

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary (The Killeshandra Nuns) was founded in 1924 by Bishop Joseph Shanahan CSSp to bring the Gospel message to the women of Southern Nigeria. Sisters are presently on mission in Brazil, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Mexico, Nigeria, South Africa, Sierra Leone, the U.S.A. and Zambia.

Sr. Mary Gallagher will speak at the Masses on Saturday/ Sunday March 4th/5th 2017 to promote Mission Awareness. **A collection to support the work of the sisters will be carried out after Holy Communion.**

KILTEGAN DRAMA GROUP

Kiltegan Drama Group presents 'THEM' written by Tom Coffey on 10th & 11th March in St. Tegans Hall, Kiltegan at 8 p.m.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Best of luck to our U13 boys and girls indoor soccer teams who are in action this weekend.

Well done to our U11 & U 14 tag rugby teams who both won gold in the county finals last weekend. They now go forward to the Leinsters. A big thank you to their coaches Irene O Byrne, Tadgh Walsh and Padhraic Byrne.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3-6-14-24

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Dawn Keogh Rathmore

Alex McCall Rathmore

Tom McCall Bough

Mgt. Doyle Hughes Coole

K & B c/o Breda

Promoters Prize €20 T. Whyte

Next draw 28 Feb.2017 in Molloy's Bar.

Kevin McCall

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Tom McCall

Mgt. Doyle Hughes

Ed. Brennan

Jackpot € 1,500

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - Congratulations to Mick Curran, 5 St. Patrick's Park, Rathvilly on winner the €20,000 Jackpot. His numbers 3 - 7 - 8 - 20 finally came up as Mick has used the same numbers since the very first lotto draw in 2003, using his date of birth; born 20th in the 8th month; in 1937. Well done Mick.

Promoters Prize - Brian Curran

Next draw on Monday, February 27th. **Jackpot €4,300**

Fixtures - Sunday 26th. February

League - Burrin Celtic v's Slaney Rovers in Ballon at 11am.

Womens League - St. Joseph's V's Slaney Rovers - Away at 2pm

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's

Talbotstown

25th & 26th February 2017

St. Patrick's

Rathvilly

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Assumption

Tynock

We offer our sympathy to the family of Mary Ellen (Bonnie) McNamara, Ballyoliver who died during the week and whose burial took place on Friday in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

We also pray for three St. Patrick's, Kiltegan Missionary Priests who died recently, Fr. Gus Frawley, Fr. Pádraig Gallagher Fr. Kevin O'Doherty.

Saturday, 25th February at 7.30 p.m.

Joseph Byrne, The Moate

Joseph Byrne Jr., The Moate

Rose Byrne, The Moate

Johnny Foley, Rathmore

Nan Sibbald, Phelan Street & deceased members of the Sibbald family

Saturday, 4th March at 7.30 p.m.

Months Mind Mass for Sean Bolger, Rathvilly on Saturday, 4th March at 7.30 p.m.

Ann Byrne, Knocklishen

Annie Dempsey, Ricketstown

James O'Toole, Bough

James Byrne, Tobinstown

Mary Nolan, Ballyhackett

Mary Kelly, Knockboy

Jack & Mai Carson, Ricketstown

Mick & Dan Abbott, Ballyoliver

Denis & Maryanne Connors, Rathaniel and deceased family members

James & Norah Byrne, Ricketstown and deceased family members

Tony & Maura Morrissey, New Road, Ballyoliver and deceased family members

Mai & Myles Carson, Rathmore and deceased family members

Peter Carroll, Knocklshen and deceased members of the Carroll family, Clonegal

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Mass at **9.15 a.m.**

Ash Wednesday – Mass at 9.30 am & 7.30 pm. Mass in Tynock Church at 9.30 am

Thursday - Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Friday – Stations of the Cross & Confessions at 7.00 p.m. Mass at 7.30 p.m.

HOUSEBOUND - All housebound will be visited on Friday, 3rd March.

CHRISTMAS CRIB

Thanks to everyone who gave donations at the Crib which remained open until 2nd February. A total of €1,200 was raised. The charities who will benefit are:

Fr. Peter McVerry Trust, St. Clare's Hospitality, Graiguecullen and the Capuchin Day Centre, Dublin.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 26, 2017

“Thus should one regard us, as servants of Christ.” Are you being called to serve the Lord and others in the priesthood? Call : Fr. Ruairi O’Domhnaill vocations@kandle.ie, www.kandlepriest.com

ABSTINENCE IN LENT

As Catholics we are asked to abstain from meat and to fast on two days in the year, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means that one full meatless meal can be eaten in the day. Two other meatless meals may be taken to maintain strength but together they should not exceed one full meal. Liquids, including milk and fruit juice, may be taken between meals. The fasting regulation applies to all Catholics aged 18 to 59 while those aged fourteen and above are asked to abstain from meat. Some people are not required to fast; these include those who are sick, pregnant or nursing women and manual labourers according to need.

