

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday – St Aidan or Maedoc (Mogue) was born around 550, probably in Co. Cavan. Aidan studied under David in Wales, and on his return he founded a monastery at Ferns. He became bishop there and was renowned for his generosity and kindness. He died in 626 and his *Lives* testify to his popularity both in Cavan and in Ferns.

Bl. Margaret Ball was imprisoned for teaching Catholicism, harbouring priests and having Mass celebrated in her home. The harsh conditions of Dublin Castle wore down this old lady of gentle birth, and she died there in 1584.

Bl. Francis Taylor was born in Swords, Co. Dublin, and was elected Mayor of Dublin in 1595. For his Catholic faith he was put in prison for seven years and died of the hardships suffered there on 30 January 1621 at the age of seventy.

Wednesday – St John Bosco, 1815-88, born in Piedmont, founded the Salesians to educate boys for life. He also became involved in publishing catechetical material for youth. He is a patron saint of youth and of Catholic publishers.

Thursday – St. Brigid is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She was born c. 454. When she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her but she insisted in consecrating her virginity to God. She received the veil and spiritual formation probably from St Mel and stayed for a period under his direction in Ardagh. Others followed her example and this led her to found a double monastery in Kildare with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. She died in 524 and her cult is widespread not only throughout Ireland but in several European lands. The St Brigid's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of God's protection.

Friday – The Presentation of the Lord. This feast is a remembrance, of the Lord and Mary, mother of the Lord. With candles in their hands, the people go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him like Simeon, who recognized Christ as 'a light to reveal God to the nations'.

Saturday – St Ansgar, a Frenchman, who became Archbishop of Hamburg in the ninth century, and preached the gospel in Denmark and Sweden. Apostle of Scandinavia. Patron of Denmark.

St. Blaise, died 315. Bishop of Sebaste, martyred in Armenia. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the eight century he has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat.

FREE TRANSPORT SERVICE

The Irish Cancer Society operates a free transport service for patients attending hospital for chemotherapy treatment. Volunteer Drivers pick the patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door, then when finished treatment, will pick them up and drop them home. Volunteer expenses are paid. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit the Society's website at irishcancer.ie or contact the Irish Cancer Society for more information on 01 2310 522.

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown
27th & 28th January 2018**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

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

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Saturday, 27th January at 7.30 p.m.

Mary Hanlon, Ricketstown
Patrick Hanlon, Bough
Kate Hanlon, Borris

Martha Leonard, Collins Park
Nicholas & Margaret Abbott, Ballyoliver
Thomas Keegan, Ballyoliver

Saturday, 3rd February at 7.30 p.m.

Sean Bolger, Rathvilly 1st Anniversary
Philip Kavanagh, Broughillstown
Ellen Gahan, Kevin Barry Road
Angie & Jim Deering, Knockavagh
William, Kieran, Thomas & Michael Byrne, Kevin Barry Road

Mary (Mollie) Kelly, Garretstown
Eileen & Denis Byrne
Michael & James Byrne
John Dunne

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Friday, 2nd February – The Presentation of the Lord – Mass at 7.30 p.m.

Blessing of Candles – It is customary to bring candles to be blessed and used in the Church for the coming year. Donations of Candles for Church use are welcome.

Saturday, 3rd February - Feast of St Blaise – Blessing of Throats will take place after Mass – The blessing of St Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.

APOLOGIES

We regret the confusion that resulted when the priest failed to turn up for 7.30 p.m. Mass last Saturday evening. Thanks to Fr. Pat for saving the day.

HOUSEBOUND

The housebound will receive their February visit on Friday, 2nd February. If any family would like a visit for a family member please contact 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.

CHRISTMAS CRIB

The Crib will remain open until the end of January. All donations will go to the homeless. Thank you for your generosity to date.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK – 11th February

The elderly and people suffering from serious ailments are welcome to present themselves for the Sacrament of Anointing at 11.00 a.m. Mass on **Saturday, 10th February**. We appeal to kind neighbours who might volunteer to bring people for this blessing.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 20th & 21st January, 2018

Offertory Collection €255.94 Envelope Collection €326.92 Many thanks.

TABLE QUIZ FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

Sincere thanks to Eithne Condon and her team for organising the Table Quiz. Thanks to Tommy & Angela Byrne for providing the venue and all who helped and provided the supper. Thanks to the sponsors and to all who donated prizes for the raffle. Both Churches received €615. Many thanks to all.

