

TIDY TOWNS

The Tidy Town Committee invite you all to Lawlors Pub on Saturday 8th December at 9.00p.m. to celebrate the hard work put into the upkeep and improvement of the village this past year.

TULLOW SINGERS

You are invited to join the Tullow Singers and Friends on Sunday, 2nd December at 7.30 p.m. in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Tullow for an enjoyable evening of singing and music.

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Annual Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday December 8th at 3 pm in the Phoenix Centre, Rathvilly. We are always overwhelmed and extremely thankful for the support we receive every year for this event. We will be welcoming Santa to our village, along with the switching on of our village Christmas lights, providing a selection of local craft stalls, plus more on the day. Hope to see you all there.

Christmas Fair Craft Stalls - All craft stalls are now occupied. Please do not arrive the morning at the fair requesting space.

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH SVP CONFERENCE

The SVP Conference works in the Parish of Kiltegan and Rathvilly. Each year our Conference visits families and people in need in this community. Even in an improving economy the number of people requiring our support is remaining high. The type of support we provide is wide ranging. Many of you regularly support our work. THANK YOU. Without this help, we simply would not be able to support our fellow parishioners on your behalf. Our members will be collecting at Masses in Talbotstown, Tynock and Rathvilly on SATURDAY 8th and SUNDAY 9th DECEMBER.

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

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

1st & 2nd December, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

Pray for Martin Coady who died in England recently and whose ashes were interred in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Rathvilly on Saturday.

Pray for Eileen Keogh, Tynock whose Funeral Mass takes place in Tynock Church this Sunday. To their families we offer our sympathy.

Months Mind Mass for Gretta Bolger this Sunday, 2nd December at 11 a.m.

Saturday, 1st December at 7.30 p.m.

Joe Dempsey, Rathvilly

Cora Cullen, Knockavagh

Seamus Williams, Coolmanagh

John Colgan, Rathdaniel

Monsignor Mark Deering

Christy Doyle, Knockavagh

Rev Fr. Pdraig Dowling

Deceased members of the Doyle Family, Coolmanagh

Saturday, 8th December at 7.30 p.m.

Myles Carson, Raheendaw

Des Conway, Barnhill

Matthew & Christina Hanly, Williamstown

Peter Conway, Barnhill

Matthew Hanly, Dublin & formerly Williamstown

John St Ledger, Waterstown

Nicholas & Margaret Abbott, Ballyoliver

Patrick Smith, Lisnavagh & Northhampton

Paddy O'Neill & Nancy Malee, Phelan Street

Richard & Mary Canavan & Breda Brennan

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Friday - Eucharistic Adoration 2 p.m. Confessions at 7 p.m. Mass at 7.30 p.m.

Holy Day of Obligation – 8th December – The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass in Tynock Church on Friday, 7th December at 7.30 p.m.

Mass in Rathvilly Church on Friday, 7th Dec at 7.30 p.m. & Saturday at 11 a.m.

HOUSEBOUND - The housebound will receive their visit on Friday, 7th December.

POSITION OF SACRISTAN

The position of Sacristan is vacant as of the 8th December. I invite expressions of interest from anyone who might like to undertake this role which is truly important in serving the Parish community. Applications should be made in writing or by email and directed to Fr. McEvoy, Parochial House, Rathvilly. Phone 059 9161114/ 086 3232403 or email jmce51@gmail.com

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE

A reminder that Bishop Denis is celebrating an Advent Evening Prayer Service this Sunday 2nd December at 5pm in Carlow Cathedral, choir to be in place by 4.30pm.

Parking is available in Carlow College.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 24th & 25th November, 2018

Offertory Collection €326.12 Envelope Collection €363.90. Many thanks.

ADORATION IN ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Starting on Thursday, 6th December, Adoration will take place on Thursday's from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon and Friday's starting at 2 p.m. and finish for Mass at 7.30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION

Enrolment for Confirmation takes place this Sunday, 2nd December at 11 a.m. Mass.

GOSPEL READINGS - 2nd – 9th December

Sunday: Lk 21: 25-28, 34-36 Mon: Mt 8: 5-11 Tues: Lk 10: 21-24

Wed: Mt 15: 29-37 Thurs: Mt 7: 21, 24-27 Fri: Mt 9: 27-31

Sat: Lk 1: 26-38 Sunday: Lk 3: 1-6

WEEK – 2nd – 9th December

Altar Servers –

Rory Gavin, Daragh Corcoran, Peter Carroll, Aoibheann Curry, Emily Lawlor.

