

## PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE

Accord Carlow are now taking bookings for the following courses

Jan 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, Mar 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.

Couples getting married in Spring or early summer 2017 should book a place on one of the above courses.

Bookings can be made on line at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) or for further information phone Mary at 059 9138738

**Aspiro** – Ireland's leading choir for children now recruiting new members. Come join us as we prepare for our 20th Anniversary celebrations 2017-2018, contact us [info@aspirochoir.ie](mailto:info@aspirochoir.ie), or ph 085-7451111. Classes resume **Tuesday** 17<sup>th</sup> January. Limited number of places available in all groups .

## RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results. No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3-16-17-24

Match 3 win or share €150

Lena Smith Haroldstown 9-16-17-24

Lena Smith

Tom Britton Knockavagh 2-3-17-24

Helen Deering

Bernie Fitzharris Hacketstown 3-6-16-17

Helen Deering

Maria Curran Bough 3-17-20-24

Bruno's

Pomoters Prize €20 Collette Kelly

Next draw 10 Jan.2017 in Molloy's Bar. **Jackpot €11,900**

**Walking Track;** Membership now due €20 for the year payable to any committee member.

## Snowdrop Gala and Snowdrop Month

Altamont Gardens Annual Snowdrop festival commences with the Snowdrop Gala on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at Ballykealey Manor Hotel. The first of our speakers this year is **Julian Sutton** who will be putting 'Snowdrops in Context'. Julian is an English botanist, turned gardener and small-time nurseryman, with a serious bulb habit.

Kevin Hughes will bring us a lecture entitled 'There is no greater joy than Spring plants' where he will present to the audience an eclectic mix of plants to both grow alongside and after the snowdrops. He will include much about cultivation of the featured plants with tips on how to succeed with those regarded (often incorrectly) as difficult. Kevin is a professional gardener and ecologist.

Following lunch in Ballykealey Manor, there will be a guided tour of Altamont Gardens with head gardener Paul Cutler.

Nurseries on the day Avon Bulbs, Altamont Plant Sales (Hellebores, from Ashwood, spring shrubs, snowdrops & many more), Cosheen Plants (snowdrops & early spring bulbs), Kevin Hughes plants & Desirable Plants (Julian Sutton).

For tickets or further information please contact Mr Robert Miller, of Altamont Plants on 0879822135 or Hestor Forde on 0868654972.

# RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's  
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's  
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption  
Tynock**

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

We offer our sympathies to the families of Joe McCall Bough, Brigid Brophy Rathdangan and Harry Byrne Fr. Cullen Tce who died recently.

Months Mind Mass for Paddy Foley formerly Knocklishen this Saturday at 7.30 p.m.

### Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 p.m.

Patrick & Mary McNevin, Raheendaw

Peter Smith, St. Patrick's Park

William Smith, Monavothe

Bernard, Mary & Ben Dunne, Rathmore

Liam Dunne, Rathmore

Nellie Corcoran, Rathmore

### Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 p.m.

Sheila Kirwan, Mount Kelly

Timothy Doyle, Tobinstown

Olive Griffin, Ballyoliver

Patrick Doyle, Tobinstown

Paddy & Elizabeth Kelly, Ricketstown & deceased family members

## MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday –**Communion Service** at 9.30 a.m.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Thursday 10am – 7pm**

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January – The Baptism of the Lord.

Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our Baptism each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ – Priest, Prophet and King – and the Father looks on us with favour.

**This Sunday during 11.00 a.m. Mass, there will be a special Blessing for all children baptised during the year 2016.**

## WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 31<sup>st</sup> December & 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017

Offertory Collection €258.10 Envelope Collection €339.80 Many thanks.

**Sincere thanks** to all who contributed to the Christmas Stations and Christmas Collection for the Priests of the Parish and retired Priests.

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

## PARISH CALENDAR

There are a number of Parish Calendars still available in the Church. They contain some useful information in relation to our Parish.

## ANNUAL TABLE QUIZ

The Annual Table Quiz for the two Churches, St. Patrick's and St. Mary's Church will be held in the Rathvilly Inn on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January at 9 p.m. sharp. Table of 4 – €20. Your support would be much appreciated.

## PARISH WEBSITE

Our Parish Website is now live and can be found on [www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie](http://www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie). There is a lot of useful information on the website e.g.

- Mass Times
- Weekly Newsletter
- Notices: deaths, etc.
- Events: First Holy Communion, Confirmation, etc.
- Information about Our Churches, Schools, etc.
- Gallery of Photographs

More to come as the website develops.

**Parish Office – 059 9161114 – Mon – Fri 10am – 1pm**

Email: [office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie](mailto:office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie) Diocesan Website: [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

## GOSPEL READINGS – 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> January

Sunday: Mt 3: 13-17	Mon: Mk 1: 14-20	Tues: Mk 1: 21-28
Wed: Mk 1: 29-39	Thurs: Mk 1: 40-45	Fri: Mk 2: 1-12
Sat: Mk 2: 13-17	Sunday: Jn 1: 29-34	

## WEEK – 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Altar Servers** – Dylan McCann, Robert Coleman, Sarah Curran, D.J. Carroll.

**Church Readers** –

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> January – Mary Keating, Lucy Haberlin.

Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> January – Louise & Anna Colgan.

**Ministers of the Eucharist** –

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> January – Breda Reilly, Patricia Leonard, Angela Byrne.

Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> January – Máire Kelly, Noel & Mary Kennedy.

## The Epiphany -- January 8, 2017

“God chose us before the world began to be holy.” God has chosen each person in Christ for a particular vocation. If He may be calling you to be holy through a vocation to the priesthood contact: Fr. Ruairi O’Domhnaill [vocations@kandle.ie](mailto:vocations@kandle.ie), [www.kandlepriest.com](http://www.kandlepriest.com)

## THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES COMES TO IRELAND!

### *The World Meeting of Families is Coming to Ireland!*

Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. Guided by the theme “The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World”, the event has at its heart three main moments. Firstly, from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August, a three-day Congress open to all, that will entail a joyful and reflective programme of workshops, talks and discussions centered on the main theme; an engaging and exciting programme for young people as well as faith and fun activities for children. This will be followed by a Festival of Families event on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August, comprising a special concert style event within a prayerful and joyful atmosphere, in which personal stories of faith will be shared by families representing the five continents of the world. WMOF2018 will close with a solemn Eucharistic Celebration on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August, that will gather thousands of people from Ireland and all over the world.

WMOF2018 will include exhibitions, cultural events and musical performances, events around the city, gestures of solidarity with those in need, celebrations and much more.

The main events of the WMOF2018 will take place in Dublin, at a large conference venue as well as in other venues in and around the city. It is also anticipated that related events, including the hosting of international groups, will take place all over the island of Ireland. All official events will be ticketed.

A programme of catechesis will be launched in Spring 2017 as part of the preparation for this important and joyful international event, as well as a call to volunteers to welcome and host our national and international guests.

## SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 11 - 12 - 14 - 16

Match Three: win or share €150

Dan Campion, Parkmore, Baltinglass

Ann O Toole c/o Catherine Deering

Patrick Halligan, Station Road, Rathvilly

Kara Nolan c/o Tom mcCall

Sandra Carroll, Brokle More, Hacketstown

Promoters Prize - Martin Curran

Next draw on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. **Jackpot €20,000**