

IRISH LOCAL HISTORY

Carlow College, St. Patrick's is running an Irish Local History Evening Course from 18 January 2018 - 8 March 2018, every Thursday, from 7-9pm.

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'**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 and Cathedral Parish Centres and from choir members.

RADIO MARIA IRELAND.

Is an Irish run CatholicTalk-Radio station. Their mission is to help spread the Gospel message of Joy, Hope, and Charity with a mixture of Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting sacred music, Talks, Interviews, and Testimonies- all commercial free. The station is on air 24/7. RADIO MARIA IRELAND IS AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD free by App RADIO MARIA WORLD FAMILY to your phone or tablet. Free STREAMING just click LISTEN LIVE on www.RadioMaria.ie. You can also hear it directly on phone no 01/4373277 for the price of a phone call. Also www.radiomaria.ie

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.

TROCAIRE'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

"In love there is no room for fear, but perfect love drives out fear..." John 4:18. Trócaire's Christmas Appeal, 'Until Love Conquers Fear', is raising money to support people all over the developing world who face fear every day of their lives – like the fear of not being able to feed their children or the fear of having to flee their homes because of conflict. To find out more about the appeal visit www.trocaire.org

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

16th & 17th December, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, 16th December at 7.30 p.m.

Fr. Nicholas Cullen	Paddy Donoghue, Ballyoliver
Paddy & Elizabeth Donegan, Mount Neill	Richard & Mary Canavan, Dublin
Gerard Cullen, Dublin	Martin Curran, Ballybit
Bill Gahan, 25 Collins Park	Joe McGuirk, Ricketstown
Tommy Kelly, Ballyoliver	Jackie Kelly, Ballyoliver

Saturday, 23rd December at 7.30 p.m.

Fr. Edward Flood	Moya Mullin
Catherine Noctor nee Kelly, Waterstown	Martin Mullin
Sarah Walsh, Cannonsquarter	Jim Dempsey, Rathvilly
Patty Dowling, Ballyhackett & deceased family members	Jimmy Fowler, England
May Dowling, Rathmore	Denis Nolan, Collins Park
Agnes Donegan, Rathmore	Tom & Nancy Bird
Patrick & Annie Nolan & deceased family members	

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.

HOUSEBOUND

The housebound will receive their Christmas visit on Friday, 22nd December. If any family would like a visit for a family member please contact the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve –

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly – Family Mass with Children's Choir at 6.00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 8.00 p.m.

St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown – Vigil Mass at 9.00 p.m.

Christmas Day –

Church of the Assumption, Tynock – Mass at 10.00 a.m.

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly – Mass at 11.00 a.m.

REACH OUT CHRISTMAS GIFT 2017

The Reach Out Christmas Gift is available this weekend. Please take one per family.

LAND OF SAINTS & SCHOLARS

The Story of the Catholic Church in Ireland – Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin Edition. An ideal Christmas Gift - €15 each available from the Parish Office.

Christmas Mass Bouquets, Grave Candles and a selection of Gifts available in the Parish Office.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration takes place each Thursday from 10 am – 7 pm. Please continue to put your World Meeting of Families Petitions in the Petition Box and they will be prayed for during Adoration each Thursday. All Petitions will be brought to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin next August.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 9/10 December, 2017

Offertory Collection €332.82 Envelope Collection €462.65 Many thanks.

GOSPEL READINGS – 17th – 24th December

Sunday: Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28	Mon: Mt 1: 18-24	Tues: Lk 1: 5-25
Wed: Lk 1: 26-38	Thurs: Lk 1: 39-45	Fri: Lk 1: 46-56
Sat: Lk 1: 57-66	Sunday: Jn 1: 26-38	

WEEK – 17th – 24th December

Altar Servers – Dawn Cheasty, Ruth Cheasty, Anna Gahan, Roisin Keogh McLysaght.

Church Readers –

Saturday, 23rd December – Parents of First Holy Communion Children.

Sunday, 24th December – Eoin Corcoran, Eric Geaney.

Ministers of the Eucharist –

Saturday, 23rd December – Norah Butler, Rita Balfe, Antoinette Kelly.

Sunday, 24th December – Susan Hughes, Laz Cullen, Marie Curry.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Monday – St Flannan lived in the seventh century and was the son of a king of Thomond. He entered Molua's monastery at Killaloe and became abbot there. He is remembered as the tutor of the saints of Ireland.

Wednesday – St Fachanan. Although little is known with certainty about Fachanan, a strong tradition from early times links him with Kilfenora and records that he founded a church or monastery there in the sixth century. He is venerated as the patron of the Diocese of Kilfenora, now part of Galway.

Thursday – St Peter Canisius, 1521-97, was born in Holland. He intended to become a lawyer but joined the Jesuits. Through courtesy and learning he promoted the Catholic revival after the Council of Trent. His greatest work was a catechism of 211 questions and answers, published in 1555.

Saturday – St John of Kanty, 1390-1473, taught theology and Scripture in the university of Kracow, Poland. He is remembered for his austerity of life and generosity.

ANNUAL TABLE QUIZ – CHURCH UNITY WEEK

The Annual Table Quiz for the two Churches, St. Patrick's and St. Mary's Church will be held in the Rathvilly Inn on Friday, 19th January 2018 at 9 p.m. sharp.

IDEAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT

- Daniel O'Donnell Concert – 15/16th August 2018 includes two nights bed and breakfast - €350.
- Pilgrimage to Medjugorje – Monday 26th March 2018.

Further details from Duffy Coach Hire 059 6471681 or 087 2543235

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB`

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 1-2-16-17

Match 3 win or share €150 5 Lucky Dips

Rosie Hanlon Fr. Cullen Tce.

Jenny Donegan

Deirdre Jordan Myshall

Alan Kelly

Kara Nolan Ballon

Tom McCall

Vincent Malee Phelan St.

Lena smith

P J Pender Slaney Bank

Collette & Lena

Promoters Prize €20

Anthony Doyle

Next draw 19 Dec. 2017 in Molloy's Bar.

Jackpot €4,900

Turkey Trot – St. Stephen's Day starting at 11.00 a.m. Come along and walk off the Christmas calories. No admission but donations to Carlow Hospice and Crumlin Children's Hospital.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 6 – 16 – 19 – 25

Match Three: win or share €150

Dan O' Connor, Waterstown, Rathvilly

6 – 9 – 16 - 19

John Byrne, 22 Fr. Cullen Terrace, Rathvilly

6 – 9 – 16 - 19

Promoters` prize Martin Curran.

Next draw on Monday, December 18th 2017. Jackpot €8,500

Play Lotto From The Comfort Of Your Mobile Device

Next week`s jackpot is €8,500 and as well as purchasing lotto tickets on line at slaneyroversafc.com, you can also play the lotto through the MyClubFinances.com Mobile App which is now available to download for iPhones and Android and **it`s free**. Once downloaded you can add Slaney Rovers as your favourite club. So, you can now play the Club lotto from the comfort of your mobile device. Simple go to the App store and search for "MCF"

U14 Trip To Blackpool Tournament Fund Raiser: Golden Goals Results

Match Three: Watford v`s West Ham - winning minute was the 11th.

Winner - Mick Coates c/o Dylan McCann.

Match Four: Huddersfield v Man City - winning minute was the 45th

Winner - PJ Kavanagh c/o Adam Kavanagh.

Match Five: Man City v West Ham - winning minute was the 44th

Winner - Michael Byrne c/o TJ Deering.

Match Six: Man Utd v Man City - winning minute was the 43rd

Winner - Janice McCann, Slaney Bank, Rathvilly.