

RUN FOR ABBIE

Our fundraising 5k and 2k fun run/walk for Abbie Colfer takes place on Sunday, 26th March at 10.00 a.m. We look forward to your support to make this a great success.

RATHVILLY PARISH CREDIT UNION: The Annual General Meeting of Rathvilly Parish Credit Union Ltd., will take place on Monday, 20th March, 2017 at 7.30p.m. in The Phoenix Centre, Rathvilly. All members are invited to attend and light refreshments will be served. 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.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: Jackpot won. Numbers drawn 1-3-15-20

Congratulations to Juliet Di Nicolo c/o T. Whyte winner of this weeks Jackpot €1,700. Promoters Prize €20 Jenny Donegan

Next draw 21 March 2017 in Molloy's Bar. **Jackpot €1,000**

Walking track membership now due €20 payable to Collette Kelly

For Health and Hygiene reasons Strictly No Dogs Allowed

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 4 - 19 - 25 - 30

Match Three: win or share €150

Mary Wall, Monavothe, Rathvilly 4 - 12 - 19 - 30

Mary Harmon, No. 1 Kiltegan 4 - 15 - 19 - 25

Andrew Smith, Monavothe, Rathvilly 4 - 11 - 19 - 25

Promoters Prize - Jenny Donegan Next draw on Monday, March 20th. **Jackpot €4,600**

KNOCK SHRINE

Saturday 25th March - 22nd Eucharistic Loreto Vigil

To celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord.

9pm-11pm: Adoration, Benediction & the Veneration of Precious Relic from the Holy House of Loreto. Mass at 11pm Fr Freddie Warner, SMA & Fr. Bernard McGuckian, SJ.

Organised by the Apostolate of Atonement for Mercy. For more information contact Knock Shrine (094) 93 88100 or email:info@knock-shrine.ie

Remembrance Garden - On Saturday, March 25th at 12 noon, there will be a blessing and prayer ceremony, held at the Remembrance Garden at Knock Shrine. Crocus bulbs will be planted here this year in memory of all deceased children. Bereaved parents and families are welcome to attend.

Celebrating Family Day - Join us for a Family Day of Faith, Inspiration and Sharing on Saturday 8th April at Knock Shrine. Hear guest speakers Timothy Bartlett and Breda O'Brien discuss what to expect for the World Meeting of Families 2018. Listen to families sharing testimonies of personal journey and challenges of family life. Taking place in the Rest & Care Centre Knock from 11am with Mass at 3pm celebrated by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. Activities and workshops will be provided for children (5 years and over) and young people attending. All are welcome.

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

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Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's

Talbotstown

18th & 19th March, 2017

St. Patrick's

Rathvilly

The Assumption

Tynock

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, 18th March at 7.30 p.m.

Peter Nolan, Ricketstown

Mary Nolan, Ricketstown

John Nolan, Ricketstown

Tom McCall, Bough

Kathleen Curry, Ballybit

Patrick Nolan, Mount Kelly

Jim Healy, Ricketstown

Saturday, 25th March at 7.30 p.m.

Months Mind Mass for Mary Ellen (Bonnie) McNamara on Saturday, 25th March

Terry Redmond, Delacy Abbey

Marie Therese Kearns, Rathvilly

Madeline Curran, St. Patrick's Park

John Foley, Bough

Alan (Stick) Keogh, 2 Fr Cullen Tce.

John Kelly, New Rd., Ballyoliver

Shaun Leonard, Rahill

Liam Hayes, Tipperary

Eileen Doyle, Lisnavagh

Edward & Ellen Keegan

Kathleen Lawlor, Phelan Street

Thomas Reilly

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Friday – Stations of the Cross & Confessions 7 p.m. Mass 7.30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Programme continues with the 3rd Session on Tuesday, 21st March at 7.30 p.m. in Rathvilly National School for children and their parents.

FIRST PENANCE

Children from Rathvilly & Rathmore National School will make their First Penance on Wednesday, 22nd March in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly at 7.30 p.m.

"24 HOURS WITH THE LORD"

Church of The Most Holy Rosary, Tullow

Friday 24th March at 6pm to Saturday 25th March at 6pm

A time for quiet prayer and reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament

An invitation to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Priests from around the diocese (including Bishop Denis) will be available during each hour of the 24 hour period to hear confessions.

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH DRAW

The 10 Week Parish Draw commences on Tuesday, 4th April. Draw Cards are in circulation. If you would like to be a promoter please contact the Parish Office.

CHRISM MASS 2017

You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese in the Cathedral, Carlow at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 10 to celebrate the Chrism Mass - the largest diocesan celebration held during the year!

