SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 12 - 17 - 19 - 25

Match Three: win or share €150

Ger Kavanagh Jnr, Ballybit Big, Tullow 1-12-17-25

Promoters prize - Kevin Byrne.

Next draw on Monday, December 11th 2017. Jackpot €8,400

A Huge Thank You To

Slaney Rovers AFC are delighted to announce that we have received €75,000 from Sports Capital Grant. A huge thank you to Pat Deering, Brian O`Donoghue and Dan O`Connor for their assistance during our application. This funding will be a great help in the construction of our new development.

Car Park Facilities Fund Raiser: Golden Goal Results

Match One: Watford v's West Ham – winning minute was the 11th.

Winner - Martin Timmons, Woodgrove Avenue, Rathvilly.

Match Two: Huddersfield v's Man City – winning minute was the 45th

Winner - Theresa Curran, Collins Park, Rathvilly.

Match Three - Man City v West Ham - winning minute was the 44th.

Winner - Elisha Ryan, Kiltegan.

KAIDEEN KNITWEAR, BALTINGLASS

Annual Christmas Sale. Up to 30% off Men's & Ladies Clothing. Fabulous saving on knitwear, shirts, trousers, coats, handbags, hats & scarves, underwear & much more! Saturday 12 pm-4 pm Sunday 2 – 5 pm Monday-Friday 10am – 5 pm.

K & L DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOUDES 2018

Led by the Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin Most Reverend Denis Nulty 16th July 2018 for 5 Nights - €739. Pilgrimage Director: Fr. Paddy Byrne. Booking Procedure: All Bookings on the Pilgrimage should be made through Joe Walsh Tours office, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 01 241 0802. No booking is definite until we have received a completed booking form and a non-refundable deposit and until this deposit is receipted by our office.

Booking Forms available from the Parish Office - 059 9161114.

Pilgrims who are sick and who would like to travel with the special Sick/Assisted section – should apply for an application form to: Fr. Tom Little, Brownshill Avenue, Carlow. Email: tomlittle@eircom.net. Tel: 087 2481731.

LOURDES – 1858 – 2018 - 160 years of emotions

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

Email: office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie Website: www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Local Safeguarding Representatives: Eoin Cheasty 087 2193941 Mary Phelan 059 6473397 **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:** Ms Joan Treacy - Email:dlp@kandle.ie Tel: 085-8021633

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's St. Patrick's The Assumption
Talbotstown Rathvilly Tynock
9th & 10th December, 2017 Second Sunday of Advent

We pray for Matthew Hanly, Dublin and formerly Williamstown whose Funeral Mass took place on Thursday in Rathvilly and burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery. We pray for Kathleen Just, Kiltegan whose Funeral Mass took place on Saturday in

Tynock Church and burial in Tynaclash Cemetery. May they Rest in Peace.

Saturday, 9th December at 7.30 p.m.

Patrick Smith, Lisnavagh & Northampton – 1st Anniversary

Michéal & Elizabeth Deering, Ballybit Denis Kelly, Haroldstown

Ricardo Rampersaud Tom & Bridie Kehoe, Ballyoliver

Richard Rampersaud James Doyle, Coole
Matthew & Christina Hanly, Williamstown
Des Conway, Barnhill John Balfe, Rahill

Peter Conway, Barnhill Christopher Curran, Collins Park

Saturday, 16th December at 7.30 p.m.

Paddy & Elizabeth Donegan, Mount Neill Paddy Donoghue, Ballyoliver Gerard Cullen, Dublin Paddy Donoghue, Ballyoliver Richard & Mary Canavan, Dublin

Bill Gahan, 25 Collins Park

Tommy Kelly, Ballyoliver

Martin Curran, Ballybit

Joe McGuirk, Ricketstown

Jackie Kelly, Ballyoliver

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK –

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

Friday – Confessions & Adoration at 7.00 p.m. Mass at 7.30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration – each Thursday 10 a.m.- 7.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Monday, 18th December - Tullow at 8.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 19th December – Rathvilly at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 20th December – Hacketstown at 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, 21st December – Baltinglass & Ballon at 7.30 p.m.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

Collection takes place this weekend. Each year our Conference visits families and people in need in this community. Even in an improving economy, the number of people requiring our support is remaining high. The type of support we provide is wide ranging, but most often we help families with basics such as food, heating and education costs. Much of what we do in this community would be simply impossible without your generous support.

RATHVILLY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

This Sunday 10th December - We welcome our Active Seniors to Christmas dinner, music and more at 3 p.m. in Lawlor's Bar.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 2/3 December, 2017

Offertory Collection €350.00 Envelope Collection €641.25 Many thanks.

