

2nd Sunday of Lent – Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Luke 9: 28-36 A Transforming Space

Peter is overwhelmed, to say the least. It wasn't unusual for Jesus to go up a mountain to pray, but this time he takes Peter, John and James with him, and what happens next is extraordinary. This vision of Jesus is like nothing these disciples have seen before, for they are given a glimpse of the glory of God. Is it any wonder Peter doesn't know what he's saying? This special encounter with Jesus only happens when they a step away from their everyday activities. In this space, Jesus reveals his true nature to them. It is a dramatic moment, but it is also a moment of encouragement to spur them onwards in their mission. The memory of this day will carry them and give them hope during the difficult times ahead.

Today we follow in the footsteps of Peter, John and James, whose experience offers a fleeting glimpse of who Jesus is. It reminds us that there is more to life than our ordinary, everyday experience. Being a disciple means believing in this Jesus, the Son, the Chosen One. We listen to him even when, like Peter, we don't fully understand the meaning of it all, but are filled with wonder and hope.

While we may assume that this kind of 'transfiguration' event is outside our realm of experience, life is full of instances where God 'breaks through' into our world. The beauty of our natural world, the power of art and music to move us, the goodness and generosity of others – all these are moments of transformation when God reaches out to us. The more we tune in and spend time 'on the mountain' in meditation and prayer, the better we will experience and appreciate God's presence with us.

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“Wherever you turn your eyes the world can shine like transfiguration. You don't have to bring a thing to it except a little willingness to see. Only, who could have the courage to see it?
- Marilynne Robinson

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's

Talbotstown

Sat/Sun, 15th & 16th March 2025

St. Patrick's

Rathvilly

The Assumption

Tynock

2nd Sunday of Lent

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 15th & 16th March

Larry Byrne, Maplestown

Mary Ann Leonard, Rahill

Peter Byrne, Collins Park

John Byrne, Collins Park

Sat/Sun, 22nd & 23rd March

Paddy Deering, Ballybit Big – 1st Anniversary

Kathleen Curry, Ballybit

John Foley, Bough

Michael & Madeline Curran, St. Patrick's Park

Martin & Mary Curran, Ballybit

Esther O'Brien, Garretstown

Eileen Doyle nee Smith, Lisnavagh

Shaun Leonard, Rahill

James & Elizabeth Dowling, Knocklishen

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

St. Patrick's Day – Mass at 11.00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – each Friday of Lent at 6.00 p.m.

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

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 16th March – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Mary Kelly.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

St. Patrick's Day, 17th March – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Mary Byrne.

Saturday, 22nd March – Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Lucilla Brophy.

NOVENA TO ST PATRICK – 9th – 17th March

9 Day Novena in Honour of St. Patrick our National and Parish Patron. The Novena is recited each day at Mass.

ST PATRICK'S DAY IN RATHVILLY

Weather permitting the Parish will celebrate St Patrick's Day in a special way this year. People are invited to gather at St Patrick's Well on March 17th at **10:15am** where water will be collected. Prayers will be said at the well in honour of St Patrick. We will then process to St Patrick's Church for Mass. After this celebration all are invited for light refreshments in the parish meeting room.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES AVAILABLE IN EACH CHURCH – please take one home

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Lima and Julio have four children and you can see their photo on our Trócaire box this year. They depend on farming for their livelihood. Like many families and communities Trócaire work with, they are experiencing increasingly erratic weather patterns due to climate change. This is having life-changing consequences on their livelihoods, wellbeing and future. Find out more at trocaire.org

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 8th & 9th March

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections.
Rathvilly: Offertory €400.86 Envelopes €377.00
Kiltegan: Offertory €83.00 Envelopes €303.50

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

Results from 12th March, 2025 One Jackpot winner of €15,000
Congratulations to Nellie & Jody Nolan from Clonbullogue.
Numbers: 07-15-22-31. 19 Match 3 numbers get €53 each.
One local match three winner this week.
Winner – Donovan Grandchildren. Promoter – Thomas Donovan.
Next draw on Wednesday, 12th March. **Jackpot €10,000.**
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.

