

PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG

A Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Derg takes place from 24th – 26th July, 2017 led by Fr. John McEvoy PP. Full details to follow.

CHRISTMAS DAY MESSAGE FROM BISHOP NULTY

On this Christmas Day, I greet you, your families and loved ones with every grace and blessing!

It's over 2000 years since God's Son was born in a stable in Bethlehem. He was the same as any other baby – needing to be fed and changed, needing to be held and loved.

Like all babies – like the children of your own family – he melted the hearts of those who looked upon him or held him in their arms. That's how God comes to us still – asking for our love.

We can direct him to the darkness of the stable because we have no space for him in our busy lives, or we can make room in our hearts to receive him with love.

Your presence here today, in God's house, celebrating the birth of the Christ child is a sign of your willingness to welcome God into your hearts and homes. I want you to know each one of you is always welcome in God's house. Your presence is a gift; your presence helps us to recognise that God is indeed with us; your presence gives us hope that the light will conquer the darkness that at times threatens to overwhelm humanity!

This Christmas, conscious of the turmoil in our world, conscious of the challenges of poverty, homeless and materialism in society, conscious of our own need to be made whole, let us welcome Christ once more and allow ourselves to be held in that loving embrace of God. Bishop Denis Nulty

RATHVILLY CREDIT UNION

Thursday 29th and Friday 30th – normal opening hours. Our members draw took place on Friday night, 16th December and details of the winners are on our website on www.rathvillycu.ie or our Facebook page. Wishing all of our members a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

CARLOW MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

We realise that January can be a challenging month for us all so Carlow Mental Health Association will be in the Shaw Room of the Carlow Library each **Thursday in January 2017** from 10-12 giving out information on building resilience and signposting people to the relevant mental health services that are available locally. There will be a relaxation type activity each **Thursday** at 11 for half an hour. No need to book just drop in.

Also as part of our agenda of reducing stigma around mental health we are supporting the Visual with the campaign "First Fortnight" by showing a film in the Visual called "Infinitely PolarBear" on **Tuesday Jan 17th** at 8pm. Information stand and question and answers session will be held on that evening as well. Tickets €5 from Visual.

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH NEWSLETTER St. Patrick's, Rathvilly Christmas 2016

Christmas Eve, 24th December at 6.00 p.m. & 8.30 p.m.

Fr. Edward Flood	Matthew & Margaret Byrne, Ballymanus
Denis Nolan, Collins Park	Eilish McGrath, Fr. Cullen Tce.
Tom & Nancy Bird	Josie Walsh nee Coady
Patrick & Annie Nolan and deceased family members	
James Fowler, England	

Saturday, 31st December at 7.30 p.m.

Margaret & Darren Ludkins & deceased members of the Smith family, Coole	David O'Brien, Ricketstown
Mary Plant, Rahill	Deceased members of the McMahon family
Anne O'Connor, nee Plant	Ellen & William Caulfield
Molly Lawlor, St. Patrick's Park	Joe & Peter Carolan
Sheila Fitzpatrick, Mount Kelly	Kathleen, Liam & Kay Murphy
Jim Dempsey, Rathvilly	Deceased members of the Guthrie family
Eileen Balfe, Rahill	Ann Behan
Christina Balfe, Rahill	

Saturday, 7th January at 7.30 p.m.

Patrick & Mary McNevin, Raheendaw	Peter Smith, St. Patrick's Park
William Smith, Monavothe	Bernard, Mary & Ben Dunne, Rathmore
Paddy & Elizabeth Kelly, Ricketstown & deceased family members	

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK 26th December – 30th December

Monday, St. Stephen's Day – Mass at 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday – Mass at 11.00 a.m.
Thursday – Communion Service 11 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration 11 a.m.- 5 p.m.

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK – 2nd January – 6th January

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - Communion Service at 11.00 a.m.
Thursday – Vigil Mass for the Holy Day at 7.30 p.m.
Eucharistic Adoration 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Holy Day – 6th January – Feast of the Epiphany – Mass at 11.00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS CRIB - All donations from the Crib will go to the homeless.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS to all the families in our Parish. You will be remembered in the Christmas Masses. Wishing you and your family every blessing during this Holy Season. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are away from home and who are sick this Christmas and also for the families who have been bereaved through the death of loved ones during the year. Very many thanks to all who support the Clergy and the Parish.

