

COMMUNITY GAMES

Well done to our u14 tag rugby team on their great performance against a strong Milltown Co Kildare team recently in the Leinster Semi-Finals. They gave it everything and we are very proud of them. A big Thank You to Irene O Byrne who has given up her time to train the team, to Julie and Gerry and the parents for all their help and commitment. Roll on next year.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Monday – St Bridget was born in Sweden in 1303. She brought up eight children, and after the death of her husband dedicated herself to an ascetical life. Later she founded the Bridgettine Order and lived in Rome. She wrote many works about her mystical experiences. She died in Rome in 1373. She was declared a patron of Europe in 2000.

Tuesday – St Sharbel Makhlof became a monk at the monastery of St Maron at Annaya and was ordained in 1859. He became a hermit from 1875 until his death in 1898. He was much sought after for counsel and blessing and had a great personal devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

St Declan is considered to be one of the pre-Patrician saints. He was of noble blood. Colman, a local priest, baptised him. Later he went to Europe to continue his studies where he was ordained priest and possibly bishop. He settled in Ardmore and evangelised the Decies country.

Wednesday – St James, son of Zebedee and brother of John, called the Greater. He was put to death by Herod Agrippa about the year 44, being the first of the Apostles to die for Christ. His shrine is at Compostella in Spain.

Thursday – Ss Joachim and Anne (or Anna). Traditionally named parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord. The earliest reference to their names is the second-century apocryphal Gospel of James. Their feasts were celebrated separately until joined together in the Calendar reform of 1969. St Anne is patron of Canada, women in labour, miners, cabinet-makers and home-makers. The death of Anne is celebrated in the Byzantine rite on 25 July, also the day the basilica at Constantinople was dedicated in her honour around the year 550. Her cult in the West began in the twelfth century, and in the following century her feast was placed on 26 July. Though suppressed for a short time from 1568, it was reintroduced to the Universal Calendar in 1584.

The feast of St Joachim was also included in the 1584 Calendar, on 20 March and in 1738 moved to the Sunday after the Octave of the Assumption and in 1913 change to 16 August.

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

21st & 22nd July, 2018

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Saturday, 21st July at 7.30 p.m.

David & Mary Byrne, Patrickswell

Joseph Dunne, Rathmore

Harry & Elizabeth Donohoe, St. Patrick's Park

Denis & Eileen Byrne, St. Patrick's Park

Brian & Laura O'Donoghue, Williamstown

James Fanning, Williamstown

Martha Roberts nee Smith, Dublin & Lisnavagh – 1st Anniversary

Saturday, 28th July at 7.30 p.m.

Mary Doyle, Ballyhackett

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Thursday – Communion Service at 9.30 a.m.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

New and existing Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who recently completed the training course will be commissioned this Sunday 22nd July at 11.00 a.m. Mass or on Saturday 4th August at 7.30 p.m.

CELEBRATION FOR MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES

A warm invitation is extended to engaged couples, all married couples and particularly those celebrating a jubilee of marriage this year to our Celebration Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly on Sunday 29th July at 11.00 a.m. The Mass will coincide with the Feast of St Joachim and Anne who are the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus. You are very welcome to bring your family along with you for this happy occasion.

NOVENA TO SAINT JOACHIM AND ANNE - PATRONS OF THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

You are invited to join in the Novena in honour of Saints Joachim and Anne for 9 days during July. Read on Day One the traditional story about Our Lady's parents. Recite the Prayer to Saints Joachim and Anne and the Prayer for the World Meeting of Families each of the nine days. The actual Feast Day of St Joachim and Anne is Thursday 26th July. Leaflet with prayers are available in all Churches.

RATHVILLY CEMETERY MASS

Cemetery Mass in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Rathvilly on Sunday, 5th August at 11.00 a.m. (weather permitting). Please bring a chair or stool.

We invite families of all deceased parishioners since the last Cemetery Mass to nominate a family member to come forward at the beginning of Mass to light a candle on the Altar in memory of their loved one. At the end of Mass they will be invited to take this candle to the grave. Please let all the families know.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES – 21 – 26 August 2018

We are very excited to announce that rather than one Nation, we will host three! We will welcome pilgrims from Russia, Belarus and Poland to our Parish for World Meeting of Families. We can't wait to say dobro zaprasajem, dobro pozhalovat and Witamy to our new friends!

