

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

John 14:15-21

‘And you in me and I in you’

We continue to read this Sunday from the Farewell Discourse of John’s Gospel (chapters 14 - 17) where Jesus is consoling the disciples, ‘I will not leave you orphaned.’ Jesus tells the disciples that he will send an ‘advocate’ (*paraklétos*) to them. This term is only found in John’s writings and translates as a helper, a comforter, someone we call to our aid. Jesus has been this advocate for the disciples, but now he will be present for them in a different way, dwelling amongst them, dwelling in them, *in-dwelling*. This in turn calls for a loving response from the disciples and from all followers of Christ.

In a famous reflection, Joseph Whenan SJ wrote about this type of love; he said, ‘Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love in a quiet absolute, final way.’ This love will decide everything, what gets you up in the morning, how you spend your time, what breaks your heart, what amazes you. Whelan says, ‘Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.’ Experiencing something of this indwelling presence of God and keeping God’s commandments are deeply interconnected. This love *will* decide everything because it must flow outwards, be lived out in our daily lives, for it cannot be contained.

The words of the Gospel today are deeply intimate, they cannot be understood with the head, only with the heart. As we spend time with them, we begin to realise that it is not just the disciple’s story, it is also our story, a story we experience on a deep level. It is another reminder to us that all beings are sacred, all beings carry divine DNA within. Let us begin again to see God present within ourselves, in others and in all of creation.

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“We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience.  
- *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

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## RATHVILLY KILTEAN PARISH

### NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid’s  
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick’s  
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption  
Tynock**

**Sat/Sun, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Recent Death:** Doreen Folan, Dublin sister of Ann Byrne, New Rd, Ballyoliver

#### **ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

**Sat/Sun, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Joe McKnight, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Declan O’Toole, Bough

Agnes Corrigan, Monavothe

Peggy O’Toole nee Eccles

James & Teresa O’Toole, Bough

Lizzy O’Toole nee O’Brien

Paddy O’Toole, Bough

Edward Guthrie, Bough

Paul, Thomas & Dick Finnegan

**Sat/Sun, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Michael & Mary Doyle, Ballyhackett

Ted & Bridie Foley, Graiguenamanagh

Stan Doyle, Bough

Andrew Joseph Whyte, Garretstown

Jack & Mary Nolan, Ballyoliver

Thomas & Julia Byrne, New Rd, Ballyoliver

Mick Connors, St. Patrick’s Park & deceased family members

Mary & Thomas Humphries, Rathdaniel & deceased family members

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

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Veronica Byrne.

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

Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Lucilla Brophy.

Memorial Mass for Peg Byrne, Killallesh.

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

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> May – **Mass at 10.00 a.m.**

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

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

#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations to the children from Tynock & Talbotstown NS who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> May in Talbotstown Church.

Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 3 children from Rathmore NS and 17 children from Rathvilly NS will receive their First Holy Communion in Rathvilly Church at 11.00 a.m.

#### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Steps towards a new conference for Rathvilly Kiltegan Parish. Expressions of interest are still invited. Mr. Gerry O’ Malley will attend our next meeting on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> May

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €225.25

Envelopes €360.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €89.03

Envelopes €225.50

## WHY SUNDAY MATTERS –

### AN INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS FOR THE COMING WEEKS

Bishop Denis and the Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation invite parishioners across the diocese to reflect on the letter from the Irish Bishops,

‘WHY SUNDAY MATTERS’, for these remaining weeks of Eastertide up to the ‘Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ’ on June 7. From next weekend we will post a short excerpt from the letter each week for you to think about, with a link to the full text. *Sunday matters – it’s good every now and again to stop and remind ourselves why.*

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 to see this weekend’s highlighted material, including a video message from Bishop Denis.

## 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.

## 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.

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

Results from 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 No Jackpot winner of €16,000

Numbers: 10-17-20-29. 11 Match 3 numbers get €91.00 each.

No local match three winner this week.

Next draw on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May. **Jackpot €17,000.**

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 7p.m.

**This week’s Speaker is: Davy Fitzgerald. Hurling Manager & former player.**

## 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 and we have several speakers on the night. Light refreshments will be available.

## FUNDRAISER FOR CARLOW ALZHEIMERS BETHANY HOUSE DAY CARE

Anne McDarby (Carlow) is Walking Cork City 10Km on 31st May 2026

for Carlow Alzheimers Bethany House Day Care Carlow.

Please go to [idonate.ie/fundraiser/annemcdarby](https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/annemcdarby) to support.

## DAY CONFERENCE

An Ignite Ireland day conference, with special guest speaker Scott Hahn, will take place in Dublin on Saturday, 23rd of May. Scott Hahn is a well known writer and broadcaster, and is a much sought after speaker. It is an event not to be missed. For information and to book your ticket, go to: [www.dominicans.ie](http://www.dominicans.ie)

## RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 7-11-22-25

Florrie Gibbons Station Rd.

On Line winner

Next draw 12 May 2026 **Jackpot €7,800**

**Drive in Bingo starts back Monday 18 May at 8pm sharp €3,400 in prize money.**

## SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 5-19-24-30

Dillon O’Toole, Bough, Rathvilly

Brian Curran

Pam Byrne, Woodgrove Avenue

Anthony Byrne

Ger and Laura Kavanagh

Laura Kavanagh

Eliz and PJ, Hacketstown

Laura Kavanagh

Gary Carroll, Tullow

Anthony Byrne

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

Next draw 12th.May, 2026 Jackpot €5,800. Thank you for all your support.

Graiguecullen MONSTER Bingo Tuesday 12th May 2026 St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm

Jackpot on 48 numbers €5,380 Double number €1,580 Lotto €2,200 Bonus Ball €1,500

## Pilgrimage to Lodi Italy for the 27th International Columban Meeting

Bishop Denis will lead a Pilgrimage from the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin to Lodi in Italy this July to participate in the 27th International Columban Meeting. Taking place from Friday July 3rd to Monday July 6th 2026, the international gathering forms part of a long-standing annual European tradition honouring Columbanus, the 6th century Irish missionary monk born in the shadow of Mount Leinster near Myshall, County Carlow, whose influence extended across Ireland and mainland Europe. For information and details contact For further information or to book, contact Tully's Travel, Carlow at 059-9136100 or visit [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) or [www.carlowtourism.com/thecolumbanway](http://www.carlowtourism.com/thecolumbanway)

