

TRÓCAIRE COLLECTION

An Emergency Collection in aid of Trócaire's work in East Africa will take place this weekend. Nearly 25 million people in Somalia, Kenya, South Sudan and Ethiopia are currently in urgent need of food and water due to drought. Trócaire is reaching over 150,000 people across the region with emergency food, water and sanitation.

Please support our appeal and help us reach more people with life-saving aid.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Matthew 13:24-43

The owner of the field who allowed the wheat and the darnel to grow together is a reminder to us to be patient with ourselves and with others when we see everything is not right. Sometimes a preoccupation with the negative (the darnel) can blind us to seeing the positive in our own lives and in the lives of others. When have you found that a willingness to live with the messiness of the present created the conditions for future growth?

Have you ever found that it was through accepting the darnel that you learned important lessons for life, e.g., learning by making mistakes, or asking stupid questions, or taking foolish risks?

The parables of the mustard seed and the leaven are reminders that seemingly insignificant things can have very positive results. Have you ever been surprised by the benefit to yourself or others of a kind gesture, a small initiative, or a word of encouragement?

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YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 17th – Sunday 20th August 2017. For young people aged 16-25, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people. The Festival has been nicknamed "The Holy Oxygen" with over 1400 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses travelling from all around Ireland. Just bring a sleeping bag & pillow. For info and to book: see www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690.

TULLOW HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE – 11TH OCTOBER 2017

This is an opportunity to travel to the Holy Land staying in Jerusalem and Tiberias and visiting all of the sacred places associated with the life of Our Lord. During the pilgrimage there will be a unique opportunity to meet with local Christians in Bethelhem and see firsthand the work of Trocaire there. As Archbishop Eamon Martin said "Pilgrimages are visible and concrete ways of showing solidarity and harmony with the Christian people of the land in which Jesus himself lived".

This 9 night pilgrimage will be accompanied by a local spiritual director. Full details from Tullow Parish Office (059) 9151277 or from MAP Travel (01) 8783111 or www.maptravel.ie

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown
22nd & 23rd July, 2017**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Assumption
Tynock
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Pray for Bernie Owens, Barraderry whose burial took place in Tynaclash Cemetery on Thursday.

Pray for Kitty Johnston nee Byrne, formerly from Carrigeen who died in Australia during the week.

Saturday, 22nd July at 7.30 p.m.

David & Mary Byrne, Patrickswell
Joseph Dunne, Rathmore
James & Mary Smith, Coole
James Fanning, Williamstown
John & Sarah Doyle, Bough
Laurence Doyle, Tobinstown
Ann Behan

Henry & Mary McMahon
Harry & Peggy McMahon
William & Kathleen McMahon
Christina Kinsella
Philip & Margaret Guthrie
Philip Guthrie
Kate Guthrie

Saturday, 29th July at 7.30 p.m.

Mary Doyle, Ballyhackett
Bridget Keogh, St. Patrick's Park
Patrick Finnegan, Raheendaw
Kitty Nolan, Rathmore

Brendan O'Grady, Rathmore
Laura O'Donoghue, Williamstown
Brian O'Donoghue, Williamstown

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Tuesday & Wednesday – Communion Service at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Friday - Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions at 7 p.m. Mass at 7.30 p.m.

RATHVILLY/KILTEGAN PARISH - Feast of St. Joachim & Anne

A warm invitation to engaged couples, all married couples & particularly those celebrating a jubilee of marriage this year.

The parish community invites you to join them for a special liturgy to celebrate and pray for you at this particular time in your life journey. This celebration in St Patrick's Church, Rathvilly this Sunday 23rd July 2017 at 11 am Mass will coincide with the feast of St. Joachim & Anne who are traditionally named parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord.

You are very welcome to bring family along with you for this happy occasion.

RATHVILLY PARISH OFFICE

The Office will be closed from 1st – 15th August.

Anniversary Masses for August can be booked before the end of July.

RATHVILLY CEMETERY MASS

Cemetery Mass in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Rathvilly on Sunday, 6th August at 11.00 a.m. (weather permitting). Please bring a chair or stool.

