

## **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018**

Families from across Ireland were in Knock, Co Mayo, last Monday to mark the one-year countdown to next year's World Meeting of Families in Dublin.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, President and host of WMOF2018, presided at Mass in the Basilica where he preached on the theme "When Plates Fly: Pope Francis on the joys and challenges of family life".

The WMOF2018 icon of the Holy Family was unveiled and anointed at the Mass from where it will begin a journey through the 26 Catholic dioceses in Ireland. The official prayer for the gathering was also presented at this Mass.

The World Meeting of Families was established by Pope Saint John Paul in 1994 to emphasise the central importance of marriage and the family and takes place every three years.

It will begin in Dublin on Tuesday, 21 August 2018, with a national opening which will take place simultaneously in all 26 dioceses to be followed by a three-day congress on "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World".

For more on the WMOF2018 see [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie).

## **SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.**

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 1 - 4 - 20 - 21

Match Three: win or share €150

Siobhan O'Reilly, 3 Slaney Meadows      Mike Foley Snr., Kiltegan  
Val Curran, Bough, Rathvilly      Brendon Faulkner, Rathvilly

Valerie Whyte, Garrettstown, Rathvilly

Promoters Prize - Catherine Deering

Next draw on Monday, August 28th. **Jackpot €6,900**

## **ASPIRO CHOIR, CARLOW**

Aspiro choir is 20 years old! Come join us for an exciting 20th year performance programme! Membership available for boys and girls age 4 - 18+ in all after-school ensembles. Registration for new and existing members TUESDAY 29th AUGUST 6 - 7.30pm Eire Óg Clubhouse. Tenors and basses at youth level especially welcome. Aspiro Inspired adults sessions every Friday 10am. Further details re schedule of rehearsals contact [info@aspirochoir.ie](mailto:info@aspirochoir.ie) or phone 085-7451111.

## **SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS**

This marks a turning point in the life of Jesus, and of the disciples. It is the first time that his disciples recognise him as the Messiah. Recall turning points in your own life when you came to some deeper understanding of who Jesus is.

'Who do you say that I am?' This is possibly the most important question that Jesus puts to us. In your heart of hearts, how do you answer this question?

Jesus praises Peter for his faith and comments that this was not his own doing but a gift of God. Perhaps there have been times when you have been more than usually conscious that faith is a gift. Be thankful for the gift you have received.

These are troubled times for the Church and the promise of Jesus that 'the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it' are an encouragement. What helps you to draw strength from this promise of Jesus? What signs of hope do you see in the Church today?

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## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

<b>St. Brigid's Talbotstown 26<sup>th</sup> &amp; 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2017</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Rathvilly Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>The Assumption Tynock Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
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### **Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30 p.m.**

Mary Hanlon, Rathvilly	Tom & Nancy Bird
Denis Nolan, Collins Park	Patrick & Annie Nolan
Agnes & Joe Henry	Rojanie Cortes

### **Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30 p.m.**

Pat & Margaret Osborne, The Green	Julia McGrath, Broughillstown
Joe Kelly, Knockboy	Thomas & Bridget Kelly, Monavotho

## **MASS TIMES THIS WEEK**

Tuesday & Wednesday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday – Mass at 7.30 p.m. Pioneers will receive their pins and certificates.

Friday – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Confessions at 10.00 a.m.

## **HOUSEBOUND**

The Priests will visit the housebound on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September before Noon. If any family would like a visit for a family member please contact the Parish Office.

## **Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 27, 2017**

"Who has known the mind of the Lord?" Through prayer our minds become better aligned with the mind of Christ and His will for us. If the Spirit is prompting you to know Christ as a priest, Contact: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill [vocations@kandle.ie](mailto:vocations@kandle.ie), [www.kandlepriest.com](http://www.kandlepriest.com)

## **GOSPEL READINGS 27<sup>th</sup> August – 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

Sunday: Mt 16: 13-20	Mon: Mt 23: 13-22	Tues: Mk 6: 17-29
Wed: Mt 23: 27-32	Thurs: Mt 24: 42-51	Fri: Mt 25: 1-13
Sat: Mt 25: 14-30	Sunday: Mt 16: 21-27	

## **WEEK – 27<sup>th</sup> August – 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Altar Servers** – Peter Carroll, Conor Elliott, Eabha Canavan, Dawn Cheasty.

**Church Readers** –

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Máire Kelly, Eoin Corcoran.

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Anne Marie Kehoe, Sarah Curran.

**Ministers of the Eucharist** –

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Tommy & Sadie Donovan, P.J. Doyle.

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Katie Kehoe, Anne Marie Kehoe, Leah Curran.

