

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

**John 6:1-15 Manna from Heaven**

For the next four Sundays we reluctantly leave our readings of Mark's Gospel and turn to the famous 'Bread of Life' chapter from John's Gospel (6:1-69). The text tell us that the Jewish festival of Passover was near, the festival which remembers the liberation of the Hebrew slaves from Egypt, the festival associated with unleavened bread and manna that fell from heaven to feed the people in the wilderness (Exodus 16:19). Here, we find many overtones of Eucharistic symbolism as Jesus, 'having given thanks' (in Greek – *eucharistesas*), distributes the food to the crowds himself. Jesus asks the disciples, 'Where are you going to buy bread for these people to eat?' Andrew does not have the full answer yet, but he is on the right track as he notices the young boy with the loaves and fish. He may have perceived that with those gifts, Jesus could do something. The result is abundant grace, blessings and nourishment. Imagine the young boy looking at what resulted from his small gesture.

We might recall those teachers or leaders who have fed us. Someone who asked the right question at the right time in our lives and waited patiently for us to discover the answer for ourselves. They may have led us on a journey we did not dream possible. Or perhaps we were the ones asking the question, a question we thought was insignificant but that planted many seeds in another's heart. With these gifts and seeds and loaves and fishes, God can do great things.

After this 'sign', people want to crown Jesus as king, assuming him to be the one who would liberate them from the Roman Empire. But Jesus is not that sort of king. He has come to serve the people. He withdraws to the mountain to pray. He puts his relationship with God and his mission over any earthly kingdom.

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'My part is not feeding five thousand men. My part is giving my lunch to Jesus.

**Emily P. Freeman**

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## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's**                      **St. Patrick's**                      **The Assumption**  
**Talbotstown**                      **Rathvilly**                      **Tynock**  
**Sat/Sun, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2024**                      **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Recent Death:** James Lawler, Killalesh, Kiltegan

**Sat/Sun, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> July**

**Months Mind Mass** for Peg McGrath, Broughillstown this Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> July

**Months Mind Mass** for Thomas Colgan this Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July at 11 a.m.

#### **ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

James & Mary Smith Coole                      Peter Deegan, Carnew  
Josephine Doyle, Slaney Bank                      James Doyle, Rathdaniel  
Joseph (Jo Jo) Dunne, Rathmore  
Colm Coleman, The Green, Hacketstown  
Leo & Elizabeth Morgan, Ballyoliver and deceased family members

**Sat/Sun, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> August**

**Months Mind Mass** for Oliver Byrne, New Road, Ballyoliver on Sat/Sun, 3/4 August

**Months Mind Mass** for John Nolan, Knockboy on Sat/Sun, 3/4 August

#### **ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

Rose & Hugh Foley, St. Patrick's Park                      Paddy Kelly, Ballyhackett  
Kevin & Margaret Curry, New Road, Ballyoliver                      Kitty Nolan, Rathmore  
Brendan O'Grady, Rathmore                      Pat Nolan, Rathmore  
Kathleen Burke, Bough & deceased family members                      Bridget Gahan, Lisnavagh  
John & Sarah Doyle, Bough & deceased family members  
Joe & Bridget Keogh, St. Patrick's Park

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

Tuesday - Communion Service at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday – Mass at 7.00 p.m.

Thursday & Friday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** – Adoration on Friday 3 – 6 p.m.

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

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Nigel Byrne.

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

Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> August – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Mary Kelly, Feddan.

## CEMETERY MASS

Rathvilly Cemetery Mass– Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> August at 11.00 a.m.

## WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> July

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €223.13

Envelopes €542.90

Kiltegan: Offertory €48.50

Envelopes €235.90

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

Results for 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 No Jackpot winner of €20,000.

Numbers: 04 – 17 – 30 – 31. 10 Match 3 numbers and get €100.00 each.

No local match three winners this week.

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

On **Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July the Jackpot is €20,000.** Tickets €2.

Thank you to all our parishioners who support the Lotto.

Tickets available in the Post Office, Parish Office, lotto promoters and also in Rathvilly, Tynock & Talbotstown Churches after Mass in the Sacristy.

## MONASTIC EXPERIENCE

Poor Clares, Carlow are holding a Monastic Experience on Saturday 17th August from 2.30 p.m. to 4p.m. Any ladies interested please contact [poorclaresvoc@gmail.com](mailto:poorclaresvoc@gmail.com) before 17th August.

## DONOUGHMORE SUMMER FETE - Monday, 5 August 2024 (2pm to 5pm)

Donoughmore, Glen of Imaal, Co Wicklow. Off the N81 between Blessington and Baltinglass, at Whitestown - signposted Glen of Imaal. Eircode W91C971

Admission: Adults €3, Children Free. Parking: FREE onsite!

Cakes – Plants – White Elephant – Books – Bottle Stall – Toys – Bowls – Hoopla

Afternoon Teas, Novelty Races, Horse & Carriage Rides & lots more.

For further information: Email [donoughmoredonardparish@gmail.com](mailto:donoughmoredonardparish@gmail.com)

## SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 4 – 7 – 8 – 29

Mark and Elisha Ryan, Kiltegan 4-7-8-12

Fergal Harmon

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Anthony Byrne, Woodgrove Avenue

Next draw 30<sup>th</sup>. July 2024 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support

## ASKEA PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Askea Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024. Spiritual Director Fr Tom Little PP. Bishop Denis Nulty will be travelling with this pilgrimage. Cost €965.00 p/p sharing a twin/double room. For further information, contact Tully's Travel, Carlow 059 9136100.

## IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER available in Rathvilly Church each week

Cost: €3. Please leave the money in the Candle Shrine Box.

## WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Pope Francis has in recent years designated the Sunday closest to the Feast of Ss. Joachim & Anne as 'World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly'. The National Pilgrimage of the Catholic Grandparents Association takes place that day in Knock and indeed the theme of Reek Sunday is also this year being dedicated to World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> World Day and the theme this year is 'Do not cast me off in my old age' (Ps. 71:9).

## PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS written by Pope Benedict XVI

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.

Look with love on grandparents the world over.

Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them!

As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. **Amen.**

**Please see separate sheet:** A reflection written by Betty Murphy (Carlow) one of the founder members of the Catholic Grandparents Association on what it means to be part of that association and indeed to be a grandparent.

## RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results – No jackpot winner. Numbers were 9 –11 – 12 – 27.

Two match 3 winners of €75 each –

Jim Hughes, Coole – online Bridget Pendergast – Bingo.

Next draw on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July – Jackpot €9,000.

## AN TAIRSEACH AUTUMN 2024 PROGRAMME

An Tairseach, the Wicklow based, Cabra Dominican sponsored Centre for Ecology, Spirituality and Theology is delighted to share with you our upcoming courses, workshops, and 4-week sabbatical programme for the autumn season with wide-ranging events planned from September 13<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Booking essential, please contact: [info@antairseach.ie](mailto:info@antairseach.ie) /0404 61833.

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