

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES – 15th January 2017

As we celebrate the 103rd World Day of Migrants and Refugees this Sunday, it is important that we come together to remember and pray for the tens of thousands of children who migrate alone, unaccompanied, to escape poverty and violence. Children are the most vulnerable and hardest hit among the world's migrants and require special protection, Pope Francis said.

The Pope made these comments in a message on the theme of 'Child Migrants, the Vulnerable and the Voiceless' for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2017. In his message, the Pope called for greater protection and integration of immigrants and refugees who are minors, especially those who are unaccompanied. 'Minors are especially fragile, vulnerable and often invisible and voiceless – unable to claim or unaware of their rights and needs,' he said. In particular, they have 'the right to a healthy and secure family environment, where a child can grow under the guidance and example of a father and a mother,' the Pope said. 'Children, furthermore, have the right to recreation,' he added. 'In a word, they have the right to be children.' Please join with Pope Francis and the Council for Immigrants of the Irish Bishops' conference in drawing attention to the refugee crisis, in particular the plight of minor migrants.

Ireland Unaccompanied Minor Figures 2015 – 25 unaccompanied minors were recorded applying for asylum in Ireland – 10 from Afghanistan; 10 from Albania; 5 from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

In the Catholic Church no one is a stranger; the Church has a strong tradition of welcoming the stranger and the Church is open to anyone, anywhere. The Church is 'God's family on earth,' as Pope Benedict said in his encyclical Deus Caritas Est; and in God, as we know, there is neither Jew or Greek, neither slave nor free; we are all children of the same Father, and while we celebrate and respect our different cultures, we share a common dignity.

Pray for those working with refugee children, many of whom are traumatised and have suffered abuse. Pray for compassion, love and grace to flow from the heart of Jesus through His people, and that many children will find healing and life in Christ.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Best of luck to our U13 boys and girls Futsal teams who are in action this weekend.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 4 - 12 - 15 - 16

Match Three: win or share €150

Agnes Byrne, Maplestown, Rathvilly 4 - 12 - 15 - 29

Martin Morrissey, Rathvilly 4 - 12 - 16 - 24

Ann Connors, St. Patrick's Park, Rathvilly 12 - 15 - 16 - 18

Promoters Prize - Bruno

Next draw on Monday, January 16th. **Jackpot €20,000**

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

14th & 15th January 2017

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Saturday, 14th January at 7.30 p.m.

Sheila Kirwan, Mount Kelly

Olive Griffin, Ballyoliver

Claire Jenkins, Ballybit

Paddy & Elizabeth Kelly, Ricketstown & deceased family members

Timothy Doyle, Tobinstown

Patrick Doyle, Tobinstown

Bridie Byrne, Fr. Cullen Tce

Months Mind Mass for Patrick Smith, Northampton, England and formerly Lisnavagh who died in England recently.

Saturday, 21st January at 7.30 p.m.

Billy Keegan, Ballyoliver and deceased family members

Michael & Mamie Fox and deceased family members

Molly Kelly, Garretstown

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Tuesday – **Communion Service** at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday & Thursday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Friday – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession 7 p.m. Mass 7.30 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Thursday 10am – 7pm

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers will take place next Saturday, 21st January after 7.30 p.m. Mass and Sunday, 22nd January after 11.00 a.m. Mass in the Church. It is important that all Eucharistic Ministers attend one of the above meetings.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 7th & 8th January, 2017

Offertory Collection €404.56 Envelope Collection €493.50 Many thanks.

ANNUAL TABLE QUIZ

The Annual Table Quiz for the two Churches, St. Patrick's and St. Mary's Church will be held in the Rathvilly Inn on Friday, 20th January at 9 p.m. sharp.

Table of 4 – €20. Your support would be much appreciated. Raffle Prizes welcome!!

CHRISTMAS CRIB - All donations from the Crib will go to the homeless.

Parish Office – Mon-Fri: 10 am – 1 pm - 059 9161114

Email: office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie Website: www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

From 18-25 January, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is held. The theme in 2017 is 'Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us' (cf 2 Cor 5: 14-20). The theme has its origins in the Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium, The Joy of the Gospel of Pope Francis: 'The Love of Christ Compels Us' (9).

