

### **DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE**

Service for Healing of the Generations (Family Tree Mass) takes place in St. Brigid's Church, Coon, Co. Kilkenny on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March commencing with Adoration at 6.30 pm. Holy Mass at 7.30 p.m. concluding with Solemn Benediction. Led by: Fr. John Delaney & Prayer Team.

### **BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL OPEN EVENING**

Bigstone National School will hold an open evening for new pupils on Tuesday 28th March from 6.30 - 8 pm. All welcome to attend. Enrolment forms are available from the school. Phone: 059 9161171 or come to the school and pick one up. After school care available. Contact Anne Marie on 087 2238380 for information.

### **CLOTHES COLLECTION SUPPORTING FRIENDS OF CALCUTTA**

[CHY No 13218] on **Friday March 10th** collecting at the Phoenix Centre from Noon-2pm. All enquiries to Michael Hopkins 087-9073074.

### **RATHMORE N.S. PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

Rathmore NS Parents Association would like to offer their sincere thanks to everyone who helped make their recent Dinner Dance such a big success. To all those who attended, donated raffle prizes and auction items and bid on same, to everyone who worked so hard to make the night a success we offer our sincere gratitude. We had a fantastic night and you all helped to make fundraising fun, go raibh mile maith agat.

### **RATHVILLY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

Rathvilly Community Development Group will be holding their AGM on Wednesday 15th March 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Phoenix Centre, Rathvilly.

Everyone is welcome to attend and it would be great to see some new faces join our little group and get involved in growing our wonderful community.

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

### **PRESEASON SERVICE DEALS**

Get your Lawnmower serviced for the grass cutting season. Contact 089 4430276.

### **WEAVERS COTTAGE MUSEUM, CLONEGAL**

Why not visit and step back in time. Contact: [weaverscottage1@gmail.com](mailto:weaverscottage1@gmail.com)

### **THE HUB, KILTEGAN**

We have extended opening times Thursdays & Fridays, [until 2.30pm](#) where we do delicious home cooked lunch specials. Pop in to take a look at our extensive range of locally produced goods, we have perfume, jewellery, wood carving and skincare in stock with price ranges to suit every budget. Our local and very talented quilting group who meet here in The Hub have a beautiful range of their crafts on display and for sale here. The fleece neck warmers at a very reasonable €5 are flying out the door in this cold spell.

The Hub is available to book for meetings, phone Philip Hambidge on [\(087\) 246 0947](tel:0872460947)

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

**Email: [office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie](mailto:office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie) Website: [www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie](http://www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie)**

**Diocesan Website: [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)**

## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's  
Talbotstown**

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**

**St. Patrick's  
Rathvilly**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**The Assumption  
Tynock**

We offer our sympathy to the family of Jack O'Neill, Jordanstown, Paulstown who died during the week and to the Cole family, Rathmore.

#### **Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m.**

Months Mind Mass for Sean Bolger, Rathvilly on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m.

Ann Byrne, Knocklishen

James O'Toole, Bough

Mary Nolan, Ballyhackett

Jack & Mai Carson, Ricketstown

Denis & Maryanne Connors, Rathdaniel and deceased family members

James & Norah Byrne, Ricketstown and deceased family members

Tony & Maura Morrissey, New Road, Ballyoliver and deceased family members

Mai & Myles Carson, Rathmore and deceased family members

Peter Carroll, Knocklishen and deceased members of the Carroll family, Clonegal

Jack & Mary Nolan, Ballyoliver and deceased family members

Annie Dempsey, Ricketstown

James Byrne, Tobinstown

Mary Kelly, Knockboy

Mick & Dan Abbott, Ballyoliver

#### **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m.**

James, Donal & Betty Mc Namara, Ballyoliver

James & Elizabeth Byrne, Ballyoliver

Mary Curran, Ballybit

Catherine & Thomas Faulkner, Garretstown

Nan & Jim Kennedy, St. Patrick's Park

William Smith, Coole

Pat Nolan, Rathmore

Paddy Doyle, Foxcover

Ellen Byrne, Maplestown

Deceased members of the Cashen family

### **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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Session on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. in Rathvilly National School for children and their parents.

