

RATHVILLY N.S. PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Rathvilly Parents Association would formally like to thank all businesses for their support in helping us with our Christmas fundraiser. Your donation was very much appreciated. Our raffle raised €516.00 which was donated to Rathvilly Community Development Group for the Christmas Party for Active Seniors.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 3 – 14 – 18 – 19

Match Three: win or share €150

Laurence Byrne, Woodgrove Ave.,

Brigid Kehoe, Ladystown

Timmy Kelly, Fr. Cullen Tce.

Anto Kelly Fr. Cullen Tce.

Conor + Aisling Byrne, Knockavagh Promoters' prize Michael Kehoe.

Next draw on Saturday, December 23rd. 2017. **Jackpot €8,600**

Christmas Extra Draw - €150 was shared between five lucky dips winners -

Gladys Lawless, 8 Woodgrove Avenue. Michael + Bridget, 12 Collins Park.

Theresa Lawlor, St. Patricks Park. Kallie Kavanagh, c/o Edel McGrath and

Bernie Pender c/o Rathvilly Chemist.

Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

The committee of Slaney Rovers A.F.C. would like to thank everybody for their

support to the Club Lotto during the year and would like to wish one and all a

Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

IDEAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT

- Daniel O'Donnell Concert – 15/16th August 2018 includes two nights B&B - €350.
- Pilgrimage to Medjugorje – Monday 26th March 2018 - €625.

Further details from Duffy Coach Hire 059 6471681 or 087 2543235

RATHVILLY COMMUNITY ALERT

We regret that we were unable to hold an AGM this year but will be doing so early in the New Year. We would hope that family and neighbours will be keeping an eye on relatives and friends during the Winter months, making sure they have food and fuel, and taking their medications. Be sure to remind elderly people to keep doors and windows locked and have their care unit pendants on their person at all times. The Chairman and Committee wish all parishioners a Very Happy Christmas and safe and healthy New Year.

We would also like to remind people to be responsible about their dogs at this time of year as it is a peak lambing time from now until the Spring. Every year we ask people to keep dogs locked up at night, and to have them on leads when out walking. In spite of sending out reminders the killing of sheep and lambs by stray dogs goes on and is a huge loss to farmers. All dogs found roaming on farms will be shot on sight as is allowed by law. If you have dogs you must be responsible for them.

We made an effort during the early Summer months to supply cyclists and walkers/joggers with free high-viz jackets to keep them safe on our narrow roads around the parish. It is most disappointing to see so many people out walking with no high visibility outdoor wear. It is not possible for motorists to see walkers and joggers on road on dull days and almost impossible during night time hours.

WEARING A HIGH-VIZ JACKET CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE.

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

CHRISTMAS 2017 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, 23rd December at 7.30 p.m.

Fr. Edward Flood

Moya Mullin

Catherine Noctor nee Kelly, Waterstown

Martin Mullin

Sarah Walsh, Cannonsquarter

Jim Dempsey, Rathvilly

Patty Dowling, Ballyhackett & deceased family members

Jimmy Fowler, England

May Dowling, Rathmore

Denis Nolan, Collins Park

Agnes Donegan, Rathmore

Tom & Nancy Bird

Patrick & Annie Nolan & deceased family members

Saturday, 30th December at 7.30 p.m.

Joe McCall, Bough – 1st Anniversary

Mary Plant, Rahill

Harry Byrne, Fr. Cullen Tce – 1st Anniversary

Ann O'Connor nee Plant, Rahill

Bridie Byrne, Fr. Cullen Tce

Sheila Fitzpatrick, Mount Kelly

Mary Lawlor, St. Patrick's Park

David O'Brien, Ricketstown

Paddy & Elizabeth Kelly, Ricketstown & deceased family members

Margaret & Darren Rudkins and deceased members of the Smith family, Coole

Eileen & Christine Balfe, Rahill

Saturday, 6th January at 7.30 p.m.

Peter Smith, 6 St. Patrick's Park

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve – 24th December

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly – Family Mass with Children's Choir at 6.00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 8.00 p.m.

St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown – Vigil Mass at 9.00 p.m.

Christmas Day – 25th December

Church of the Assumption, Tynock – Mass at 10.00 a.m.

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly – Mass at 11.00 a.m.

St. Stephens Day – Tuesday, 26th December – Mass at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 27th December – Wedding Mass at 1.00 p.m.

Thursday & Friday, 28th & 29th December – Mass at 10.00 a.m.

New Years Day – World Day of Prayer for Peace - Mass at 11.00 a.m.

Tues, Wed & Thurs, 2nd/3rd/4th January – Communion Service at 9.30 a.m.

