

3rd Sunday of Easter

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Luke 24:13-35

Their eyes were opened

The disciples on the road today are a jumbled mess of emotions, ‘astounded’, ‘sad’, and it is no wonder. Their friend and teacher has been brutally killed, along with their hopes and expectations, and now there are strange reports of a missing body. They have left the chaotic crowds, the violence and devastation behind them. An experience like this, of complete desolation, affects one’s entire being. We become closed in on ourselves, consumed by anger or grief, and it can be very difficult to see Christ walking beside us. It can even cloud our memories of times when we did experience God’s love and grace in the past. We can feel like we are spiralling downwards, cut off.

We read in the narrative today that something shifts for the disciples in the midst of their deep anguish and pain. A ‘stranger’ falls into step with them, and this is no ordinary encounter. Jesus walks with them, even though at first they do not recognise him. He listens to their pain, and he does not interrupt them. When they are finished, he puts their story into the context of a wider vision; he breaks through to them. When we experience desolation, we often need another person to help open our eyes and remind us of who we truly are. This person might be an *anam cara* (soul friend), someone who truly *hears* us and puts our story compassionately into the context of the bigger picture of our lives. This can be consoling. It is through experiences of great suffering (unfortunately) and also great love, that God’s light shines through. The disciples recognise Jesus in the breaking of the bread; their ‘eyes were opened’, their ‘hearts burned’. The words of the scriptures and the enlightening meal go hand in hand, illuminating a new reality. New energy is found, and they go bouncing back to Jerusalem; the place of death and pain is now transformed, and they are bursting to tell their companions,

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“The old news about Easter is that it is about resurrection. The new news may be that it is not so much about the resurrection of Jesus as it is about our own . . . Jesus, you see, is already gone from the tomb. The only question now is whether or not we are willing to abandon our own.
- Joan Chittister

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE

www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam Radio 108 FM

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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RATHVILLY KILTEAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid’s
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick’s
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Sat/Sun, 18th & 19th April 3rd Sunday of Easter

Recent Death: Anthony Healy, England and formerly Ricketstown

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 18th & 19th April

Thomas & Catherine Doyle, Tobinstown

Bridie Colgan, Rathdaniel

Ned & Mary Balfe, Rahill

Mick & Chrissie Byrne, Ballyhackett

James & Elizabeth Byrne, Ballyhackett

Maggie, David & Mary Byrne, Patrickswell

Patrick, Elizabeth & Jim Haberlin, Ballyhackett

Maureen & Joe Deering, Patrickswell

Myles, Elizabeth & Ann Keating, Ballyhackett & deceased family members

Tom Sibbald, Ballyoliver & deceased family members

Eileen Clarke, Waterstown

Paddy Keogh, Tullowland

Elizabeth Heffernan, Rathdangan

Jane Guthrie, Bough

Kate McDonnell, Greystones

Sat/Sun, 25th & 26th April

Richard Bolger, Ballybit

Mag & Bill Byrne, Waterstown

Patrick, Kathleen & Robert Merrigan

Sean Corcoran, Rathvilly

James & Ann Kelly, Ballymore

Jim & Nan Kennedy, St. Patrick’s Park

Ger & Bridie Gavin, Nenagh

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 19th April – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Lucilla Brophy.

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Saturday, 25th April – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Conor O’Leary.

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

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

CONFIRMATION 2026

Rehearsal for Confirmation takes place on Tuesday, 21st April at 7.30 p.m.

Confirmation takes place on Thursday, 23rd April at 11 a.m. We welcome Bishop

Denis Nulty who will confirm the children from the four Schools in our Parish.

TRAINING FOR CHURCH READERS

Thursday, 23rd & 30th April & 7th May in The Parish Centre, Tullow from 7 – 9 p.m.

Would you like to become a Church Reader, if so, please contact the Parish Office.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS 11th & 12th April

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €304.13

Envelopes €348.40

Kiltegan: Offertory €89.60

Envelopes €190.00

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, 5th May at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room to discuss the future of the Parish Conference. Mr. Gerry O'Malley regional president will attend. All are welcome.

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

Results from 15th April, 2026 No Jackpot winner of €13,000
Numbers: 02-16-20-26. 17 Match 3 numbers get €59.00 each.
No local match three winner this week.
Next draw on Wednesday, 22nd April. **Jackpot €14,000.**
The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.