### **MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE HOLY ROSARY**

Sr. Mary Gallagher will speak at the Masses this weekend to promote Mission Awareness. **A collection to support the work of the sisters will be carried out after Holy Communion.**

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting takes place on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. in Parish Meeting Room. If you have an item for the Agenda please contact the Chairperson – 087 2193941

### First Sunday of Lent -- March 5, 2017

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, call Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill [vocations@kandle.ie](mailto:vocations@kandle.ie), [www.kandlepriest.com](http://www.kandlepriest.com)

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 2017

Lent can be a poignant time for reflection, for looking at our lives and our relationships with the world and asking 'how am I doing?' Lent invites us to enter into a subtle transformation with the people and the world around us. This year we journey with the people of Honduras, a country that is suffering the devastating consequences of climate injustice. Local communities in Honduras are being forced from their homes into the wilderness because of climate change. The Atlantic Ocean, which was previously one hundred metres from some of their homes, is now merely metres from their doors. Each time there is bad weather they must evacuate. People are afraid of the sea and the swelling rivers which bring floods. It is an injustice that those who have done the least to cause this situation are the ones who suffer the most.

In Pope Francis letter Laudato Si' he says:

*I wish to address every person living on this planet . . . I would like to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home . . . As never before in history, common destiny beckons us to seek a new beginning. Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life. (Laudato Si', 3, 207)*

## WEEK – 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

**Altar Servers** – Keira Reilly, Niamh Curran, Holly Geaney, Mischa Cassells.

**Church Readers** –

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> March – Sarah Curran, Holly Geaney, Sean Corcoran.

Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> March – Dawn Cheasty, Dylan McCann.

**Ministers of the Eucharist** –

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> March – Noel & Jennifer Curry, P.J. Doyle.

Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> March – Denis Kelly, Anne Marie Kehoe, Katie Kehoe.

## GOSPEL READINGS – 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March

Sunday: Mt 4: 1-11      Mon: Mt 25: 31-46      Tues: Mt 6: 7-15

Wed: Lk 11: 29-32      Thurs: Mt 7: 7-12      Fri: Mt 5: 20-26

Sat: Mt 5: 43-48      Sunday: Mt 17: 1-9

## 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. 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017 for 5 nights. €719 per person sharing.

Contact Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410800 or [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie)

## WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

Offertory Collection €259.05    Envelope Collection €681.21    Many thanks.

## ROSARY BEADS

A beautiful Black Rosary Beads was left in a house at Bough Cross. Owner can contact the Parish Office – 059 9161114.

## St. Patrick's N.S. Rathvilly

**Jumble Sale** - 6th class would like to thank most sincerely all who attended, donated or supported the recent Jumble Sale in any way. The amount raised for Cara Rescue Project, Kenya and Crumlin Children's Hospital is in excess of €2,300. A final figure will be printed next week. A special thank you to Lilac Hair and Beauty, Tullow Interiors, Rathvilly Pharmacy, Tallaght Hair and Beauty, EMS Copiers and all parents who provided raffle prizes. A full list of winners will be available on the school website shortly.

**RATHVILLY CREDIT UNION:** Thinking of taking out a loan? – come talk to your local Credit Union. The committee sits on Thursday night, 7p.m. to 8p.m. 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.

## SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were      6 - 9 - 18 - 30

Match Three: win or share €150

Dawn Keogh, 11 Fr. Cullen Tce., Rathvilly      6 - 18 - 24 - 30

Promoters Prize - Fergal Harmon    Next draw on Monday, March 6th. **Jackpot €4,400**

## COMMUNITY GAMES

Best of luck to our U11 tag rugby team who compete in the 1st round of the Leinster's against a team from Kilkenny this weekend.

Well done to Alannah McCarthy who represented Area 7 in the u8 freestyle in the Swimming County finals last weekend.

Best of luck to all the children who took part in the Art and Handwriting Area finals recently. Results will be issued shortly.

## FUN RUN FOR ABBIE

Rathvilly Community games are hosting a fundraising adult 5k fun run/walk and a child's 2k on Sunday 26th March for one of our little troopers-Abbie Colfer, who is unwell at the moment. We are looking for massive support from everyone in the Parish. If you are not able to take part in the run, any offer of help/donation would be greatly appreciated. Contact any committee member. €10 per adult, €5 per child. Please pop this date in your diary and come out and support Abbie.