GOSPEL READINGS –28th January – 4th February

Sunday: Mk 1: 21-28 Mon: Mk 5: 1-20 Tues: Mk 5: 21-43
Wed: Mk 6: 1-6 Thurs: Lk 6: 32-38 Fri: Lk 2: 22-40
Sat: Mk 6: 30-34 Sunday: Mk 1: 29-39

WEEK – 28th January – 4th February

Altar Servers –

Dawn Cheasty, Ruth Cheasty, Anna Gahan, Roisin Keogh McLysaght.

Church Readers –

Saturday, 3rd February – Máire Kelly, Sarah Curran.

Sunday, 4th February – Emily Fleming, Liz Austin.

Ministers of the Eucharist –

Saturday, 3rd February – P.J. Doyle, Breda Reilly, Clodagh Lawlor.

Sunday, 4th February – Anna Mae Byrne, Angela Byrne, Katie Kehoe.

LOUGH DERG

Rathvilly Kiltegan Parish **Three Day Pilgrimage** takes place from

Monday, 18th to Wednesday 20th June 2018. For further information contact:

Sophie Kelly 087 1302587 or the Parish Office 059 9161114.

FACEBOOK

Rathvilly Kiltegan Parish are now live on Facebook. Please check our page and give us a like and see all our activities. You can also check our website:

www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie which includes the newsletters of Rathvilly & Kiltegan each week.

PRE-MARRIAGE COURSES

April 13th & 14th, May 11th & 12th, June 8th & 9th.

Couples getting married in Summer or Autumn 2018 should book their courses now. There are no courses in July or August

Bookings can be made on line at www.accord.ie

For further information please contact Mary at 059 9138738

RATHVILLY NATIONAL SCHOOL

Draw Results – Week 2 – 22nd January 2018

€100 – Noel Curry.

Promoter – Eithne Condon.

€50 – Carmel Kelly.

Promoter – Eithne Condon.

€20 – Chris Bolger.

Promoter – Amalita O'Donoghue.

€20 – Claire Halligan.

Promoter – Joseph Gibbons.

Promoters Prize €20 – Sean Cloney. Next draw on Monday, 29th January.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results No Jackpot winner Numbers drawn 3-5-13-20

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky Dips

Pat Kehoe St. Patricks Pk.

Lena Smith

Declan Clarke Waterstown

Collette Kelly

Sean O'Connor Slaney Bank

Collette & Lena

Tom Whyte Woodgrove

Tom Whyte

Tom McCall Bough

Tom McCall

Promoters Prize €20 Jenny Donegan

Next draw 30 Jan. 2018 in Molloy's Bar.

Jackpot € 5,500

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 2 – 6 - 9 -15

Match Three: win or share €150

Pat Doyle, Slaney Bank, Rathvilly

2 – 6 – 9 – 19

Paula Byrne, Phelan Street, Rathvilly

2 – 5 – 9 – 15

Promoters` prize - Anthony Byrne.

Next draw on Monday, January 29th. 2018. **Jackpot €9,100**

Car Park Facilities Fundraiser: Golden Goal Results

Match 6: Liverpool v Man City (9th minute), winner Marie Connors, Collins Park

Match 7: Southampton v Spurs (15th minute), winner Mary Byrne, Knocklishen

LEADER RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2014 – 2020

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROJECTS IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY AREAS:

Hacketstown, Rathvilly, Tullow Road, Graiguecullen and Bagenalstown

Carlow Local Community Development Committee (LAG) in partnership with Carlow County Development Partnership CLG has responsibility to deliver a €6.4million Rural Development (LEADER) Programme in County Carlow. The new Rural Development (LEADER) Programme promotes social inclusion, poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas. *Eligible applicants:*

Community Groups in the Tullow Road area of Carlow Town, Graiguecullen, Rathvilly, Hacketstown and Bagenalstown only

For further information please contact: Elaine Harvey, Carlow County Development Partnership Ltd, Main Street, Bagenalstown, Co Carlow. Tel 059 – 9720733

Email: reception@carlowdevelopment.ie Closing date for receipt of Expressions of Interest forms is close of business Monday 5th February 2018