

## RUN FOR ABBIE

Remember to pop March 26th at 10am in your diary for our fundraising 5k and 2k fun run/walk for Abbie Colfer. We look forward to your support to make this a great success.

## RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 5-10-27-29

Match 3 win or share €150

Dawn Keogh Rathmore 4-10-27-29

Kevin McCall

Promoters Prize €20 Donal Kelly

Next draw 14 March 2017 in Molloy's Bar. **Jackpot €1,700**

Thank you for your continued support.

## GIRLS FOOTBALL

Training for U9 to U14 girls next Thursday at 6.30pm in Rathvilly football field. Please make sure your daughter has gum shields as they are now compulsory for all age groups. Looking forward to seeing you all there. **Draw cards** for our Easter hampers will be distributed during the coming weeks also and your support would be greatly appreciated. Please Note: Registration takes place this week.

## BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT COUNTRY MARKET

The Country Market will open for 2017 on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> March at 10 a.m. in Stratford Lodge Hall, Church Lane, Baltinglass. Come join us for a healthy breakfast of Kilbeggan Organic Porridge topped with crunchy homemade granola and local honey. We will have our freshly produced range of bread, cakes, fresh farm eggs, honey, jam and crafts available.

## RATHVILLY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Rathvilly Community Development Group will be holding their AGM on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Phoenix Centre, Rathvilly.

Everyone is welcome to attend and it would be great to see some new faces join our little group and get involved in growing our wonderful community.

Tea and coffee will be provided on the night. Hope to see everyone there.

## BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Bigstone National School will hold an open evening for new pupils on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 6.30 - 8 pm. All welcome to attend. Enrolment forms are available from the school. Phone: 059 9161171 or come to the school and pick one up. After school care available. Contact Anne Marie on 087 2238380 for information.

**Macra Re-Union:-** The Carlow Town Branch of Macra na Feirme which was founded in 1972 is holding a reunion in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Rd on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April. The club drew members from Carlow and surrounding counties and the committee are hoping that anyone connected with the club over the years will come together to make it an enjoyable night. Further details and tickets @ €10 are available from Pat Scully @ 087 2220092.

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

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Diocesan Website: [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's**

**Talbotstown**

**11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**

**St. Patrick's**

**Rathvilly**

**The Assumption**

**Tynock**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

### **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m.**

James, Donal & Betty Mc Namara, Ballyoliver

William Smith, Coole

James & Elizabeth Byrne, Ballyoliver

Pat Nolan, Rathmore

Mary Curran, Ballybit

Paddy Doyle, Foxcover

Catherine & Thomas Faulkner, Garretstown

Ellen Byrne, Maplestown

Nan & Jim Kennedy, St. Patrick's Park

Deceased members of the Cashen family

Denis Rahilly, Kevin Barry Road

Kevin & Maureen McGurgan, Bough

### **Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m.**

Peter Nolan, Ricketstown

Kathleen Curry, Ballybit

Mary Nolan, Ricketstown

Patrick Nolan, Mount Kelly

John Nolan, Ricketstown

Jim Healy, Ricketstown

## **MASS TIMES THIS WEEK**

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

**Friday – St. Patrick's Day –**

**Talbotstown – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Rathvilly – Mass at 11.00 a.m.**

## **CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation Programme continues with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. in Rathvilly National School for children and their parents.

## **PARISH DRAW**

The 10 Week Parish Draw commences on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April. Draw Cards are in circulation. If you would like to be a promoter please contact the Parish Office.

## **THANK YOU - Holy Rosary Sisters**

Many thanks to the people of the Parish for their welcome and generous response to the Mission appeal last weekend. The total amount collected came to €1,105.26 which was generous indeed - Sr. Mary Gallagher.

## **Second Sunday of Lent -- March 12, 2017**

“God has called us with a holy calling... according to His own purpose and grace.” If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood, call Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill [vocations@kandle.ie](mailto:vocations@kandle.ie), [www.kandlepriest.com](http://www.kandlepriest.com)

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

In his encyclical Laudato Si', Pope Francis urges everyone on the planet to embrace or reawaken a new sense of awe and wonder for creation. We are invited to see the interconnectedness of all things and reflect on how interdependent we all are with nature. He refers to this as 'an integral ecology'. We are urged to see and reflect on the glory of God present in all of creation. Ask yourself this question today: 'Have I lost my sense of awe and wonder amidst so much noise in my life?'

The Gospel of Creation is calling to us now, into these 'wow' moments, into the same wonder and awe that the disciples must have felt in the gospel. The disciples want to stay with Jesus on the mountain, and who can blame them? But they must leave: 'Stand up, do not be afraid ...' (Mt 17:7). Jesus' path is not one on which we can remain in our comfort zones. It is a challenging way and there is a cost involved.