**Fun, friendship and faith on the menu for Kildare and Leighlin diocesan family picnic in Punchestown this Sunday 27 August from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

A fun packed and entertaining programme has been finalised for this free event for families from across the diocese. Among the activities on offer will be face-painting, stilt walkers, a pet corner and lots of children's activities and games. Along with an official opening at 3 p.m., Bishop Denis will lead a 4km fun walk around the race track.

Included on the day will be a display of UN vehicles from the nearby Curragh camp with military personnel on hand to share stories about the Irish contribution to the UN peace-keeping force.

A full programme of music and dance has been drawn up which will include local choirs and dance groups as well as some very special surprise guests, including Irish country music star Derek Ryan and renowned Irish soprano Celine Byrne.

So spread the word among your cousins, grandparents, aunts and uncles and get your family picnic ready to bring to what promises to be a great afternoon of family fun. Bishop Denis is looking forward to seeing you there regardless of the weather, though lots of sunshine is expected!

**WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**

Offertory Collection €259.67 Envelope Collection €393.18 Many thanks.

**OUR LADY'S ISLAND**

Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island takes place on Friday, 8th September. Bus leaves Rathvilly at 3.30 p.m. Fare €15. To book your seat, please phone Duffy's Coach Hire on 059 6471681/087 2543235.

**Rathvilly Tidy Towns - Six week draw results.**

**Week 1:**

1st Prize €100: Catherine Langley Promoter: Ann Connors  
2nd Prize €50: Anne Doran Promoter: Mary Kehoe & Peg Faulkner  
3rd Prize €20: Rathvilly GAA Club Promoter: Rathvilly Post Office  
Promoters Prize €20 - Mary Kehoe & Peg Faulkner

**Week 2:**

1st Prize €100: Elizabeth Dunne, St. Patricks Park. Promoter: Liz Sibbald  
2nd Prize €50: Justin Kehoe, Rathvilly Promoter: Chrissie O'Toole  
3rd Prize €20: Lizzie Haberlin, Ballyhackett Promoter: Mona Corcoran  
Promoters Prize €20 - Eithne O Connor

Well done to all of our winners and thank you to everyone for taking part.

Draw 3 takes place on Monday 28th August at 7.30 pm in the Phoenix Centre.

**CELTIC TENORS RETURN TO KILTEGAN**

The world renowned 'Celtic Tenors' are returning to perform live in concert in St. Tegan's Hall, Kiltegan on Friday, 8th September at 8p.m.

Tickets are €25 – Contact Danny 059-6473143.

**RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB**

Lotto Results: No Jackpot. Numbers drawn 6-7-19-29

Match 3 win or share €150

Brian Halford Slaney Bank 2-7-19-29

Collette & Helen

Byrne Family Hacketstown 6-7-9-19

Helen Deering

Promoters Prize €20 Lena Smith

Next draw 29 Aug. 2017 in Molloy's Bar. **Jackpot € 3,300**

**COMMUNITY GAMES**

National Finals - Well done to all the children who represented Rathvilly and Carlow recently in Abbottstown. We are so proud of their great performances and achievements.

U8 80m - Roisín Corcoran won a silver medal. Super achievement Roisín.

U10 100m - Áine Hickey reached the final in this event.

U12 200m - Peter Burgess reached the final in this event

U16 Discus - Kiana Nolan took part in this event and got a new PB so well done.

U16 200m - Natasha Doyle reached the final in this event.

U16 1500m - Paraic Deering reached the semi final.

U13 mixed relay - Ella Molloy, Laura Wade, Fia Murphy, Adam Burgess, Peter Burgess and Liam Gavin were on this team and ran a great race against tough opposition in the semi final and were unfortunate not to reach the final.

U16 mixed 4x200m relay - Natasha Doyle, Caitlin Colfe, Kiana Nolan, Kyle Byrne, Pádraic Byrne and Paráic Deering ran a fantastic race to finish in 4th place. Congratulations.

U12 solo Recitation - Layla Cassells took part in this event and came home with a 4th place medal. This is a fantastic achievement for Layla as she is so young and is eligible for this event for another couple of years. Well done Layla.

We are so proud of all these children for their commitment to training and for representing us so well. A big thanks to the parents also and their trainers who prepared them so well.

**Creative Ireland Carlow 'Grants Scheme for Halloween Community Events'**

The Carlow Creative Ireland Team is delighted to announce a new round of grant funding for 2017 for those who are interested in developing a creative free family friendly Samhain (Halloween) Community Event during the week of 28th October - 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017. We are also inviting you to consider the theme "exploring old Irish customs and traditions for celebrating Samhain" this could include costumes, masks, Halloween food, music, song, dance, poetry, story-telling, guided tours, talks etc. Contact [kmooney@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:kmooney@carlowcoco.ie) for application form, Closing Date 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017. See 'Creative Ireland Carlow' on Facebook.