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 15, 2017

"To you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people." Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood? Contact: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill vocations@kandle.ie, www.kandlepriest.com

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Sunday – St Ita was born in Co. Waterford of noble and Christian parents. Early on she set her mind on serving Christ in religious life. She founded a monastery in Killeedy, Co. Limerick, which attracted a great variety of young people. She was given the title 'foster-mother of the saints of Ireland'. She died in 570.

Monday – St Fursa was born in Ireland and became one of the great monastic missionaries abroad. He went first with his brothers Foillan and Ultan to live the monastic life in East Anglia. But as great numbers continued to visit him there he left Foillan as abbot and sought refuge in France around 644. A patron gave him a hermitage at Lagny on the Marne. He died about 650 at Mézerolles and was buried in Péronne, which became a great centre of devotion to him.

Tuesday – St Anthony, died 356, 'Father of monasticism', lived a life of solitude but also attracted many others to form communities of hermits.

Friday – St Fabian had been Pope for fourteen years when martyred under Decius in the year 250.

St Sebastian may have been a soldier and was martyred in the persecution of Diocletian. He sustained many others in their trials.

Saturday – St Agnes, wealthy and beautiful, was martyred for her virginity in the last persecutions in Rome, in the early fourth century. Patron of betrothed couples, gardeners and young girls.

GOSPEL READINGS – 15th – 22nd January

Sunday: Jn 1: 29-34	Mon: Mk 2: 18-22	Tues: Mk 2: 23-28
Wed: Mk 3: 1-6	Thurs: Mk 3: 7-12	Fri: Mk 3: 13-19
Sat: Mk 3: 3: 2-21	Sunday: Mt 4: 12-23	

PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE

Accord Carlow are now taking bookings for the following courses

Jan 27th & 28th, Feb 10th & 11th, Mar 10th & 11th.

Couples getting married in Spring or early summer 2017 should book a place on one of the above courses. Bookings can be made on line at www.accord.ie or for further information phone Mary at 059 9138738

WEEK – 15th – 22nd January 2017

Altar Servers – Peter Carroll, Conor Elliott, Eabha Canavan, Eoin Maher.

Church Readers –

Saturday, 21st January – Eric Geaney, Máire Kelly.

Sunday, 22nd January – Parents of First Holy Communion Children.

Ministers of the Eucharist –

Saturday, 21st January – Norah Butler, Noel & Jennifer Curry.

Sunday, 22nd January – Denis Kelly, Marie Curry, Laz Cullen.

RATHVILLY NATIONAL SCHOOL

6 Week Draw will start on Monday, 23rd January. The draw will be run over four weeks with two double draws. €2 per week. Please support our school.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY

The M.S. Society would like to thank everybody for the birthday donation. €945 was received.

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT SUICIDE IN CARLOW

Be part of developing a suicide prevention plan for our county. Attend one of the following public meetings –

Tuesday 17th January 10 a.m. – 12 noon – Bagenalstown Family Resource Centre

Wednesday 18th January 2 – 4 p.m. – Teach Brid, Tullow

Wednesday 18th January 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. – Vocational School, Borris

Wednesday 25th January 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. – Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow

Thursday 26th January 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. – Colaiste Eoin, Hacketstown

If you can't make the meeting please have your say by filling out a quick survey on line @

www.surveymonkey.com/r/connectingforlifecarlow

For more information please contact Tracy Nugent, Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention, 051 874013 or tracy.nugent@hse.ie or www.connectingforlifecarlow.ie

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results. No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 2-9-11-13

Match 3 win or share €150

Louise Kelly Slaney Bank 2-9-11-29

Collette & Helen

John Smith Haroldstown 2-5-9-11

John Smith

Promoters Prize €20 Tom Whyte

Next draw 17 Jan. 2017 in Molloy's Bar. **Jackpot €12,000**

Walking Track: Membership now due €20 for the year payable to any committee member.

RATHVILLY CREDIT UNION: New Year – New You? Thinking of booking that holiday or changing the car? Come and talk to our loan committee any Thursday night, 7 to 8p.m. or check out our website on www.rathvillycu.ie – our Loan Book is Open! Our opening hours are Thursday 9.15 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. and 7p.m. to 8p.m.; Friday 9.15 a.m. to 11.30a.m. and 7p.m. to 8p.m.