

COMMUNITY GAMES

Talent - Well done to the children who took part in the County Talent competition. Congratulations to Layla Cassells 1st in Recitation, Annie Bolger 2nd in Solo Singing and Rory Gavin 3rd in Solo Music. Layla will now represent Carlow in the National finals in August.

Gymnastics - Well done to all the children who took part in the County Gymnastics competition. Congratulations to Eve McLoughlin 1st and Emma Nolan 2nd. Eve will now represent Carlow in the National finals in May.

U11 & u14 tag rugby - Best of luck to both teams who are competing in the Leinster's in Carlow this weekend.

Run for Abbie - The committee would like to sincerely thank everyone for their support in this fundraiser for Abbie, people who took part in the Run, Gary Flannery, Enda Colfer, our sponsors, An Gardaí, stewards, Rathvilly first responders, photographers and Rathvilly GAA for use of their facilities and last but not least the children who were out in force in support of Abbie. The community spirit was alive and well. We will be presenting the cheque to Abbie's family in mid April so if anyone would still like to donate please contact Community games 086 2386667 or private message our Facebook page.

CARLOW LIONS CLUB

Book Sale beside Paul White's Chemist on Tullow Street, for 6 weeks from Monday - Saturday. New Stock daily. Donation of Books very welcome. Contact Des 086 - 2327218 / Frank 087 - 2673748.

SPRING CLEAN YOUR LIFE – MIND, BODY & SOUL 2017

Carlow Mental Health Association presents How to Spring Clean Your Life in Carlow Library – Tuesday nights during the month of April. No cost.

“Getting to grips with Anxiety” Darren Reid, Psychotherapist -

Tuesday, 4th April 6-7 pm – An explanation of what Anxiety is, a look at how it can affect us and an introduction to some tools that can help us manage it.

“Positive thinking & uplifting your thoughts “ – Brenda O'Brien

Tuesday, 11th April 6-7 pm – Meet Brenda from Aurora Holistic, who will talk to you about the power of Positive thinking and how changing your thinking can have a positive impact on your life.

“Letting Go” with Sylvia Shirley

Tuesday, 18th April 6-7 pm – Sylvia will tell and show you how easy it is for you to let go of things that no longer serve you any purpose. At the same time you will be able to understand what you can do to heal yourself. 'All Healing is within you' is Sylvia's motto.

WEAVERS COTTAGE, CLONEGAL

Festival of Crafts & Demonstrations 2017 (In Conjunction with Carlow County Council). Demonstrations of weaving, spinning, arts & crafts Saturday 6th May at The Weavers' Cottages, Clonegal. Free Admission Donations accepted.

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's

Talbotstown

1st & 2nd April 2017

St. Patrick's

Rathvilly

The Assumption

Tynock

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, 1st April at 7.30 p.m.

Christine Donovan

Frank Donovan

Ned & Mary Balfe, Rahill

Frances & Paddy Gill

Rose Halligan, Station Road

Ciss Doyle, Ricketstown

Patrick & Mary Byrne, Williamstown

Paddy Byrne, Garretstown

Saturday, 8th April at 7.30 p.m.

Bridget Cassells, Ricketstown

Dan Byrne, Lisnavagh

Mary Gahan, Collins Park

Susan Kavanagh, Ballybit

Annie Conway, Barnhill

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.

EASTER PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Penitential Service takes place in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly on **Wednesday, 5th April at 7.30 p.m.**

Penitential Services – Ballon 4th April 7.30 pm, Tullow 6th April 8 pm, Clonmore 7th April 7.30 pm, Stratford 11th April 7.30 pm, Hacketstown 12th April 7.30 pm.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting scheduled for 3rd April is postponed and will take place on Tuesday, 2nd May at 8.30 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

HOUSEBOUND - All housebound will be visited on Friday, 7th April.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

Second National Collection takes place this weekend, 1st/2nd April. This Collection will take place after Holy Communion.

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH DRAW

The 10 Week Parish Draw commences this Tuesday, 4th April in the Parish Meeting Room. Promoters can leave their draw cards into the Office on Monday or Tuesday between 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. The Meeting Room will open at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 25th & 26th March, 2017

Offertory Collection €348.70 Envelope Collection €418.76 Many thanks.

