

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! Chrism Mass 2018 Monday, March 26, 7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3-12-17-25.

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky Dips.

Fergus Kelly Graiguecullen

Alan Kelly

May Hayes Bough

Tom McCall

S. Corcoran Slaney Bank

Collette & Lena

Sean Doyle The Moate

A. Doyle

Seamus Bookle Irongrange

Bruno's

Promoters Prize €20 Tom McCall

Next draw 20 Feb.2018 in Molloy's Bar. **Jackpot € 5,800**

Club Registration Night on Friday, 23rd February, 2018 from 7.30p.m to 8.30p.m. – Membership will be taken on the night for all players and non players and persons who use the walking track facility. Boys and Girls from 4yrs to adult are eligible.

The U14 Féile team started the season off on a winning note on Sunday with a convincing win over O'Hanrahans in the 2018 Féile Peil competition. On Sunday 18th Feb they will play Éire Óg in the semi-final of Division 1 in Rathvilly at 11a.m.

Your support would be appreciated.

Sincere thanks to all who bought and sold tickets for the National G.A.A. Draw and wish everyone the best of luck in the draw on the 8th March, 2018.

FUN FASHION SHOW

Carlow Federation ICA are having a Fun Fashion Show on Wednesday February 28th in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel, on the Kilkenny Road, Carlow starting at 8 pm Admission 5 Euro. All Guilds in the County are taking part as the feature clothes and outfits from various themes such as Agriculture, Sport, Music, Well known characters from TV, Female International personality, plus something topical, There will be a raffle on the night for lots of hampers and prizes. Proceeds go to Carlow Home Care Team in conjunction with ICA.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES 2018

7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from €279 per person. Book any flight – any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel: 01 443 4510 or email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

National Tree Week will take place from March 4th to 11th 2018.

Carlow Co Council have a limited amount of native tree saplings for distribution and applications are invited from Community groups, Schools and Resident's associations. We also invite you to our free **Tree Week 18 Workshop** which takes place in the Arboretum Garden Centre in Leighlinbridge on Thursday 1st March from 6.30 -7.30pm For further info please contact jpbrien@carlowcoco.ie or call Jannette at 059-9136232

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

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

17th & 18th February, 2018

First Sunday of Lent

Pray for Mary (Peg) Dean nee Clarke formerly Knockboy who died in Texas.
Pray for Patrick Nolan formerly Ricketstown who died in Birmingham. Funeral arrangements later.
Pray for Maggie Bambrick nee Nolan formerly Garretstown who was buried in Ballylinan recently.

Months Mind Mass for Frances Faulkner this Saturday, 17th February at 7.30 p.m.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Saturday, 17th February at 7.30 p.m.

Joe Curran, Collins Park

Vena Doyle, Foxcover

Billy Leonard, Collins Park

Tony & Maura Morrissey, Ballyoliver

Luke Kearns, Rathvilly

Pat & Paddy Morrissey, Ballyoliver

Ellen Byrne, Maplestown

Mai & Myles Carson, Rathmore and deceased members of the Carson family

Garrett, Dora & Garrett Jnr., Keogh, Portarlinton

Saturday, 24th February at 7.30 p.m.

Mary Ellen (Bonnie) McNamara, Ballyoliver 1st Anniversary and deceased family members

Martin Molloy, Rathvilly

Denis Rahilly, Kevin Barry Road

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Thursday – Adoration 11 am - 7 pm, Stations of the Cross 7 pm, Mass at 7.30 pm.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Programme – 1st Session on Tuesday, 20th February at 7.30 p.m. in Rathvilly National School for children and their parents.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD 2018

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Quiet Prayer and other Prayer opportunities at St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly –

Friday, 9th March at 5 p.m. to Saturday, 10th March at 5 p.m.

Adoration will not take place on Thursday, 8th March. We invite all parishioners to spend time in Adoration. At least two people are required for each hour. To insure we have 2 people per hour you are invited to sign your name on the Sheet in the Church.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 10th & 11th February, 2018

Offertory Collection €328.71 Envelope Collection €424.00 Many thanks.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Please support the third National Collection for WMOF2018 which will be taken up on the weekend of 24 & 25 February 2018. Special Envelope in your box.

AMORIS Let's talk Family! Let's be Family!

You are cordially invited to an exciting and interactive journey of reflection on love, marriage and the family. There will be six sessions, three before Easter and three after Easter. The dates before Easter are: Wednesday 28th February, Tuesday 6th March and Wednesday 14th March in Rathvilly National School at 7.15 p.m. If interested in attending, please phone the Parish Office 059 9161114.