GK Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Our Annual Parish Solemn Novena in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen continues each Monday until 8th of June. The rosary will be recited at 7pm.
This week's Guest Speaker is: Br Tom Walsh – De La Salle Brother & Teacher.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers Drawn 12-25-26-28.
Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky Dips
Brian Smith Haroldstown On Line winner
Joe Hennessey Tullow On Line winner
Pat Deering Ballybit On Line winner
Ellen Cullen Knockavagh Post Office
Molly McGannon Rathvilly Brennan's Shop
Next draw 21 April 2026 **Jackpot €7,500**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto numbers drawn on Tuesday 14th April were 6-12-16-27
Pat Kehoe, St. Patrick's Park Peg Kehoe
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Kallie Kavanagh, Rathvilly Edel McGrath
Meghan Byrne, Woodgrove Ave. Martin Timmons
Joan Sibbald, Rathvilly Post Office
Promoter's prize €20 was won by Rathvilly Post Office.
Next draw 21st. April 2026. Jackpot €5,500. Thank you for all your support.

DREAM AUCTION

The Parishes of Donoughmore & Donard with Dunlavin are holding a Dream Auction on Sunday, 19 April 2026 at 3pm in Donoughmore Hall (Eircode W91 C971). All proceeds go to Rectory Repairs. Refreshments served.
Lots will include a Stihl Chainsaw, Flymo Electric Lawnmower, large Garden Storage Unit, Shelving Units, Garden and Workshop Tools, Garden Hoses, Large Rug, Household Items and many miscellaneous lots. Viewing from 2pm - 3pm.

THE IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER – €3.50 Please put money in Shrine Box

FOUND – Two keys found outside the Church. Owner can collect in the Sacristy.

Save the Date: Parishes Alive – Becoming Synodal

The third annual Parishes Alive Day will take place on the 20th of June 2026 in Carlow College, St Patrick's from 10am to 4pm with lunch included. Full details of the speakers and content, as well as booking instructions, will be published around the middle of May. Pat Roche, Diocesan Director of Parish Development.

CARLOW REGIONAL PIONEER DINNER DANCE

The Carlow Regional Pioneer Dinner Dance will be held in the Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow at 1:30pm Sharp on Sunday 26th April, 2026. Music by “*Teresa and the Stars.*” Tickets €30 from Anne McDarby on 087 7638695 (evenings 6pm to 9pm) before Wednesday 22nd April.

ALONE

A Little Offering Never Ends. Remember you do not have to be alone to avail of our services, the only criteria is that you must be over 60. We offer supports including; Pendant Alarms, assisting with form filling, Energy Credits, applications for Housing adaptation grants, sourcing cleaners for indoors and outdoors, local businesses that carry out odd jobs, linking in with MABS if finances get too much **and much more.**
We provide Volunteering and BeFriending and would be very grateful to hear from anyone who is interested in Volunteering with us.

Contact details: Rachael - Support coordinator 086 0616539 or www.alone.ie

DR DANIEL WILLIAM CAHILL: UPCOMING LECTURE AND EXHIBITION

A lecture about Dr Daniel William Cahill (1796-1864), an Arles native, prominent Catholic priest and celebrated science lecturer will take place at Carlow College, St Patrick's on Thursday, 23 April starting at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Free admission. The talk, organised by the Delany Archive, will be delivered by Dr Diarmid Finnegan, Queen's University Belfast. The talk, which is entitled "'This panorama of billions of worlds': Daniel William Cahill (1796-1864) and the politics of astronomy in post-Emancipation Ireland" will explore key episodes in Cahill's largely untold story. The Delany Archive is also running a small exhibition exploring Cahill's life. It will be available for viewing at Carlow College, St Patrick's between 23 April - 31 July 2026 during office hours, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.

WEST WICKLOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next lecture in the Spring series of West Wicklow Historical Society's programme will take place on Friday, April 24 at 8pm in Hollywood Community Centre in Hollywood, W91 NWK5. The theme of the lecture relates to events during the Civil War. Commandant Neil "Plunkett" O'Boyle who escaped from the internment camp at Newbridge Barracks led a flying column in West Wicklow in the closing months of the Civil War, ending up in Hollywood for his final activity. The Speaker is Des Dalton who researches and writes on Irish revolutionary history with a particular focus on Irish republicanism in the 20th Century. Admission is €5 for members and €8 for non-members. People can become a member through the website www.westwicklowhistoricalsociety.ie.