

Pentecost Sunday

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne
Gospel: **John 20:19-23** Peace be with you

We read today that the disciples are locked away in a house. Fear has gripped them. Their friend has been killed, their hopes and dreams have been shattered and now they fear for their own lives. This scene takes place after Mary Magdalene has already told them that she has seen the risen Jesus, but they don't believe her. The disciples remain closed.

There are times in our own lives when we too isolate ourselves, and other times when we have no choice but to do so. One only has to recall the COVID-19 pandemic that began in 2020. At the beginning of that year, no one could imagine the way the pandemic would unfold across the world: the rapid spread of the infection, the staggering death toll, overburdened hospitals, the world in lockdown, businesses closed. In the first weeks of social distancing many people were in shock, and this shock would soon turn to anxiety and fear. Many vulnerable people were left alone and afraid. We experienced a collective grief as the new reality unfolded.

Today's gospel reminds us that dark situations can be transformed. During the pandemic, we witnessed many extraordinary acts of kindness and generosity. Think of the heroes on the frontline who put their lives at risk for those suffering, or the good neighbours and friends who reached out to one another. These rays of light help us to remember that the Spirit is constantly at work in the world, transforming situations, moving us to act in spaces that seem hopeless. Any period of isolation can be tough, but it can also be an opportunity to take stock, to think about what kind of world we want to live in, and how we can contribute to the emergence of that world. One does not emerge from a crisis unchanged. The Risen Christ *breathes* the Spirit into our lives continuously, offering us peace – *Shalom* – and the opportunity for renewal.

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“Historically, pandemics have forced humans to break with the past and imagine their world anew. This one is no different. It is a portal, a gateway between one world and the next. We can choose to walk through it, dragging the carcasses of . . . our dead ideas, our dead rivers and smoky skies behind us. Or we can walk through lightly, with little luggage, ready to imagine another world.”
- *Arundhati Roy*

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Sat/Sun, 23rd & 24th May

Pentecost Sunday

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 23rd & 24th May

Michael & Kathleen Byrne, Barnhill

Mary Bolger, Rathvilly

Molly & Dan Kelly, Garretstown

Stephen & Maura Murphy, Bough

Matt & Anastasia Murphy

Bill & Mary Doyle

Jack Doyle

Mattie & Margaret Cowman

Gretta Carroll, Knocklishen and deceased family members

Phil Kavanagh, Mount Kelly

John & Ellen Breen, Mount Kelly

Jack Keogh, Phelan Street

Tom & Mary Coleman

The Clarke Family

Tom & Nancy O'Toole

Dermot Byrne

Leon Kelly, New Road, Ballyoliver

Sat/Sun, 30th & 31st May

Bridget & Edward Nolan, Rathvilly

Sarah & Robert Molloy, Ricketstown

Kathleen Deery, Collins Park

Bridget & John Kelly, New Rd., Ballyoliver

Terry Allen Collins Park

Bob & Kay Allen

John & Mary Byrne, Williamstown

Cha Byrne, Williamstown

Mary & James Healy, Ricketstown

Brendan & Rosaleen Healy, London

Maureen Healy, Southampton

John Healy, Ricketstown & London

Anthony Healy, Ricketstown & London

Johnie & Eta Moore, Edenderry & London

Imelda O'Donovan, Rosscarbery

Noreen O'Reilly, Passagewest

Pat & Frances Nolan, Killenure

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ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 24th May – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Mary Kelly, Feddan.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 31st May – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Muireann Gartland.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

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

OUR LADY'S MONTH - The Rosary will be recited in Tynock Church each Wednesday during the month of May at 7.00 p.m. All are welcome.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS 16th & 17th May

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €301.50

Envelopes €529.90

Kiltegan: Offertory €214.70

Envelopes €266.00

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

This collection takes place at all Masses this weekend 23rd/24th May. The generosity of parishes and parishioners in supporting this collection is deeply appreciated.

KILDARE AND LEIGHLIN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Sunday 7th June led by Bishop Denis Nulty. We would like to see as many people as possible join with others from around the diocese for this pilgrimage which takes place every second year. A bus will leave the Village at 7.00 a.m. Bus €35. To book your seat please phone 059 9161114.