HOUSEBOUND

All housebound can expect a visit on Thursday, 5th January. Those normally visited on the first Friday will be visited on Thursday afternoon from 2 p.m. onwards.

PARISH CALENDAR 2017 - Please take one Calendar for each family

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 17th & 18th December, 2016

Offertory Collection €442.16 Envelope Collection €531.27 Many thanks.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE BOXES

Thank you to all who contribute to the Parish through the weekly envelopes. Next year's envelopes are being delivered at present. Please put your name on the envelope to ensure you received your correct box. If you have not received a box and would like to contribute please contact the parish office.

PARISH OFFICE – reopens on Tuesday, 3rd January 2017

In case of an emergency please contact 086 3232403

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH WEBSITE

We are launching our new Parish Website this week. You can visit it at www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie Email: office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie

Christmas -- December 25, 2016

“He gave power to become children of God.” If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, contact: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill vocations@kandle.ie, www.kandlepriest.com

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -- January 1, 2017

“God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts.” If the Spirit of Jesus is prompting you to love and serve Him as a priest, contact: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill vocations@kandle.ie, www.kandlepriest.com

K & L DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Led by Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin Most Reverend Denis Nulty. Pilgrimage Director: Fr. Paddy Byrne. 16th – 21st July 2017 - €719. If you intend travelling please book as soon as possible. Full details from www.kandle.ie or see poster in the Church Porch.

GOSPEL READINGS – 25th December – 1st January

Sunday: Jn 1: 1-18 Mon: Mt 10: 17-22 Tues: Jn 20: 2-8
Wed: Mt 2: 13-18 Thurs: Lk 2: 22-35 Fri: Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23
Sat: Jn 1: 1-18 Sunday: Lk 2: 16-21

WEEK –25th December – 8th January

Altar Servers – Kian Austin, Fia Murphy, Aoibheann Curry, Orlaith O'Sullivan.
Dawn Cheasty, Jaden Doyle, Sam Collier, Bailey Byrne.

Church Readers –

Saturday, 31st December – Máire Kelly, Eric Geaney.
Sunday, 1st January – Anne Marie Kehoe, Maria Doyle.
Thursday, 5th January – Esther Murphy, Lilly Keogh.
Friday, 6th January – Eithne Condon, Catherine Carroll.
Saturday, 7th January – Tommy Donovan, Sophie Kelly.
Sunday, 8th January – John Bynre, Peadar Doyle.

Ministers of the Eucharist –

Saturday, 31st December – Ann Doyle, Antoinette Kelly, P.J. Doyle.
Sunday, 1st January – Katie Kehoe, Mary Manley, John Byrne.
Thursday, 5th January – Rita Balfé, Eithne Molloy, Clodagh Lawlor.
Friday, 6th January – Anthony Kelly, Michael Kehoe, Susan Hughes.
Saturday, 7th January – Maureen McNamara, Anna Mae Byrne, Lauren Faulkner.
Sunday, 8th January – Eithne Condon, Ann Byrne, Leah Curran.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 2-4-17-18

Match 3 win or share €150

Adam Weilk c/o Bruno 2-4-17-30 Bruno's

Promoters Prize €20 Bruno's

Extra Lucky Dip Winners; Jenny Donegan, Mgt Cronin, Mick Kehoe

Eithne Brennan, Paul Kelly

Next draw **27 Dec. 2016** in Molloy's Bar. **Jackpot € 11,700**

The club would like to wish everyone a very Happy **Christmas** & Bright New Year

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were

[17 - 21 - 24 - 25](#)

Match Three: win or share €150

Marie Curry, Ballybit

Liam Nolan c/o Kerry Foods

Paula Cummins, 5 Slaney Bank, Rathvilly

Tadhg Smith c/o Gary Smith

Podge, Owen, Joanne - Talk Of The Town

Promoters Prize - Edel McGrath

Next draw on **Tuesday, December 27th. Jackpot €20,000**

Christmas Extra Lucky Dip Results - Sean Doyle, Rathlyon, Claudie c/o Bruno, Michelle Byrne, Woodgrove Ave, TJ Kearns, Rathvilly and The Gahan Sisters, 6 Collins Park.

The committee of Slaney Rovers A.F.C. would like to thank everybody for their support to the Club Lotto during the year and would like to wish one and all a Happy **Christmas** and a peaceful New Year.