In the past, Irish Catholics were required to abstain from meat every Friday. While still not a requirement, the Irish Bishops’ Conference has suggested it as a form of Friday Penance during Lent.

GOSPEL READINGS – 26th February – 5th March

Sunday: Mt 6: 24-34	Mon: Mk 10: 17-27	Tues: Mk 10: 28-31
Wed: Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18	Thurs: Lk 9: 22-25	Fri: Mt 9: 14-15
Sat: Lk 5: 27-32	Sunday: Mt 4: 1-11	

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 18th & 19th February, 2017

Offertory Collection €313.09 Envelope Collection €521.27 Many thanks.

WEEK – 26th February – 5th March, 2017

Altar Servers – Peter Carroll, Conor Elliott, Eabha Canavan, Eoin Maher.

Church Readers –

Saturday, 4th March – Mary Keating, Lucy Haberlin.

Sunday, 5th March – Emily Fleming, Julia Sibbald.

Ministers of the Eucharist –

Saturday, 4th March – Leah Curran, Norah Butler, Patricia Leonard.

Sunday, 5th March – Rose Lawlor, Laz Cullen, Sophie Kelly.

BAPTISM DATES

St. Patrick’s Church, Rathvilly

Saturday/Sunday, 11th & 12th March at 12 Noon

Saturday, 8th April at 12 Noon

Holy Saturday, 15th April at 9 p.m. – It would be nice to celebrate a Baptism at the Vigil Mass.

Sunday, 14th May at 12 Noon

Church of the Assumption, Tynock

Saturday, 8th April at 2.00 p.m.

To book a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office – 059 9161114

TRÓCAIRE

“You are the salt of the earth . . . You are the light of the world” (Mt 5: 13-14)

This message from Jesus goes to the heart of the life of all Christians to be the light of hope, peace and a light for justice in the world. Each Lent we have a time or season through which we are reviewing our life in Christ and seek renewal and fresh inspiration to continue to grow in the love of God our Creator.

This renewal of life calls for awareness of the reality of the ‘home’ that we share with our sisters and brothers from the tribes, peoples, and creeds across the world. Pope Francis speaks as a prophet for our time in his letter *Laudato Si’* care for a common home as he calls us to become more conscious in our everyday life of the impact our lifestyle has on climate change and the destruction it brings to the poorest parts of the world. The change required calls for a conversion of heart as well as the mind. Trócaire has been supporting communities since its foundation in 1973 as a caring and compassionate organisation inspired by the values of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Honduras is our focus country for Lent 2017. Honduras, which translates as ‘depths’ in Spanish, is a country in Central America with a population of over 8 million people. Trócaire is responding to Pope Francis’ call by working with the communities, in Honduras and other parts of the world, that are most at risk of the devastating effects of extreme weather conditions, such as hurricanes, floods and drought, to help save lives by preparing for and mitigating the effects of the next emergency. Pope Francis challenges us by saying: *As Christians, we are called ‘to accept the world as a sacrament of communion, as a way of sharing with God and our neighbours on a global scale’.*

K & L DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

First Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin Most Reverend Denis Nulty. Pilgrimage Director: Fr. Paddy Byrne. 16th July 2017 for 5 nights. €719 per person sharing.

Contact Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410800 or info@joewalstours.ie

Are you a reader in the parish or would like to become one?

“Entrusted with the Word” is a three-night training course starting this Tuesday, February 28th in the Cairdeas Centre, Tullow from 8.00 – 9.30 p.m.

ACCORD Marriage Education Facilitator

Are you interested in becoming a Marriage Education Facilitator with Ireland’s leading provider of Marriage Preparation Programs?

Would you like to meet couples preparing for Marriage, sharing part of their very special journey?

Come along to our Information Evening on Tuesday 28th February 2017 at 8pm in St. Catherine’s Community Services Centre, St. Josephs Road, Carlow. Hear about what’s it like to be a facilitator and let us answer your questions about the role, training etc. You may also contact Mary, if you wish, on 059 9138738.