Friday, 5th January – Vigil Mass for the Holy Day at 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, 6th January – Holy Day of Obligation – Mass at 11.00 a.m.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS to all the families in our Parish. You will be remembered in the Christmas Masses. Wishing you and your family every blessing during this Holy Season. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are away from home and who are sick this Christmas and also for the families who have been bereaved through the death of loved ones during the year. Very many thanks to all who support the Clergy and the Parish.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Christmas Collection for the Priests of the Parish will be taken up at the Christmas Masses. Many thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Station.

PARISH CALENDAR 2018 - Please take one Calendar for each family

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

WEEKLY ENVELOPE BOXES

Thank you to all who contribute to the Parish through the weekly envelopes. Next year's envelopes are being delivered at present. Please put your name on the envelope the first time you use one. If you have not received a box and would like to contribute please contact the parish office.

PARISH OFFICE – reopens on Tuesday, 2nd January 2018

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 16/17 December, 2017

Offertory Collection €365.06 Envelope Collection €401.32 Many thanks.

LAND OF SAINTS & SCHOLARS

The Story of the Catholic Church in Ireland – Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin Edition, available from the Parish Office. Special price of €15 until 6th January.

WEEK – 24th December – 7th January

Altar Servers 24th – 30th Dec – Kian Austin, Peter Carroll, Rory Gavin, J.D.Dooley
31st Dec – 6th Jan – Aoibhinn Doyle, Anna Doyle, Mischa Cassells, Layla Cassells.

Church Readers –

Saturday, 30th December – Tommy Donovan, Julia Sibbald.
Sunday, 31st December – Liz Austin, Emily Fleming.
Friday, 5th January – Anne Marie Cheasty, John Byrne.
Saturday, 6th January at 11 a.m. – Sarah Curran, Dawn Cheasty.
Saturday, 6th January at 7.30 p.m. – Katie Kehoe, Catherine Carroll.
Sunday, 7th January – Anne Marie Kehoe, Sophie Kelly.

Ministers of the Eucharist –

Saturday, 30th December – Clodagh Lawlor, Noel & Jennifer Curry.
Sunday, 31st December – Anna Mae Byrne, Rose Lawlor, John Byrne.
Friday, 5th January – Breda Reilly, Patricia Leonard.
Saturday, 6th January at 11 a.m. – Angela Byrne, Anne Marie Cheasty.
Saturday, 6th January at 7.30 p.m. – Sophie Kelly, Leah Curran, Mary Manley.
Sunday, 7th January – Noel & Mary Kennedy, Marie Curry.

SUNDAY, 7th JANUARY – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

We invite all families who had a Baptism during 2017 to come to the 11.00 a.m. Mass where there will be a Special Blessing for their Child. Parents can collect their child's Baptismal Certificate after Mass.

GOSPEL READINGS – 24th – 31st December

Sunday: Jn 1:26-38	Mon: Jn 1: 1-18	Tues: Mt 10: 17-22
Wed: Jn 20: 2-8	Thurs: Mt 2: 13-18	Fri: Lk 2: 22-35
Sat: Lk 2: 36-40	Sunday: Lk 2:22-40	

ANNUAL TABLE QUIZ – CHURCH UNITY WEEK

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, 19th January 2018 at 9 p.m. sharp.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thanks to all who contributed to the recent SVP Collection at the Churches in Rathvilly and Kiltegan. We would also like to say thanks to Angela Byrne, Mairead & Aoibheann Curry for the baked goods and Marie Doyle for the knitwear for the Christmas Fair. €121.65 was raised that day. A total of €956 was raised altogether.

Registration for WMOF2018

Registration for all WMOF2018 events is open via www.worldmeeting2018.ie. Individual pilgrims and families can now register for the main three-day WMOF2018 Congress from August 22nd – 24th, guaranteeing your ticket(s) for the Festival of Families on Saturday 25th August and for the Closing Mass on Sunday, 26th August. Don't miss out on these once in a generation events. REGISTER NOW! www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Volunteer for WMOF2018

The World Meeting of Families 2018 will attract thousands of Irish and International pilgrims. Organising it and seeing it through will only be possible with the help of thousands of volunteers. Why not make volunteering for WMOF2018 a New Year's resolution for 2018? You can sign up on www.worldmeeting2018.ie, email volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie or call (01) 5676800.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 1-4-7-29

Match 3 win or share €150

Tom McCall Bough 1-7-29-30

Tom McCall

Chloe Sheean Slaney Bank 1-4-7-13

Collette & Lena

Promoters Prize €20 Kevin McCall

Next draw Wednesday 27 Dec 2017 in Molloy's Bar. Jackpot € 5,000

The Club is hosting a "Turkey Trot" with all proceeds being donated to the Carlow Hospice and Crumlin Children's Hospital. If you would like to go for a walk, run or jog, or just want a cup of tea/coffee and a chat come to the football field on St. Stephens Day at 11a.m. and support these worthy causes. Donations will be welcomed on the day. The Club would like to take this opportunity to thank all who supported the Club in any way during 2017 and to wish everyone a happy, peaceful and safe Christmas and a prosperous 2018.