CHURCH FLOWERS

There will be a collection for Church Flowers the weekend of 15/16 February.

IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

The next Blood Donation Clinic will be held in **Germaine's Hotel Baltinglass on Thursday**, **6**th **February from 4.30 – 8.00 p.m.** The IBTS is at present experiencing difficulty in collecting enough voluntary blood donations in order to meet hospital requirements of 3,000 units of blood a week. It is important that we all remember that patients always need our blood and this need never stops regardless of what else is going on in the world.

RATHVILLY NATIONAL SCHOOL

DRAW RESULTS – Week 2 – 29th January 2020

Winner	Promoter
€100 – Mary Cloney.	Sean Cloney.
€50 – Ann Doyle, Rathdaniel.	Anna Doyle.
€20 – Kieran Finnegan, Bough.	Darragh Tallon.
€20 – Delores McDonnell, Ballybit.	Post Office.
Promoters Prize €20 – Maeve O'Brien.	

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Numbers drawn 2-12-14-21

Match 3 win or share €150

Liam Gavin Knockavagh 2-8-12-14 Mick Kehoe Martina Byrne Monovothe 2-7-14-21 Mick Kehoe

Promoters Prize €20 Mary B. Kelly

Next draw 4th Feb. 2020 in Molloy's Bar. Jackpot €10,000

MEDJUDGORJE PILGRIMAGES

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April – October 2020: 7 night stay and airport shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book any flight – any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel: 01 4434510 or email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com Website: www.med-irishcentre.com

<u>FAMILY CARERS IRELAND</u> Are holding the "Relatives of a Loved One with a Mental Health Issue" support group on Wednesday 5th February at 7pm in The Springhill Clinic, Waterford Road, Kilkenny. All Welcome.

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

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's St. Patrick's The Assumption
Talbotstown Rathvilly Tynock

1st & 2nd February, 2020 The Presentation of the Lord

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Saturday, 1st February at 7.30 p.m.

Peter Murphy, Ladystown – 1st Anniversary

Fergus Coleman, Tobinstown

Anthony Keogh, St. Patrick's Park & Castledermot

Phil Kavanagh, Broughillstown

William, Kieran, Thomas & Michael Byrne, Kevin Barry Road

Ellen Gahan, Kevin Barry Road Thomas Keegan, Ballyoliver Molly Kelly, Garretstown John Swayne, Rathvilly

Saturday, 8th February at 7.30 p.m.

Andy Smith, London & Coole – 1st Anniversary Bridie Doyle, Tankardstown

Thomas Cassells, Ricketstown Mary Hanlon, Ricketstown

Patrick Hanlon, Bough

Kate Hanlon, Borris

Canice Donnolly, Broughillstown

Kathleen Faulkner, St. Patrick's Park

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Sunday - The Presentation of the Lord – Candlemas Day. It is customary to bring candles to be blessed and used in the Church for the coming year. Candles will be blessed at Mass on Sunday.

<u>Monday - The Feast of St Blaise</u> – The Blessing of Throats in honour of St Blaise takes place **after 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday**. The blessing of St Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.

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

Friday – Confessions at 7 p.m. Mass at 7.30 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION -Thursday 10.00 -11.00 a.m. Friday 2.00 -7.30 p.m.

HOUSEBOUND

The housebound will receive their February visit on Friday, 7th February. If any family would like a visit for a family member please contact the Parish Office.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK – 11th February

The elderly and people suffering from serious ailments are welcome to present themselves for the Sacrament of Anointing at 11.00 a.m. Mass on **Saturday**, **15**th **February**. We appeal to kind neighbours who might volunteer to bring people for this blessing.

TABLE QUIZ FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

Sincere thanks to Eithne Condon and her wonderful team for organising the Table Quiz. Thanks to Emma in the Harp Bar for providing the venue and all who helped and provided the supper. Thanks to the sponsors and to all who donated prizes for the raffle. Both Churches received €445. Many thanks to all.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS - Sat/Sun, 25th/26th January 2020

Offertory Collection €362.54. Envelope Collection €684.40. Many thanks.