Fifth Sunday of Lent -- April 2, 2017

“Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”

Do you believe Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood? Contact: Fr. Ruairi O’Domhnaill
vocations@kandle.ie, www.kandlepriest.com

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

In today’s gospel, Jesus, surrounded by a culture of violence and despair, gives hope, compassion, resurrection and love to those who are in turmoil. Hope means to keep living amid desperation and to keep humming in the darkness. As long as there is hope, there will also be prayer. And God will be holding you in his loving hands.

Don’t Forget! Chrism Mass 2017

You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis for the annual celebration of the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral, Carlow on Monday, April 10 at 7:30 followed by a cuppa in Carlow College. Please come early to be sure of a seat!

Parking available in Carlow College; entrance opposite Court House on the Old Dublin Road. See kandle.ie for map.

POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD

10 YEAR CELEBRATION AT KNOCK SHRINE

The Pope John Paul II Award was created in 2006 to commemorate Pope John Paul II who was so committed to young people and who had such belief and confidence in them.

On Wednesday 5th April 2017 the Pope John Paul II Award will host a special celebration day at Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo to mark 10 years of the Award and the countless achievements of more than 20,000 participants from 24 dioceses across Ireland and Britain.

Date: Wednesday 5th April 2017 Location: Knock Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo

Time: 11:00am - 4:00pm. Celebration of the Eucharist 3:00pm

All Pope John Paul II Award participants, past and present, are invited to take part in this special celebration, along with their Parish Leaders and Award Leaders.

We ask that all Pope John Paul II Award participants are prayed for at Masses on Sunday 2nd and Wednesday 5th April, wish them well for their trip to Knock and to thank them for all the work they do in our parishes and communities.

CELEBRATION PRAYER

God our Father,

Saint John Paul II tells us to trust Christ;

To listen attentively to his teachings,

To fix our eyes on his face,

To persevere in listening to his Word,

To allow him to focus our search and our aspirations and all our ideas and the desires of our heart.

Help us Father, to do this so that all the actions and decisions of our lives are done with Jesus who is our Saviour and friend for ever and ever.

Amen.

Our Lady of Knock pray for us and for the young people in Ireland.

GOSPEL READINGS – 2nd - 9th April

Sunday: Jn 11: 1-45

Mon: Jn 8: 1-11

Tues: Jn 8: 21-30

Wed: Jn 8: 31-42

Thurs: Jn 8: 51-59

Fri: Jn 10: 31-42

Sat: Jn 11: 45-56

Sunday: Mt 26: 14-27:66

WEEK – 2nd - 9th April, 2017

Altar Servers – Dylan McCann, Robert Coleman, Sarah Curran, Fia Murphy.

Church Readers –

Saturday, 8th April – Lilly Keogh, Esther Murphy.

Sunday, 9th April – Parents of First Holy Communion Children.

Ministers of the Eucharist –

Saturday, 8th April – Ann Byrne, Leah Curran, Norah Butler.

Sunday, 9th April – Rose Lawlor, Laz Cullen, Sophie Kelly.

K & L DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

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

Fr. Paddy Byrne. Contact Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410800 or info@joewalstours.ie

Rathvilly N.S. – 6th class.

The sum of €2,400 is the final figure raised from the Jumble Sale and Coffee Morning (Feb. 17th). Check out our website for photos of cheque presentations which have taken place. Belated thanks to Claire Doyle and ‘Broderick Brothers’ for the very generous donation of the chocolate bars for the coffee morning. Again, thank you most sincerely to everyone who supported us.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 4 9 14 25

Match Three: win or share €150

Fiona O Reilly, Ballyhackett, Tullow 1 4 9 14

Theresa Curran, 12 Collins Park, Rathvilly 4 9 14 19

Promoters Prize - Jenny Donegan Next draw on Monday, April 3rd. **Jackpot €4,800**

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 5-6-17-26

Match 3 win or share €150

Marie Curry Ballybit 5-17-20-26

Collette Kelly

Josie Leonard Rahill 5-6-12-26

Sean Leonard

Tom Whyte Rathvilly 5-6-9-17

T. Whyte

Promoters Prize €20 Sean Leonard

Next draw 4 April 2017 in Molloy's Bar. **Jackpot €1,200**

Membership now due Seniors €60 Minors €30, Non Players €20

RATHVILLY TIDY TOWNS

Rathvilly Tidy Towns Organisation will hold their AGM on Tuesday 11th April 2017 at 8.00 p.m. in the Phoenix Centre, Rathvilly. Everyone is welcome to attend and it would be great to see some new faces join this village organisation and get involved with keeping our village looking its best throughout the year.

Tea and coffee will be provided on the night. Hope to see everyone there.