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES PETITIONS

All our petitions will be brought to the Phoenix Park for the Papal Mass on 26th August. If you would like to write a petition for the first time or have more petitions to add, please leave them in the Petition Box before 1st August.

THE IRISH CATHOLIC

We have ordered extra copies of the Irish Catholic which will have lots of articles and information on the Pope's visit to Ireland. **Copies available in the Church each week for €1.80. Please put the money in the Shrine Box.**

BAPTISM DATES

Sunday, 12th August and Sunday 9th September in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly. Please book at least three weeks before your chosen date for Baptism.

GOSPEL READINGS – 22nd – 29th July

Sunday: Mk 6: 30-34 Mon: Jn 15: 1-8 Tues: Mt 12: 46-50
Wed: Mt 20: 20-28 Thurs: Mt 13: 10-17 Fri: Mt 13: 18-23
Sat: Mt 13: 24-30 Sunday: Jn 6: 1-15

WEEK - 22nd – 29th July

Altar Servers –

Dawn & Ruth Cheasty, Anna Gahan, Roisin Keogh McLysaght, Aoife Fitzpatrick.

Church Readers –

Saturday, 28th July – Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Tommy Donovan.

Sunday, 29th July – Eithne Condon, Dawn Cheasty.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion –

Saturday, 28th July – Anne Marie Kehoe, Breda Reilly, Antoinette Kelly.

Sunday, 29th July – Katie Kehoe, Marie Curry, Anthony Kelly.

BALTINGLASS PARISH FUN DAY

This Sunday 22nd July 2-5 pm. St Joseph's Parish Centre Grounds.

Entertainment, Face painting, fun activities etc. Bring a picnic. All are welcome.

BABY LOSS REMEMBRANCE

A special Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Assumption, Tynock on Wednesday, 5th September at 7.30 p.m. in remembrance of all babies who died before birth, in infancy and in early childhood.

A 'Remembrance Quilt' is being prepared for this Celebration and we invite people to embroider their child's name/children's names on a six inch square patch and put it in the box in Tynock or Talbotstown Church or the Parish Office in Rathvilly before 25th August. For further information contact Fr. Pat O'Brien 059 6473211 or Mary Kelly on 086 2261264.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 14/15 July, 2018

Offertory Collection €256.52 Envelope Collection €386.35 Many thanks.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 8-9-12-21

Match 3 win or share €150

Paul Balfe Rahill 4-8-9-12

Sean Leonard

Pat Deering Ballybit 9-12-18-21

Pat Deering

Promoters Prize €20

Tom McCall

Next draw 24 July in Molloy's Bar.

Jackpot € 8,000

Club Field Day on Sunday 29th July starting at 2p.m. Fun for all – U6 and U8 and U11 Eamon Byrne Tournament Matches, penalty shoot outs, obstacle course, children's fun races, games for all the family. Support would be appreciated.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 6 - 8 - 26 - 30

Match Three: win or share €150

Hazel Burgess, Lisnavagh, Rathvilly

Kitty Kennedy, Ballybit

Mona Corcoran, Ballyhackett, Tullow

Kathlyn O'Brien c/o Eoin Curran

David Kelly, New Road, Ballyoliver, Rathvilly

Promoters` prize - Gabriel Deering.

Next draw on Monday, July 23rd. 2018. **Jackpot €11,600**

Reminder: The 39th AGM will take place on Friday 27 July at 9pm in the Harp lounge. All members are requested to attend and new members are welcome.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

'The sacrament of marriage is not a social convention, an empty ritual or merely the outward sign of a commitment. The sacrament is a gift given for the sanctification and salvation of the spouses, since 'their mutual belonging is a real representation, through the sacramental sign, of the same relationship between Christ and the Church. The married couple are therefore a permanent reminder for the Church of what took place on the cross; they are for one another and for their children witnesses of the salvation in which they share through the sacrament.'

Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, 72