Third Sunday of Lent -- March 19, 2017

“But whoever drinks the water I give, will never be thirsty.” Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation? If you think Jesus may be inviting you to the priesthood, contact: Fr. Ruairi O’Domhnaill

vocations@kandle.ie, www.kandlepriest.com

K & L DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

First Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin Most Reverend Denis Nulty. Pilgrimage Director: Fr. Paddy Byrne.

16th July 2017 for 5 nights. €719 per person sharing.

Contact Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410800 or info@jowalshstours.ie

GOSPEL READINGS – 19th – 26th March

Sunday: Jn 4: 5-42	Mon: Lk 2: 41-51	Tues: Mt 21: 21-35
Wed: Mt 5: 17-19	Thurs: Lk 11: 14-23	Fri: Mt 12: 28-34
Sat: Lk 1: 26-38	Sunday: Jn 1: 1-41	

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 11th & 12th March, 2017

Offertory Collection €311.79 Envelope Collection €772.32 Many thanks.

WEEK – 19th – 26th March, 2017

Altar Servers – Kian Austin, Fia Murphy, Aoibheann Curry, Orlaith O’Sullivan.

Church Readers –

Saturday, 25th March – Fia Murphy, Jaden Doyle, Keira Reilly.

Sunday, 26th March – Joshua Gallagher, Eoin Corcoran.

Ministers of the Eucharist –

Saturday, 25th March – Rita Balfe, Antoinette Kelly, Maureen McNamara.

Sunday, 26th March – Noel & Mary Kennedy, Michael Kehoe.

DAFFODIL DAY – 24th March

If anybody wishes to donate daffodils for sale in Baltinglass on Daffodil Day, they can be left in Pattersons Baltinglass or Mace Rathvilly on Thursday 23rd March.

PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE

Accord Carlow run Pre-marriage courses for couples intending to get married in the Catholic Church. It is a requirement of the church that all couples attend a Pre-Marriage course before getting married. The course is held in St Catherine’s Social Service Centre Carlow. Limited places available on the forthcoming courses - May 5th & 6th and June 9th & 10th. There will be no courses in July or August.

How to Book a place? Book on line www.accord.ie

Contact Mary at Accord Carlow 059 9138738 for further information.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Local communities in Honduras today are thirsting for justice. Families are being forced to move because of poor land quality, exploitation by land owners and rising sea levels. They are unable to produce crops because of the struggle to find arable lands. Rising sea levels mean that the salt levels are having detrimental effects on plant growth and yield. This is a direct result of climate change.

Like the woman at the well, we too are called to a profound interior conversion. Even the most committed and prayerful Christians can be passive and cynical when it comes to concerns for creation. We read in Laudato Sí that ‘what (we) all need is an “ecological conversion”, whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them. Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience’ (Laudato Sí’, 217). We see the effect of the woman’s encounter with Jesus; she is brought on a journey, a deep reflection on her lifestyle that results in an action: she goes to alert others.

Today we can ask ourselves this question: is the effect of my faith, my encounter with Jesus, evident in my life? It is easy to join the fight for climate justice by making small changes in our lifestyles which reduce our carbon footprints. One simple example: people in Ireland spend millions every year on bottled water under the impression it is better for us; a theory backed by the multi-billion bottled water industry. This costs the environment dearly. The average person will get through 168 single-use bottles of water in a year and we send up to 70 per cent to landfill. Moving bottles of water around the globe adds about 100g CO₂ per bottle. One simple change we can make is to switch from bottled water to tap water. Let us be united in our endeavours to relieve the thirsts of the world.

LENTEN REFLECTION

The Parishes within the Tullow Deanery welcome you to take a short ‘time out’ during this Lenten season, for quiet reflection in the beautiful setting of St. Patrick’s, Kiltegan. This is in response to Pope Francis’ call to “Care for our Common Home”. **Where?** The Eco Resource Centre (close to Slí an Chroí) **When?** Saturday 25th March; **Time:** 2-4pm. A small donation will be welcome. Those wishing to attend please contact the Parish Office 059 9161114.

RATHVILLY NATIONAL SCHOOL

Bags of Shredded Paper available from Rathvilly N.S. Phone 059 9161304

FOUND

A ladies Bracelet found in the village recently. Owner can contact 089 4931242.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Congratulations to Conor Reilly U10 on getting 2nd and Bailey Byrne U12 on getting 4th in the County Handwriting Competition. Well done boys.

Kildare Christmas Pilgrimage to the Holy land 20th – 28th December 2017 for 8 nights. Ex Dublin. Taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem (Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Last Supper Room and Calvary), Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee. Contact James Treacy 061-921470 or 0860572216