Church Readers –

Saturday, 8th December – Peadar Doyle, Liz Austin.

Sunday, 9th December – Louise & Anna Colgan.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion –

Saturday, 8th December – Lauren Doyle, Tommy & Sadie Donovan.

Sunday, 9th December – Anthony Kelly, Mary Manley, Eithne Condon.

FR SEAN HYLAND'S BOOK, "WHISPERINGS OF MY SOUL"

Fr. Sean Hyland launches his book, *'Whisperings of My Soul'*, with the help of Bishop Denis Nulty on Friday, 7th December at 8pm in The GAA Centre, McCann Park, Portarlington.

NOVELTY BINGO

Novelty Bingo this Sunday, 2nd December at 3 p.m. in the Phoenix Centre. Bingo Card €5 including Afternoon Tea and Raffle. All welcome including children good at numbers. Funds go to St. Vincent de Paul Society towards Christmas Hampers.

CARLOW CHORAL SOCIETY - A Glorious Christmas

Carlow Choral Society presents 'A Glorious Christmas' in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, on Saturday December 8th 2018, at 8.00pm. The programme includes Vivaldi's Gloria, which is one of the most joyful and uplifting choral works. There will also be a moving performance of Buxtehude's festive 'Das Neugeborne Kindelein' (The Newborn Infant Child) and also some favourite Christmas Carols including some singalong favourites! With Soloists Alison Browner – Alto, and Hannah Gries – Soprano, this magnificent concert will also feature the Irish Choral Sinfonia and the cathedral organ and will be conducted by our Musical Director, Blanaid Murphy. Tickets are €20.00 and the concert is free for accompanied children. Tickets are available on www.eventbrite.ie and on www.carlowchoralsociety.net and from choir members. For further information contact Miriam Kelly, Secretary, at carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com

THANK YOU

Fr. Seamus Whitney with his ten counselors from Sophia Counseling Centre wish to thank parishioners from Rathvilly Kiltegan Parish for their contribution of €376.00 towards the Sophia Counseling Centre. The Centre is dependent on donations of €45,000 plus each year.

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS WITH 'THE PRIESTS'

Concert in Sts Peter & Paul Church, Portlaoise on Sunday 16th December.

Admission from 7.15pm, tickets €25 available from the Parish Centre 057-8621142.

THANK YOU

Eamonn Lawlor would like to thank everyone who supported the Benefit Night. Eamonn has arrived in Germany and has been admitted for inpatient treatment.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 8-21-23-28

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Collette Kelly Garretstown

Collette Kelly

Peadar Doyle Knockavagh

Peadar Doyle

Helen Deering Knockavagh

Helen Deering

Noel Doyle Knockavagh

Noel Doyle

Garry Dempsey Rathvilly

Bruno's

Promoters Prize €20

Sue Molloy

Next draw 4 Dec. 2018 in Molloy's Bar.

Jackpot € 9,900

Community Employment Scheme - A vacancy will arise in January, 2019 on the Community Employment Scheme Programme for a caretaker on a shared basis for Rathvilly G.F.C. Applications are invited until mid December. If your unemployed for 1 year you may be eligible - if interested please contact the Intreo Office (Code for job CES 2089834).

The Club will doing a bag pack in Dunnes Stores, Graiguecullen, in aid of Club funds on Thursday, 6th, Friday, 7th and Saturday 8th. If you would like to help by giving an hour or two of your time please contact 087 1309009.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 5 - 13 - 19 - 22

Match Three: win or share €150

Margaret Doyle, Tankardstown, Tullow

Garrett Byrne, Knocklishen, Rathvilly

Joe Curran, Woodgrove Avenue, Rathvilly

Kitty Kennedy, Ballybit, Rathvilly

Louise Byrne, Father Cullen Terrace, Rathvilly

Promoter Prize: Martin Curran

Next draw on Monday, December 3rd 2018. **Jackpot €2,500**

BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Bigstone NS is holding their Annual Christmas Concert in Bigstone Hall on Thursday 6th December at 7pm. sharp. All are welcome.