CHOOSE LIFE 2018

Please take a Newsletter at the back of the Church. The purpose of the Newsletter is to encourage discussion in families on the value of every human life. To access videos, testimonies and frequently asked questions visit www.chooselife2018.ie

FROM POPE FRANCIS' LENTEN MESSAGE, 2018 'Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew. One such moment of grace will be, again this year, the "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative, which invites the entire Church community to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration. In 2018, inspired by the words of Psalm 130:4, "With you is forgiveness", this will take place from Friday, 9 March to Saturday, 10 March.'

TRÓCAIRE

'Around the World in 40 Days'. Watch out for videos on kandle.ie and iCatholic.ie in coming weeks featuring this year's campaign. This year's Trócaire Lenten campaign focuses upon the KOROMA FAMILY in Freetown, Sierra Leone who were affected by recent landslides in their area. This tragic event affected the Koroma family in various ways and cost them their home, possessions, work tools and changed the course of this family's future forever.

GOSPEL READINGS –18th - 25th February

Sunday: Mk 1: 12-15	Mon: Mt 25: 31-46	Tues: Mt 6: 7-15
Wed: Lk 11: 29-32	Thurs: Mt 16: 13-19	Fri: Mt 5: 20-26
Sat: Lk 5: 43-48	Sunday: Mk 9: 2-10	

WEEK –18th - 25th February

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

Church Readers –

Saturday, 24th February – Julia Sibbald, Sophie Kelly.

Sunday, 25th February – Louise & Anna Colgan.

Ministers of the Eucharist –

Saturday, 24th February – Anne Marie Kehoe, Norah Butler, Eithne Condon.

Sunday, 25th February – Laz Cullen, Susan Hughes, Máire Kelly.

TRÓCAIRE ROMERO – Family Award

This award is for families who would like to begin their spiritual preparation for the World Meeting of Families. For full details see: www.trocaire.org/romeroaward

RADIO MARIA IRELAND is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Listen via FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND", streaming on www.radiomaria.ie

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE, KILTEGAN

Annual Prayer for Christian Unity in St. Patrick's, Kiltegan at 8pm on Wednesday February 28th, 2018 with Very Rev Dr Philip Knowles, Priest in Charge of the parishes of Narraghmore, Timolin, Castledermot and Kinneagh as our guest speaker. We will have a cup of tea afterwards for all who attend. All welcome.

LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE

Three Day Pilgrimage takes place from Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th June 2018. Contact Sophie 087 1302587 or the Parish Office 059 9161111.

ENROLMENTS – St. Patrick's National School, Rathvilly, Co. Carlow.

Enrolments for the school year 2018-2019 will take place from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February 2018. Application Forms available in the school office, Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. & 2 p.m. or contact the school on 059 9161304.

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME VACANCY

Hacketstown SES CLG has a Community Employment Scheme vacancy for a Cemetery Caretaker in Rathvilly Job Ref. CES-2059686

For details on how to apply please contact Hacketstown SES Community Employment Office, Hacketstown at 059-6472923. DESP conditions apply.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 5 - 13 - 27 - 28

Match Three: win or share €150

Amy Byrne, 23 Fr. Cullen Terrace

Valerie Whyte, Garrettstown

Mary Keegan, I Ballyoliver, Rathvilly

Mary Kelly, New Road, Ballyoliver

Breda Keogh, 2 Parkmore, Baltinglass

Promoters` prize Michael Kehoe.

Next draw on Monday, February 19th 2018. **Jackpot €9,400**

U14 TripTo Blackpool Tournament Fund Raiser: Golden Goals Results -

Match 10: Liverpool v Spurs (3rd. minute), winner Chloe McCann, Slaney Bank, Rathvilly.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Well done to our U16 boys basketball team who were in action last weekend. They put in huge performances in their 3 games and came home as silver medalists. Team as follows: Conor O'Neill, Dylan Sheridan, Dara Curran, Luke Coleman, Pauric McGuirk, Sean Corcoran and Noel Doyle. Thanks to Eoghan McCarthy for coaching the boys.

Best of luck to the children taking part in the County Quiz this weekend.

Best of luck to the children taking part in handwriting Area finals this weekend.

Best of luck to the children who will compete in the county swimming finals.

Art - Any child who has not registered yet and wants to take part in the art area finals which will be held shortly please contact 086 2386667 or pm our Facebook page so your child will be included in texts.