join us in standing up for mothers and their unborn babies! For more information and to check out bus transport to the event see www.marchforlife.ie

DUFFY'S COACH HIRE

4 Night Tour to Galway – 30th June – 4th July

4 Night Tour to Belfast – 10th – 14th August

4 Night Tour to Cavan – 5th – 9th October

For further details on any of these trips please contact 087 2543235 or 059 6471681

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: Jackpot Won. Numbers drawn 3-12-16-24

Congratulations to Kathy Broughall Fr Cullen Tee who takes home € 3,600.

Next draw 6 May 2025 **Jackpot €2,500**

Drive in Bingo back 19 May 2025. €3,000 in prizes.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 5-20-27-29

Victoria Corrigan, Rathvilly 5-19-20-29 Online Winner

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Fergal Harmon, Kiltegan

Next draw 6th. May 2025 Jackpot €14,400. Thank you for all your support.

GK PARISH NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Our 20th Annual Parish Solemn Novena continues in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen each Monday until 23rd June. The rosary will be recited at 7.10pm

and Mass begins at 7.30pm. **This week's Guest Speaker will be:**

Fr. Shaun Doherty - Irish Catholic Priest and former presenter with Highland Radio.