

### **K & L DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

16<sup>th</sup> July 2017 for 5 nights. €719 per person sharing. Pilgrim Director:  
Fr. Paddy Byrne. Contact Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410800 or [info@joewalstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalstours.ie)

### **TULLOW PARISH – HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

11<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Cost €1,549 per person sharing. Booking Forms available at Tullow Parish Office – 059 9151277 or MAP Travel at 01 8783111.

### **RUN FOR ABBIE**

Our fundraising 5k and kids 2k Fun run/walk for Abbie Colfer will take place this Sun 26th March at 10am with registration at 9am in the GAA Centre. €10 per adult and €5 per child. Spot prizes galore. We will also be raffling 1 family (2adults & 2 children) Croke Park Skyline Tour and Museum and 1 family Croke Park GAA Tour and Museum. Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5. We look forward to your support. We would like to wish all the mummies a very Happy Mother's Day.

### **CARLOW COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP**

Carlow County Development Partnership will be facilitating an information workshop on the Sustainable Energy Communities Programme on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7 p.m. in the Lord Bagenal Hotel, Bagenalstown. Are you interested in getting involved in a community energy initiative? Are you a business? Voluntary organisation? Community Group? Co-operative? Sports Clubs? School? Farmer? Tidy Town? Parish Church? Learn more about types of Technology that communities can use when acting as a 'Sustainable Energy Community. Heating upgrades, building fabric upgrades, operational efficiency commercial SME/industrial, renewable energy. Open to all in County Carlow who are interested in developing renewable energy initiatives.

### **RATHVILLY N.S. PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

We are holding an Easter Disco on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March in the School with DJ Denis. €3 entry per child with refreshments served. 6-7 pm juniors up to 2<sup>nd</sup> class and from 7-8 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> class upwards. All siblings welcome.

### **PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE**

Accord Carlow run Pre-marriage courses for couples intending to get married in the Catholic Church. It is a requirement of the Church that all couples attend a Pre-Marriage Course before getting married. The Course is held in St Catherine's Social Service Centre Carlow. Limited places available on the forthcoming courses - May 5th & 6th and June 9th & 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be no courses in July or August. How to Book a place? Book on line [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) or phone 059 9138738.

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**  
**25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**

**St. Patrick's**  
**Rathvilly**

**The Assumption**  
**Tynock**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

We offer our sympathy to the family of Fr. Pádraig Ó Máille whose funeral took place in St. Patrick's College, Kiltegan on Wednesday last.

#### **Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m.**

Months Mind Mass for Mary Ellen (Bonnie) McNamara this Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March

Terry Redmond, Delacy Abbey  
Marie Therese Kearns, Rathvilly  
Madeline Curran, St. Patrick's Park  
John Foley, Bough  
Alan (Stick) Keogh, 2 Fr Cullen Tce.  
John Kelly, New Rd., Ballyoliver

Shaun Leonard, Rahill  
Liam Hayes, Tipperary  
Eileen Doyle, Lisnavagh  
Edward & Ellen Keegan  
Kathleen Lawlor, Phelan Street  
Thomas Reilly

#### **Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30 p.m.**

Christine Donovan  
Frank Donovan  
Patrick & Mary Byrne, Williamstown

Rose Halligan, Station Road  
Ciss Doyle, Ricketstown

### **MASS TIMES THIS WEEK**

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

Friday – Stations of the Cross & Confessions 7 p.m. Mass 7.30 p.m.

### **CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation Programme continues with the 4<sup>th</sup> Session on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. in Rathvilly National School for children and their parents.

### **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN 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.

### **Fourth Sunday of Lent -- March 26, 2017**

"The Lord looks on the heart." Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest if so contact: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill [vocations@kandle.ie](mailto:vocations@kandle.ie), [www.kandlepriest.com](http://www.kandlepriest.com)

### **EASTER STATIONS**

Easter Station Collection is due at this time. Please use your envelope provided or an envelope with your name and address. Many thanks.

## WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

Pope Francis personally chose Dublin, to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families from 22-26 August 2018. Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is well underway. A dedicated office and support team has been established and later this year a national programme of talking about the family will begin with an emphasis on Pope Francis' teaching and reflections. The World Meeting of Families promises to be an occasion that will reflect on the faith experience of families from many parts of the world as well as on the challenges and celebrations which characterise the ups and downs of day-to-day family life.

As you know hosting this national and international event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. **In this regard the second National Collection will be held on the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017.**

## A Message To You From Bishop Denis

I want to take this opportunity to invite you to come to Carlow for this year's celebration of the **Chrism Mass on Monday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Cathedral. During this Mass the Holy Oils that will be used across the diocese in baptisms, confirmations, ordinations and anointing of the sick will be blessed and the priests of the diocese will renew their vows of ordination. We will be led in song on the night by the Diocesan Choir, and I am delighted that we will get to pray in song together as a diocese the newly composed Mass of St Patrick, by our own Fr Liam Lawton. I look forward to meeting and saying hello to as many of you as possible after the Mass over a cuppa next door in Carlow College. So put the date in your calendar because your presence will make all the difference!

+Bishop Denis

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The richest 20 per cent of Hondurans receive two thirds of the national income. Inequality is the biggest characteristic of poverty in Central America and Hondurans struggle even more due to environmental and political challenges. Extreme weather events have made the water supply unreliable for farming and the result is that 60 per cent of people suffer from hunger and malnutrition. Its main crops – coffee, maize and beans – account for more than 60 per cent GDP and these are very dependent on stable climate conditions. Climate change is causing many extreme weather events that wreak havoc on agricultural production. We are familiar with the lines in today's gospel: 'I am the light of the world' and 'I was blind but now I see'. We truly need to open our eyes to the realities of climate injustice and the impact that the lifestyles of western countries are having on the world's poorest people.

Jesus tells the people today, 'As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' We can think of many people who have been lights in the fight for justice. Can we ourselves make the same commitment today?

## GOSPEL READINGS – 26<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Sunday: Jn 9: 1-41                      Mon: Jn 4: 43-54                      Tues: Jn 5: 1-3, 5-16  
Wed: Jn 5: 17-30                      Thurs: Jn 5: 31-47                      Fri: Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30  
Sat: Jn 7: 40-52                      Sunday: Jn 11: 1-45

## WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Fri/Sat/Sun, 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

Offertory Collection €563.31    Envelope Collection €411.42    Many thanks.

## WEEK – 26<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2017

**Altar Servers** – Dawn Cheasty, Jaden Doyle, Sam Collier, Bailey Byrne.

**Church Readers** –

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> April – Sean Corcoran, Sarah Curran, Holly Geaney.

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Julia Sibbald, Emily Fleming.

**Ministers of the Eucharist** –

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> April – Breda Reilly, Clodagh Lawlor, Máire Kelly.

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Eithne Condon, Marie Curry, Lauren Faulkner.

## THANK YOU

Eithne Condon would like to thank everyone who phoned, text, sent messages, visited, helped with driving, sent cards and prayed. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions. Thank you all very much.

## SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 14 15 25 30

Match Three: win or share €150

Kelly Household, Ballyhackett, Tullow 5 15 25 30

Edward Kelly, Ballyhackett, Tullow 14 15 28 30

Promoters Prize - Brian Curran. Next draw on Mon. March 27th. **Jackpot €4,700**

## RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 1-2-13-21

Match 3 win or share €150

Brendan Kelly c/o Sue Molloy 1-5-13-21    Sue Molloy

Promoters Prize €20    Collette Kelly

Next draw 28 March 2017 in Molloy's Bar. **Jackpot €1,100**

Membership now due Seniors €60    Minors €30    Non players €20.

## NATIONAL SPRING-CLEAN 2017

National Spring Clean takes place for the Month of April.

If you are a community or voluntary group and are interested in doing a clean-up of your area, we at Carlow County Council can help.

Contact Jannette O'Brien on 059-9136232 or email [jobrien@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:jobrien@carlowcoco.ie)

## COMMUNITY GAMES

Best of luck to the children who are taking part in the Talent and Gymnastics County competitions this weekend.