

## **EVENING PRAYER of the Epiphany**

Three wonders mark this day we celebrate:  
today the star led the Magi to the manger;  
today water was changed into wine at the marriage feast;  
today Christ desired to be baptised by John in the river Jordan  
to bring us salvation, alleluia.

**This Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> January** is the anniversary of the Episcopal ordination of Most Rev. Diarmuid Martin, 6<sup>th</sup> January 1999.

## **RATHVILLY NATIONAL SCHOOL**

A DVD of the Traditional Music Concert held in St. Patrick's Church on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November last is available from the School at €10 each.

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

Matthew 2:1-12

1. The magi came from the east, hoping to meet Jesus and guided by a star. On your life's journey what are the hopes that inspire you, and what stars guide your steps? Name them for yourself.
2. The magi travelled together. Who have been your companions on life's journey? What has it been like when you have realized that you had companionship along the road? What made you conscious of that companionship? How was it demonstrated?
3. The magi lost sight of the star for a while. What clouds obscure the star that guides your life? Think of those to whom you have turned to get a renewed sense of direction. Perhaps some, like Herod, gave bad advice, but others were wise guides. Remember with particular gratitude those who warned you about dangers on the road and helped you set off with confidence on the right road again.
4. Eventually the magi had the joy of meeting Jesus. In the Epiphany we celebrate God made visible to all humanity. What encounters have you had in life that left you with the sense that God was in what had happened? How did these meetings help you as you, like the magi, 'returned to your own country'?

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## **THE DEEP END: 'We observed his star at his rising'**

The Wise Men were probably astronomers and philosophers, but most importantly they were 'seekers', looking to the skies for something that would bring them closer to God. They would have been familiar with the prophecy about a new King who would be a very powerful leader, and they may have been watching the skies for years, waiting for the right astronomical sign which would foretell His birth. Many astronomers have since tracked the skies from that period, to try to identify what 'star' the Wise Men could have seen.

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# **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

## **NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's  
Talbotstown**

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**St. Patrick's  
Rathvilly**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**The Assumption  
Tynock**

## **ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 p.m.**

Peter Smith, St. Patrick's Park

Patrick & Sheila Nolan, Ladystown

Paddy & Elizabeth Kelly, Ricketstown and deceased family members

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 p.m.**

Patrick & Mary McNevin, Raheendaw

Frances Faulkner, Collins Park

Claire Jenkins, Ballybit

Bill Smith, Monavothé

## **MASS TIMES THIS WEEK**

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

Friday – Confessions at 7.00 p.m. Mass at 7.30 p.m.

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> January – Adoration from 10 a.m. – 12 Noon.

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> January – Adoration from 2.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

## **HOUSEBOUND**

The housebound will receive their January visit on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. If any family would like a visit for a family member please contact the Parish Office.

## **THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his Baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast of Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation (CCC, 528).

## **CHRISTMAS CRIB**

The Crib will remain open until Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February. All donations will go to the homeless. To date €425 was donated.

**The Irish Catholic Newspaper is available each week at a cost of €2.**

### SUNDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

We invite all families who had a Baptism during 2018 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.

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

#### Sat/Sun, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2018

Offertory Collection €328.56 Envelope Collection €965.88.

#### Sat/Sun, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2018

Offertory Collection €375.54 Envelope Collection €431.50.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Station and Christmas Collection for the Priests of the Parish.

### WEEKLY ENVELOPES

Boxes of Envelopes were distributed to families recently. If you did not receive a box and would like to contribute to the Parish, please contact the Parish Office. If your donation to the Parish at the end of the year exceeds €250 and you pay Income Tax, the Parish can benefit from the Tax Rebate Scheme available to Charities. All you need to do is fill out a CHY3 form. It will be of no extra financial cost to yourself but would be a big help to your parish.

### PARISH CALENDAR

There are some Parish Calendars still available in the Church. Please take one home as they give information on what's happening in the Parish for the coming year.

### POSITION OF SACRISTAN

This position is still vacant and 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. Phone 059 9161114/ 086 3232403 or email [jmce51@gmail.com](mailto:jmce51@gmail.com)

### GOSPEL READINGS - 6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Sunday: Mt 2: 1-12                      Mon: Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25      Tues: Mk 6: 34-44  
Wed: Mk 6: 45-52                      Thurs: Lk 4: 14-22                      Fri: Lk 5: 12-16  
Sat: Jn 3: 22-30                      Sunday: Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22

### WEEK – 6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> January

#### **Altar Servers –**

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

#### **Church Readers –**

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> January – Esther Murphy, Lilly Keogh.

Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> January – Anne Marie Kehoe, Dawn Cheasty.

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion –**

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> January – Eithne Condon, Norah Butler, John Byrne.

Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> January – Sophie Kelly, Susan Hughes, Marie Curry.

### 2019 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**CONFIRMATION** – St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly - Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April – 11am

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Church of the Assumption, Tynock – Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 a.m.

St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown – Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 a.m.

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly – Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 a.m.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG** – 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> July.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** – 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> August.

### ANNUAL TABLE QUIZ – CHURCH UNITY WEEK

Table Quiz in aid of our two Churches – St. Patrick's & St. Mary's will take place this year in the **Harp Lounge** on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 9 p.m. sharp. Table of 4 - €20 including supper.

### SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 5 - 12 - 23 - 30

Match Three: win or share €150

Jim Nolan and Paddy Barcoe, Rathmore, Tullow 5 - 12 - 24 - 30

Margaret Donoghue, 15 Fr. Cullen Terrace, Rathvilly 12 - 23 - 25 - 30

Promoter's prize Gabriel Deering.

Next draw on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> 2019. **Jackpot €3,000**

### RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 1-6-18-26

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Barbara Darcy Tuckmill

Bruno's

Paul Balfe Rahill

Sean Leonard

Mrs. Heeney Slaney Bank

Collette & Helen

Paddy Molloy Knockavagh

Sue Molloy

Gillian Curran Woodgrove

Helen Deering

Promoters Prize €20

Lena Smith

Next draw 8 Jan. 2019 in Molloy's Bar.

**Jackpot €10,000**

### WALK TOWARDS UNITY

In conjunction with the Church of Ireland & Methodist Churches to mark Church Unity Week, there will be a "Walk Towards Unity" in Carlow. The walk will begin at 2.30pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at the Methodist Church Athy Road, proceed to St. Mary's Church in Haymarket & from there to the Cathedral of the Assumption. There will be a reading from the scriptures/prayers/hymns at each Church. All welcome.