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS

SUNDAY MASS CREATES AND CELEBRATES COMMUNION:

‘Sunday Mass is a vital encounter with the risen Lord, the One who gives our lives ultimate meaning and purpose. Through our baptism we bear the name 'Christian'. This identity shapes who we are and calls us to follow Jesus, who is ‘the way, the truth, and the life’ (John 14:6). Through the celebration of Sunday Mass, we experience a life-giving encounter and **communion** with Christ. Just as the two disciples encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus and recognised Him in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:35), so too we meet Him in the Eucharist.

Our identity as Christians is not solitary but shared. On Sundays, we gather not only as individuals but as the Church; the Body of Christ. In the celebration of the Eucharist, we affirm our communion with one another and with Christ. Pope Saint John Paul II emphasised that ‘none is as vital or as community-forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord’s day and His Eucharist.’ This gathering creates a bond of unity, solidarity, and love, as we come together to worship as one body, with one voice, in praise of God.’

What does it mean for you to have a real encounter with Jesus in Mass? What does it mean for you to encounter Jesus with others?

See <https://www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral/> for more on the importance of Sunday and the Sunday Mass. Visit the Kandle Facebook page and/or X account.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association Invitation to Consultative Meetings during May and June 2026

For over 125 years, members of the PTAA have been praying daily for temperance and sobriety. In late 2025, the new constitution was passed, making way for the PTAA to move to a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG). As this new phase of the Association starts, we are keen to meet with members throughout Ireland to consult, to listen and to take action. For information please visit <https://www.pioneers.ie/consultation> for details of meetings in your area and an online Zoom meeting if unable to attend in person.

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

Results from 20th May, 2026 No Jackpot winner of €18,000
Numbers: 09-12-14-27. 22 Match 3 numbers get €46.00 each.
No local match three winner this week.
Next draw on Wednesday, 27th May. **Jackpot €19,000.**

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

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

RATHVILLY COMMUNITY ALERT

We are holding our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 2nd June 2026 at 8pm in The Harp Bar and everyone is welcome to attend. We are hoping for a good attendance & we have several speakers on the night. Refreshments will be available.

CARLOW CHORAL SOCIETY

MENDELSSOHN ELIJAH - Friday, 12th June at 7.30 p.m. in Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. RTE Concert orchestra – Soloists: Katy Kelly, Raphaela Mangan, Conor Prendiville, Benjamin Russell. Conductor Blánaid Murphy. Suggested patronage for people over 16 years is €25. Tickets available in Rathvilly Parish Office or Eventbrite.ie

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 7p.m.
This week’s Speaker is: Edward Hayden, TV Chef & Broadcaster.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3-8-22-29

Match 3 win or share €150

Diarmuid Gavin Knockavagh On Line winner

Margaret Dunne Athy On Line winner

Alan Brennan New Rd. Ballyoliver Eithne Brennan

Next draw 26 May 2026 **Jackpot €8,000**

Drive in Bingo each Monday at 8pm sharp €3,400 in prize money.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 12-17-28-29

Manus Molloy, Rathvilly 12-17-19-28 Molloy’s Bar

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

Next draw 26th May, 2026 - Jackpot €6,000.

Thank you for all your support.

41st All Ireland ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, 6th June at Knock Shrine from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Keynote Speakers: Fr Chris Alar, Nikki Kingsley, Fr John Keane, Archbishop Eamon Martin, Sr. Angela de Fátima Coelho, Bishop Oliver Doeme. Further details from allirelandrosaryrally.com.

CARLOW OLDER PEOPLE’S COUNCIL

Join us in Hacketstown for the first of our 2026 rural roadshows designed to help you stay safe, informed and connected in your community.

Learn about local Community Support Services; Connect with community volunteers and support services; prepare for severe weather conditions; Get information on the Home & Business Retrofitting Programmes and grants; engage with your local Gardai and Fire Service regarding Community Safety.

Hacketstown Community Centre on Tuesday, 26th May 10 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.