

ACCORD CARLOW

Upcoming course dates for 2019: January 11th & 12th, February 8th & 9th and March 8th & 9th. Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service, Carlow. Tel 059 9138738

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 3 - 15 - 18 - 20

Match Three: win or share €150

Mary O'Toole, St. Patrick's Park, Rathvilly Trish Ryan, Knockroe, Rathvilly

Mary Keegan, 1 Ballyoliver, Rathvilly Sean Leonard, Rahill, Rathvilly

Niamh and Alana Curran, 28 Woodgrove, Rathvilly

Promoters Prize €20 Kevin Byrne.

Next draw on Monday, December 10th 2018. **Jackpot €2,600**

SUPPORT GROUP

Are you? Struggling with Anxiety or Depression? Finding Life Difficult? Isolated?

GROW is here to help you. Our Mental Health Support groups are free and confidential

and open to all, no referral or booking needed. Meeting Times are: Tuesday @ 7.45pm

Venue: St Catherine's Social Services Centre Joseph's Road Carlow Town

(CEART grp: mental health effects of living with chronic pain/long term illness.)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St Clare's Church, Graiguecullen December 19th at 7pm.

Featuring Graiguecullen/Killeshin Parish Choirs, the Poor Clare Sisters and the

Killeshin Pipe Band. Free entry, collection during concert for SVP.

PUBLIC LECTURE

Dr Regina Donlon, Lecturer in Irish History will speak on German and Irish

Immigrants in the Midwestern United States, 1850-1900 in the Presidential Dining

Room of Carlow College, St Patricks on Monday 10th December at 1.45pm. All are

welcome. The recently launched book, "The Brigidine Sisters in Ireland, America,

Australia and New Zealand, 1807-1922" by Ann Power and published by Four Courts

Press is available for sale on www.fourcourtspress.ie

TROCAIRE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

'Do not let the downtrodden retreat in confusion, give the poor and needy cause to praise your name.' Psalms 74:21.

Millions of people have had to flee conflict in South Sudan and Yemen. In one area alone in northern Uganda 33,000 mainly women and children from South Sudan have taken refuge. They have witnessed and experienced the worst kind of violence and have arrived traumatised and broken. Trocaire's Christmas Appeal will help these people and many others rebuild their lives. Visit www.trocaire.org to find out more.

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

Email: office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie Website: www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie

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Local Safeguarding Representatives: Eoin Cheasty 087 2193941 Mary Phelan 059 6473397

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Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms Joan Treacy - Email: dlp@kandle.ie Tel: 085-8021633

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

8th & 9th December, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

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 & Northampton

Paddy O'Neill & Nancy Malee, Phelan Street Kathleen Balfe, Rahill

Richard & Mary Canavan & Breda Brennan John Balfe, Rahill

Christy Curran, Collins Park

Saturday, 15th December at 7.30 p.m.

Christopher & Carmel Kelly, Dublin

Joe McGuirk, Ricketstown

Christopher Kelly Jnr. Cork

Bill Gahan, 25 Collins Park

Gerard Cullen, Dublin

Denis Kelly, Haroldstown

John Dunne, Carlow

Tom & Bridie Kehoe, Ballyoliver

Martin Curran, Ballybit

James Doyle, Coole

Paddy Donoghue, Ballyoliver

Ellen Keating, Usk, Dunlavin and deceased members of the Keating family

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Children's Monthly Mass takes place on Sunday, 16th December at 11 a.m.

CHRISTMAS PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, 17th December – Tullow at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 19th December – St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly at 7.30 p.m.

Thursday – 20th December – Hacketstown at 7.30 p.m.

Friday, 21st December – Baltinglass at 7.30 p.m.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 1st & 2nd December, 2018

Offertory Collection €306.76 Envelope Collection €433.45. Many thanks.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Adoration takes place on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon and Fridays starting at 2 p.m. and finish for Mass at 7.30 p.m.

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH SVP CONFERENCE

SVP Collection takes place this weekend. 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.

GOSPEL READINGS - 9th – 16th December

Sunday: Lk 3: 1-6 Mon: Lk 5: 17-26 Tues: Mt 18: 12-14
Wed: Mt 11: 28-30 Thurs: Mt 11:11-15 Fri: Mt 11: 16-19
Sat: Mt 17: 10-13 Sunday: Lk 3: 10-18

WEEK – 9th – 16th December

Altar Servers –

Aoife Fitzpatrick, Anna & Vena Doyle, Ayla & Eve McLoughlin.

Church Readers –

Saturday, 15th December – Lilly Keogh, Esther Murphy.

Sunday, 16th December – Parents of First Holy Communion children.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion –

Saturday, 15th December – Maureen McNamara, Rita Balfe, Alex Balfe Vicic.

Sunday, 16th December – Laz Cullen, Máire Bowes, Lauren Faulkner.

POSITION OF SACRISTAN

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

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Mass Bouquets and Christmas Cards from Rathvilly are available in the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Christmas Carol Service will take place in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly on Sunday evening, 23rd December.

TIDY TOWNS

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

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday – St Damasus 1, born around 304 and died on this day 384, elected pope in 366. He insisted on the apostolic foundations of the Roman See and was active in opposing fourth-century heresies. He commissioned St Jerome to prepare the Vulgate version of the Bible.

Wednesday – Our lady of Guadalupe is patron of the Americas. This memorial recalls the apparitions in December 1531 to Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin on Tepeyac Hill, near Mexico city.

St Finnian studied in Idrome (Co. Carlow) and later in Wales. On his return he settled in Clonard, Co. Meath, around 520, where he established a famous school. His pupils, among whom were Canice, Colum Cille and Brendan, were the initiators of the great monastic expansion in Ireland. He died in 549 and is remembered as the tutor of the saints of Ireland.

Thursday – St Lucy, desiring to remain consecrated to Christ alone, was martyred in 304 in Sicily during the persecution of Diocletian.

Friday – St John of the Cross, 1542-91, a Carmelite who, despite opposition and imprisonment, worked for spreading the reform of the Carmelites. He was a man of prayer, an outstanding poet, a spiritual writer declared doctor of the Church.

TRAD CONCERT – ST. PATRICK'S N.S.

The Board of Management would like to thank all of those people who supported the recent trad concert in the Church in aid of St. Patrick's National School. Many thanks to our sponsors, ticket sellers, those who helped in the lead up to the concert and on the night itself, the organising committee, the performers and of course the many people who bought tickets. A special thanks also to Fr. McEvoy for making the Church available and for all his support along the way. All of the feedback so far has been very positive and the organising committee is delighted with the apparent success of the event.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 8-12-15-28

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Mya May Slaney Bank

Collette & Helen

Éireann Sibbald Nolan Tobinstown

Mick Kehoe

Mrs. Heeney Slaney Bank

Collette & Helen

Tomás Reilly Coole

Sue Molloy

Jamie Kehoe Station Rd.

Collette & Helen

Promoters Prize €20 Paddy McGuirk

Next draw 11 Dec. 2018 in Molloy's Bar. **Jackpot € 10,000**

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).

Carlow Older Persons Christmas Party – Tuesday 11th Dec, 11am-1pm Delta Centre, Carlow. Free festive morning of carols, entertainment and fun. Contact 089-4062356.