JUBILEE 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD – 28th & 29th March

A Jubilee 24 Hours for the Lord takes place in Cathedral Assumption Carlow -
Friday 28th Opening Mass at 7pm Stations of the Cross 9pm
Saturday 29th 10am Mass 12 noon Directed Prayer – Sorrowful Mysteries
3 pm Directed Prayer – Divine Mercy 6.15pm Evening Mass/Closing Liturgy
Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the 24 hours except during Mass and hours of Directed Prayer.

Pilgrims of Hope in Lent... follow and like the Kildare and Leighlin Diocese Facebook and X accounts for daily posts on hope in Lent.

Graiguecullen MONSTER Bingo Tuesday 19th March St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.
Jackpot on 50 numbers €2130 Double number €740 Lotto €550

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDUGORJE – 12th – 19th April

Further details from Duffy's Coach Hire 087 2543235 or 059 6471681

Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators: Don't mow, let it grow!

Reduce mowing to allow native wildflowers like Dandelions, Clover and Birds-foot Trefoil to naturally return over time. By reducing mowing – even to once a month – you will help them to slowly return, one pocket at a time.

Where? Everywhere! Even tiny biodiversity margins are valuable.

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

DAFFODIL DAY – Friday, 28th March

There will be an opportunity to support this worthy cause at Rathvilly Pharmacy and Brennan's Centra on 28th March. Hoping for fine weather and good support from the community again this year.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 7-17-18-22

Match 3 win or share €150

Robyn & Ruby Kelly Fr, Cullen Tce. 2-7-18-22

Paul Kelly

Pat Deering Ballybit 7-10-18-22

On Line winner

Tracey Kelly Fr. Cullen Tce. 2-7-18-22

On Line winner

Next draw 18th March 2025 **Jackpot €3,000**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 4 - 5 - 11 - 23
Josie Sheehan, Knockananna 4-5-10-11 Anthony Byrne
Liz Kirton, Rathvilly 4-7-11-23 Peg Kehoe
Chloe Smith, Rathvilly 5-11-19-23 Jenny Donegan
Promoter's prize €20 was won by Anthony Byrne, Woodgrove Avenue
Next draw 18th March 2025 Jackpot €13,700. Thank you for all your support.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LUXEMBOURG

Honouring Carlow Trained St Willibrord. Join Fr Thomas O'Byrne and our ecumenical friends from the Diocese of Leighlin as the Diocese and the Cathedral Parish travel to Luxembourg from Sunday June 8th to Wednesday June 11th, 2025. Bookings for this unique pilgrimage through Tully's Travel, Tullow Street, Carlow Town, Tel: 059 9136100, €685.00 per person sharing.

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME VACANCIES

Carlow Centre for Independent Living Clg. currently has vacancies for Healthcare Assistants / Personal Assistants. Anyone interested in applying for these positions may do so by applying online @ JobsIreland.ie to the following # 2364534 Carlow Town & County # 2364539 Rathvilly/Tullow email us @ carlowcile@gmail.com or phone 059 91 30014 or call into our office at Room 8, St. Fiacc's Leisure Centre, Graiguecullen, Carlow R93 N5YO

BRIGIDINE CONVENTS ANNUAL PAST PUPILS DINNER

Past Pupils of the Brigidine Convents of Abbeyleix, Mountrath, Tullow & Goresbridge are invited to the Brigidine Convents Annual Past Pupils Dinner which takes place on Sunday 27th April in the Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise at 12.45pm. Cost €50 and booking to be made before Thursday 17th April.

Contact Sheila Kinane 087 224 944 or 045 867 124

Email: sheilakinane@gmail.com or Dolores Kavanagh Murray 087 414 8093 or Maeve in Mountrath 087 656 9975.

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