## GOSPEL READINGS – 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March

Sunday: Mt 17: 1-9                      Mon: Lk 6: 36-38                      Tues: Mt 23: 1-12  
Wed: Mt 20: 17-28                      Thurs: Lk 16: 19-31                      Fri: Mt 13: 24-32  
Sat: Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32                      Sunday: Jn 4: 5-42

## WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

Offertory Collection €376.09    Envelope Collection €733.21    Many thanks.

## WEEK – 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

### Altar Servers –

Sean Costello Kelly, Sean Corcoran, Aoibhinn Doyle, Ayla McLoughlin.

### Church Readers –

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March – Louise & Anna Colgan

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> March – Eric Geaney, Máire Kelly.

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> March – First Holy Communion Parents.

### Ministers of the Eucharist –

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March – Mary Manley, Eithne Molloy, Anna Mae Byrne.

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> March – Tommy & Sadie Donovan, Ann Doyle.

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> March – Susan Hughes, Anthony Kelly, John Byrne.

## SLÍ AN CHROÍ, KILTEGAN

Pre marriage course 1st & 2nd April at Sli an Chroi. Contact Seamus 086 1225198

## 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.

16<sup>th</sup> July 2017 for 5 nights. €719 per person sharing.

Contact Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410800 or [info@joewalstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalstours.ie)

## CHURCH FLOWERS

If you would like to donate daffodils to the Church for St. Patrick's Weekend please leave them into the Church on Wednesday or Thursday.

## RATHVILLY N.S.

**6 Week Draw:** Our recent 6 week draw made a profit of €5,712.00. This was a significant increase on last year. Many thanks to all who supported our draw in any way. A special word of thanks to Emma Barrett and Samantha McGannon who helped out at the draw on Monday nights. All funds will go towards supporting the music programme in the school.

## COMMUNITY GAMES

Well done to our U11 tag rugby team who won their game against Aghavillier in the 1st round of the Leinster's. They are now through to the semi-finals of the Leinster's in April.

**Art area finals results** - Well done to all the children who took part in the finals.

**Girls:** U8 1st Vena Doyle 2nd Roísín Corcoran, 3rd Alana Curran

U10 1st Anna Doyle 2nd Aoife O Sullivan 3rd Nicole Doyle

U12 1st Atlanta McLoughlin 2nd Ella Byrne 3rd Shauna Nolan

U14 1st Laura Wade 2nd Ella Molloy

**Boys:** U6 1st Billy McCarthy U8 1st Evan McLoughlin 2nd Adam Curry

U12 1st Bailey Byrne 2nd Robert Coleman. The children from U8 up will go forward to the County Art finals this weekend. Best of luck.

**Handwriting: Girls** U10 1st Aoife O Sullivan 2nd Eve McLoughlin 3rd Nicole Doyle.

U12 1st Orlaith O Sullivan 2nd Megan Kelly 3rd Aoibhinn Curry

**Boys:** U10 1st Conor Reilly U12 1st Bailey Byrne 2nd Robert Coleman

These children go forward to the County Handwriting finals this weekend. Best of luck.

## SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

**LOTTO** - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 2 - 7 - 13 - 29

Match Three: win or share €150

Kevin Mc Call, Rathmore 7 - 13 - 14 - 29

Promoters Prize - Michael Kehoe

Next draw on Monday, March 13th. **Jackpot €4,500**

Due to continuing rainfall and poor condition of pitches, both juvenile and adult matches were postponed last weekend, resulting in all the sporting action in Rathvilly was confined to a 16 square feet boxing ring in the 'battle of the codes' between the Rathvilly GAA and Soccer Club. With 14 fights on the card the large gathering were well entertained for over four solid hours as boxers from both clubs were the stars of the show, as they gave it their all in the ring making the night an enormous success. So well done to Regan Murphy, Andy Sibbald, Tracey Kelly, Carole McGrath, Stefan Dunne, Jeffrey O'Donoghue, Rachel Tallon, Dawn Keogh, Patrick Byrne, Keith Dempsey, Abbie Kirton, Elisha Ryan, Mike Foley, Shane Byrne, Meghan Keogh, Leona Leonard, Adam Lawlor, Colin Byrne, Anthony Doyle, Gary Owens, Jeff Worth, Robbie Ryan, Jim Bob Leonard, Mark Ryan, Conor O'Brien, Brian Murphy Gary Dempsey and Daniel O'Brien. Brian O'Donoghue was at his usual best as presenter on the night and Peter Keogh kept the show running outside the ring. Also a big thank you to each of the following; Grangecon Boxing club, Shemie & Willie, JJ, Paul and Pa who put the boxers through three months of tough training and were there to encourage them on the night; the many sponsors, without their support this event would not be able to take place; Joe Donegan (Bally) with his hidden microphone whose interviews between the fights really adds to the DVD; and last but not least Doyles Equestrian Centre for allowing the use of their arena to facilitate this local fund-raising event.