We invite families of all deceased parishioners since the last Cemetery Sunday Mass to nominate a family member to come forward at the beginning of Mass to light a candle on the Altar in memory of their loved one. At the end of Mass they will be invited to take this candle to the grave. Please let all the families know.

GOSPEL READINGS 23rd - 30th July

Sunday: Mt 13: 24-43 Mon: Mt 12: 38-42 Tues: Mt 20: 20-28
Wed: Mt 13: 1-9 Thurs: Mt 13: 10-17 Fri: Mt 13: 18-23
Sat: Jn 11: 19-27 or Lk 10: 38-42 Sunday: Mt 13: 44-52

WEEK – 23rd - 30th July, 2017

Altar Servers –

Peter Carroll, Conor Elliott, Eabha Canavan, Dawn Cheasty.

Church Readers –

Saturday, 29th July – Máire Kelly, Esther Murphy.

Sunday, 30th July – Eric Geaney, Sarah Curran.

Ministers of the Eucharist –

Saturday, 29th July – Tommy & Sadie Donovan, Clodagh Lawlor.

Sunday, 30th July – Sophie Kelly, Anne Marie Kehoe, Leah Curran.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Monday – St Sharbel Makhlof became a monk at the monastery of St Maron at Annaya and was ordained in 1859. He became a hermit from 1875 until his death in 1898. He was much sought after for counsel and blessing and had a great personal devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

St Declan is considered to be one of the pre-Patrician saints. He was of noble blood. Colman, a local priest, baptised him. Later he went to Europe to continue his studies where he was ordained priest and possibly bishop. He settled in Ardmore and evangelised the Decies country.

Tuesday – St James, son of Zebedee and brother of John, called the Greater. He was put to death by Herod Agrippa about the year 44, being the first of the Apostles to die for Christ. His shrine is at Compostella in Spain.

Wednesday – Ss Joachim and Anne. Traditionally named parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents to the Lord. The earliest reference to their names is the second-century apocryphal Gospel of James. Their feasts were celebrated separately until joined together in the Calendar reform of 1969. St Anne is patron of Canada, women in labour, miners, cabinet-makers and home-makers.

Saturday – St Martha, sister of Lazarus and Mary, is a woman of faith who made her profession of faith in Christ as the Son of God, and in the resurrection. In welcoming a guest we welcome Christ: we show our Christian spirit of service; and we ready ourselves to be welcomed as guests in the Kingdom of God. Patron of innkeepers, cooks and dieticians.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 15th & 16th July, 2017

Offertory Collection €-305.14 Envelope Collection €426.20 Many thanks.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 23, 2017

“The Spirit too helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought.” Do you approach the Lord in prayer with the confident strength given by the Holy Spirit asking that He make known your unique vocation? If God may be inviting you to consider the priesthood, Contact: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill vocations@kandle.ie, www.kandlepriest.com

Family Picnic - An invitation from Bishop Denis

Bishop Denis invites families and extended families to join him for a family picnic on Sunday, August 27 in Punchestown. A great afternoon of entertainment and fun is being planned so save the date and get your extended family to save it too!

RATHVILLY TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club would like to thank all the children for participating in the Parks Tennis. It was a great success. The National School Tournament was held on Saturday after the camp and the winners were:

Boys Winner – Roger Bargúnó Boys Runner-up – Brynn Nolan
Girls Winner – Fia Murphy

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 4-19-26-28

Match 3 win or share €150

Siobhán O'Reilly Porter Slaney Meadows 4-10-19-28 Credit Union

Promoters Prize €20 Jenny Donegan

Next draw 25 July 2017 in Molloy's Bar. **Jackpot €2,800**

Thank you for your continued support.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 4 - 5 - 9 - 29

Match Three: win or share €150

Angela Beckett, Rathvilly 4 - 9 - 17 - 29

Promoters Prize - Martin Curran

Next draw on Monday, July 24th. **Jackpot €6,400**

THE HOPE FOUNDATION

Working with Street & Slum Children, Calcutta, India

On Sunday, 30th July a Charity Fun Cycle in aid of The Hope Foundation will take place in Tullow Rugby Club. Registration will run from 2 – 2.30 p.m. with a BBQ, Refreshments and live entertainment held afterwards. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Students/children €5; Adults €10; Family of 5 – €25.