

FREE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Are you taking down the decorations? Do you have you a real Christmas Tree?
You can recycle your Christmas tree for FREE at Powerstown landfill, Kilkenny Road
until 31st January 2018 (Offer available Powerstown regular opening time only)

Registration for WMOF2018

Registration for all WMOF2018 events is open via www.worldmeeting2018.ie.
Individual pilgrims and families can now register for the main three-day
WMOF2018 Congress from August 22nd – 24th, guaranteeing your ticket(s) for the
Festival of Families on Saturday 25th August and for the Closing Mass on Sunday,
26th August. Don't miss out on these once in a generation events. REGISTER
NOW! www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Volunteer for WMOF2018

The World Meeting of Families 2018 will attract thousands of Irish and
International pilgrims. Organising it and seeing it through will only be possible with
the help of thousands of volunteers. Why not make volunteering for WMOF2018 a
New Year's resolution for 2018? You can sign up on www.worldmeeting2018.ie,
email volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie or call (01) 5676800.

OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

God, our Father, We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind,
gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care,
Especially those for whom we now pray;
(*We pause and remember family members and others by name*).

Increase our faith, Strength our hope,
Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord,

Amen

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.
Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.

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Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms Joan Treacy - Email: dlp@kandle.ie Tel: 085-8021633

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

6th & 7th January 2018

The Baptism of the Lord

Months Mind Mass for Matt Hanly this Saturday, 6th January at 7.30 p.m.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Saturday, 6th January at 7.30 p.m.

Peter Smith, 6 St. Patrick's Park

Saturday, 13th January at 7.30 p.m.

Bernard, Mary & Ben Dunne, Rathmore

William Smith, Monavoth

Clare Jenkins, Ballybit

Sheila Kirwin, Mount Kelly

Matthew & Margaret Byrne, Ballymanus

Patrick Doyle, Tobinstown

Timothy Doyle, Tobinstown

Olive & Thomas Griffin, Ballyoliver

Liam Lawlor, Phelan Street

SUNDAY, 7th JANUARY – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

We invite all families who had a Baptism during 2017 to come to the 11.00 a.m.
Mass where there will be a Special Blessing for their Child. Parents can collect their
child's Baptismal Certificate after Mass.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes
about doing good, working the signs that make him known, as the Servant of God. He is
the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our Baptism
each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ – Priest, prophet and King - and the Father
looks on us with favour.

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.

HOUSEBOUND

The housebound will receive their January visit on Friday, 12th January. If any
family would like a visit for a family member please contact the Parish Office.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 23/24 December, 2017

Offertory Collection €287.33 Envelope Collection €1,447.59

Sat/Sun, 30/31 December, 2017

Offertory Collection €397.58 Envelope Collection €504.46 Many thanks.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting takes place on Tuesday, 9th January at 7.30 p.m.

GOSPEL READINGS – 7th – 14th January

Sunday: Mk 1: 7-11 Mon: Mk 1: 14-20 Tues: Mk 1: 21-28
Wed: Mk 1: 29-39 Thurs: Mk 1: 40-45 Fri: Mk 2: 1-12
Sat: Mk 2: 13-17 Sunday: Jn 1: 35-42

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. Table of 4 - €20. Your support would be much appreciated.

KILTEGAN GROUP OF PARISHES

The Reverend Canon Robert Jones, a native of Rathvilly has been appointed Rector of Kiltegan group of Parishes. He will take up duty in March 2018.

LAND OF SAINTS & SCHOLARS

The Story of the Catholic Church in Ireland – Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin Edition, available from the Parish Office at €20 each.

WEEK – 7th – 14th January

Altar Servers – Aoibheann Curry, Orlaith O'Sullivan, Aoife Fitzpatrick.

Church Readers –

Saturday, 13th January – Eithne Condon, Eoin Corcoran.

Sunday, 14th January – Parents of First Holy Communion Children.

Ministers of the Eucharist –

Saturday, 13th January – Maureen McNamara, Lauren Faulkner, Katie Kehoe.

Sunday, 14th January – Patricia Leonard, Susan Hughes, Anne Marie Kehoe.

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT VACANCY

Hacketstown SES CLG has a vacancy for a Caretaker at Rathvilly Cemetery. To check your eligibility and to express an interest please contact David O'Hora, Employment Services Department of Employment & Social Protection, Newbridge phone number 045-491500. Job Reference Number CES- 2059686. This is a Community Employment Position and DESP eligibility criteria apply.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 6-10-17-20.

Match 3 win or share €150

Alan Kelly Garretstown 10-13-17-20

Alan Kelly

Laz & Ellen Cullen Knockavagh 4-6-10-17

Helen Deering

Promoters Prize €20 Helen Deering

Next draw 9 Jan. 2018 in Molloy's Bar.

Jackpot € 5,200

IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

The mobile blood collection team will visit Germaine's Hotel, Baltinglass on **Wednesday, 10th January 2018 from 4.30 – 8.00 p.m.** It is important to remember that patients always need our blood and this need never stops regardless of what else is going on in the world.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 1 - 2 - 12 - 14
Match Three: win or share €150

Peg Kehoe, St. Patrick's Park, Rathvilly 1 - 12 - 14 - 23

Promoters` prize Jenny Donegan.

Next draw on Monday, January 8th 2018. **Jackpot €8,800**

Car Park Facilities Fund Raiser: Golden Goal Results

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

Winner - Gillian Curran, Woodgrove Avenue, Rathvilly

Match Five: Bournemouth v Liverpool - winning minute was the 20th

Winner - Theresa Curran, Collins Park, Rathvilly.

CARLOW MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Once Christmas and New Year's celebrations have passed, January can be a challenging time for some of us. Well this January – each Thursday morning from 10.30 till 11.30am, volunteers from Carlow Mental Health Association will be present in the lovely warm and welcoming café "Neighbourhood Espresso Workshop" on Barrack Street. Thanks to the proprietors Brian and Kelly O'Gorman, you're encouraged to call in for a chat, to get information on services available locally or for some company and a cuppa. The café is running a "pay it forward" random act of kindness coffee...so there may even be a free cup of coffee available, which is a nice way to start the new year.

ASPIRO CHOIR

Aspiro is one of Ireland's leading choirs celebrating its 20th year in Carlow. New members are welcome in all age categories from age 4 - 18+ as well as Aspiro Inspired Adult Community choir. Classes resume Tuesday 9th January. Limited number of places available in all groups, contact info@aspirochoir.ie Ph. 085-7451111.

PARKRUN TULLOW

This FREE event continues every Saturday morning at 9:30 in Rathwood. Just register for free on www.parkrun.ie and print your barcode. You can run, jog, walk or stroll. Check out our facebook page for more information.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Congratulations and well done to all the children who represented Rathvilly in Abbotstown in 2017 and who were presented with a small token recently. Also to all of the coaches and parents who helped in any way.

We look forward to another wonderful year of Community Games in 2018.

DUFFY COACH HIRE

- Daniel O'Donnell Concert – 15/16th August 2018 includes two nights B&B - €350.
- Pilgrimage to Medjugorje – Monday 26th March 2018 - €625.

Further details from Duffy Coach Hire 059 6471681 or 087 2543235.