GOSPEL READINGS – 10th – 17th December

Sunday: Mk 1: 1-8 Mon: Lk 5: 17-26 Tues: Mt 18: 12-14 Wed: Mt 11: 28-30 Thurs: Mt 11: 11-15 Fri: Lk 11: 16-19

Sat: Mt 17: 10-13 Sunday: Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28

WEEK – 10^{th} – 17^{th} December

Altar Servers – Niamh Curran, Ayla McLoughlin, Eve McLoughlin, Eoin Maher.

Church Readers -

Saturday, 16th December – Lucy Haberlin, Mary Keating.

Sunday, 17th December – Emily Fleming, Sophie Kelly.

Ministers of the Eucharist –

Saturday, 16th December – Anna Mae Byrne, Angela Byrne, Katie Kehoe.

Sunday, 17th December – Michael Kehoe, Lauren Faulkner, Anthony Kelly.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Monday – St Damasus 1, born around 304 and died on this day in 384, elected pope in 366. He insisted on the apostolic foundations of the Roman See and was active in opposing fourth-century heresies. He commissioned St Jerome to prepare the Vulgate version of the Bible.

Tuesday – St Finnian studied in Idrone (Co Carlow) and later in Wales. On his return he settled in Clonard, Co. Meath, around 520, where he established a famous school. His pupils, among whom were Canice, Colum Cille and Brendan, were the initiators of the great monastic expansion in Ireland. He died in 549 and is remembered as the tutor of the saints of Ireland.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is patron of the Americas. This memorial recalls the apparitions in December 1531 to Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin on Tepeyac hill, near Mexico city.

Wednesday – St Lucy, desiring to remain consecrated to Christ alone, was martyred in 304 in Sicily during the persecution of Diocletian.

Thursday – St John of the Cross, 1542-1591, a Carmelite who, despite opposition and imprisonment, worked for spreading the reform of the Carmelites. He was a man of prayer, an outstanding poet, a spiritual writer declared doctor of the Church.

PATCHWORK QUILT CLASS

Beginners six week course on Tuesday nights starting 16th January at 7 p.m. Inprovers class on Thursday nights starting 18th January at 7 p.m. Mixed class every Wednesday morning from 17th January at 10.30 a.m. Contact: Tomomi: 085 7749774 slaneyhandcraft@gmail.com / facebook.com/slaneyhandcraft

ADVENT CALENDAR

As a unique Advent prayerful resource, the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference has provided its online Advent 2017 Calendar which can be enjoyed by people of all ages. The calendar is available online, and on your smartphone, on www.catholicbishops.ie. This year's Advent Calendar focuses on the theme of family as we prepare together for next year's World Meeting of Families in Dublin from 21 – 26 August. Each day during Advent you are invited to click open a virtual door where you will find faith content for family, school and parish. During Advent, families are invited to take special time together to pray, to talk, and to be together. Family members are encouraged to undertake a daily act of kindness or charity – as suggested by the calendar – and by so doing reaching out to help those around us. By using the online calendar, we hope that you will be part of our journey through Advent this year.

PRE-MARRIAGE COURSES

Accord Carlow have some places available on the following courses:

Jan 12th & 13th, Feb 2nd & 3rd, Mar 2nd & 3rd

If you are getting married in the Catholic Church, you are required to attend a premarriage course. Couples getting married in spring or early summer 2018 should book their course now. Bookings can be made on line at www.accord.ie For further information please contact Mary 059 9138738.

CARLOW CHORAL SOCIETY'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Carlow Choral Society presents a very special Christmas Concert in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, this Sunday December 10th 2017 at 8.15pm. The programme includes the very festive and uplifting Missa Carolae by James Whitbourn which is based on a beautiful arrangement of Christmas Carols, and also favourites from Handel's Messiah including the Hallelujah Chorus and singalong carols including 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' and 'Once in Royal David's City'. The concert will feature the cathedral organ and a full brass ensemble and will be conducted by our Musical Director, Blanaid Murphy. Join us for this glorious celebration in the beautiful surroundings of Carlow Cathedral. Tickets are €20.00 and the concert is free for accompanied children. Tickets are available on www.eventbrite.ie and on www.carlowchoralsociety.net and from 059 9161114.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3-4-17-24

Match 3 win or share €150

Tom Britton Knockavagh 2-3-17-24 Helen Deering

Promoters Prize €20 Jamie Byrne

Next draw 12 Dec.2017 in Molloy's Bar. **Jackpot** € **4,800**

'An Aspiro Christmas' - 20th Anniversary Christmas Retrospective, Saturday 23rd December 8pm, Carlow Cathedral. Experience the renowned sounds of Aspiro's ensembles and past members singing some of their all-time specially selected Christmas carols. Audience participation included. Tickets: €12/€10, Family (2+2) €35, available in Graiguecullen &Cathedral Parish Centres & from choir members.