GOSPEL READINGS -2nd - 9th February, 2020

Sunday: Lk 2: 22-40 Mon: Mk 5: 1-20 Tues: Mk 5: 21-43 Wed: Mk 6: 1-6 Thurs: Mk 6: 7-13 Fri: Mk 6: 14-29

Sat: Mk 6: 30-34 Sunday: Mt 5: 13-16

WEEK – 2nd – 9th February 2020

Altar Servers – Emily & Lucy Canavan, Alana Curran, Róisín Corcoran.

Church Readers -

Saturday, 8th February – Kian & Liz Austin.

Sunday, 9th February – Sophie Kelly, Anne Marie Kehoe.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion -

Saturday, 8th February – Lauren Doyle, Alex Balfe Vicic, Rita Balfe.

Sunday, 9th February – Susan Hughes, Marie Curry, Patricia Leonard.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Marella wife and Colette mother of the late Eamonn Lawler, Coole wish to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone who sympathised with them during their sad loss. Thanks to those who attended Eamonn's Funeral Mass and Burial, those who sent Mass Cards, messages, phoned, travelled long distances and called to the house. Special thanks to Fr. McEvoy, Fr. Whitney, Dr. Gallagher, Carers and all other medical support teams that helped Eamonn throughout his long illness. We wish to thank Ben Newton and Eamonn's colleagues at the Cabinet Office along with his close friends for their loyal support, also John Halligan Funeral Directors for their professionalism. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for their Intentions.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of the late Kathleen Doyle, Bough would like to express their deepest gratitude for the love and support that they have received from extended family, friends and the community during their recent difficult time of loss. This support has meant so much to the family. A Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

<u>CHRISTMAS CRIB</u> This is the last weekend to visit the Crib. Contribution can still be put in an envelope marked CRIB for the next two weeks. Thank you for your contributions so far. All donations will go to the homeless.

ST, BRIGID'S DAY – 1st February

St. Brigid is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She was born c. 454. When she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her but she insisted in consecrating her virginity to God. She received the veil and spiritual formation probably from St Mel and stayed for a period under his direction in Ardagh. Others followed her example and this led her to found a double monastery in Kildare with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. She died in 524 and her cult is widespread not only throughout Ireland but in several European lands. The St Brigid's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of God's protection.

ST WILLIBRORD ECHTERNACH PILGRIMAGE 31ST MAY TO 4TH JUNE 2020

Spiritual Directors Bishop Denis Nulty and Bishop Michael Burrows. Participate in the UNESCO recognised 'Hopping Procession' in honour of St Willibrord (reliquary in Carlow Cathedral), trip includes 3 nights B&B in Luxembourg, 1 night B&B in Utrecht, city tour of Cologne to include Cologne Cathedral. Cost €745pps. The Hopping Procession is a great experience in the beautiful town of Echternach, all who travelled on the first pilgrimage in 2017 loved it. Our group will once again be led in the procession by the Presentation School Band from Carlow. Book with Tullys Travel Carlow 059 9136100

RETURN TO ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART

A thought-provoking selection of scripture readings and reflections designed to accompany the reader through the season of Lent. This accessible and practical guide, which also includes inspirational quotations and questions to prompt the reader to effect change in their day-to-day lives, is the perfect companion for this essential period in the Church calendar. Suitable for clergy, religious and laity this book is written by Gerard Gallagher, pastoral co-ordinator in the Archdiocese of Dublin and is available on https://www.veritasbooksonline.com/return-to-me-with-all-your-heart-9781847309518-45108/

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 1 - 3 - 13 - 25

Match Three: win or share €150

Seanie Furlong, Kiltegan Leighton Curry, Ballyoliver

Declan Kennedy, Ballybit Rian, c/o Bruno

Tommy Kehoe, St. Patricks Park Promoter prize's Gabriel Deering

Next draw on Monday, Feb. 3rd. 2020. **Jackpot €8,600**