

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

John 3:14-21

Jesus speaks of himself being lifted up, a term that can mean a physical lifting, or also exaltation. By this play on words the evangelist explains to us that Jesus' gift of himself in the passion was a glorious revelation of love, despite all its injustice and brutality. Bring to mind occasions when the love shown by Jesus in his passion was a sacrament of God's love for you.

It would be very cushy for us if we could be a source of life to others without cost to ourselves. True life-givers know that they need the generosity of being lifted up by giving their lives so that others may have life. Recall when you have had that generosity and give thanks for others who have been like that for you.

We receive life from God when our faith enables us to trust in God's love for us. We give life to one another when the love between us is trustworthy. Recall memories of that kind of trustworthy love. For whom have you been able to be a 'Jesus person' and give a love that another could trust? Who has shown that kind of love to you and been for you a sacrament of God's love?

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### SLANEY ROVERS

**LOTTO** - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 11 - 14 - 22 - 24

Match Three: win or share €150

Leo Foley, 7 Woodgrove Avenue, Rathvilly 12 - 14 - 22 - 24

Michael O'Brien, Ricketstown, Rathvilly 11 - 14 - 22 - 28

Marie O'Rourke, Tullow 8 - 11 - 14 - 22

Promoters' prize - Clive Byrne.

Next draw on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. 2018. **Jackpot €9,700**

### Spiritual Transformation - Operation Transformation for the Soul

For more information, please log into the website [www.spiritualtransformation.ie](http://www.spiritualtransformation.ie).

### WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

"A Joy For All The Earth" is the official Hymn for WMOF 2018 composed by Irish man Ephrem Feeley. We would like the congregation to get to know this Hymn by singing it during Mass. The Refrain is as follows:

**The joy, of love, a joy for all God's family,**

**The joy of love transcending time and space.**

**Our Love for each other mirrors God the Father's love.**

**The joy of love: a joy for all the earth.**

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## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's**

**Talbotstown**

**10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**

**St. Patrick's**

**Rathvilly**

**The Assumption**

**Tynock**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Pray for Mary O'Toole, Kelsha, Kiltegan who was interred in Kilranalagh Cemetery on Wednesday last.

Pray for Patrick Nolan formerly Ricketstown whose Funeral took place on Friday.

Pray Lily Nolan, wife of the late John Nolan formerly Ricketstown who died during the week in England.

Pray for Patsy Connor, late of Knockavagh and Middlesex, England who died recently.

**Months Mind Mass** for Fergus Coleman, Tobinstown this Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m.

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES

#### Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m.

Paddy Doyle, Foxcover

William Smith, Coole

Mick & Dan Abbott, Ballyoliver

Patrick Nolan, Mount Kelly

Mary (Molly) Nolan, Ballyhackett

Mary & Peter Nolan, Ricketstown

Thomas & Grace Cashen and deceased members of the Cashen family

#### Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m.

Shaun Leonard, Rahill

Jim Healy, Ricketstown

Madeline Curran, St. Patrick's Park

Pat Nolan, Rathmore

Mary Curran, Ballybit

Jack & Mai Carson, Ricketstown

Denis & Mary Anne Connors, Rathdaniel and deceased family members

James & Norah Byrne, Ricketstown and deceased family members

### MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

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

St. Patrick's Day – Vigil Mass on Friday at 7.30 p.m. Mass on Saturday at 11 a.m.

### 9 DAY NOVENA TO ST. PATRICK

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> March starts our Parish 9 day Novena to St. Patrick. Booklets available in the Church and is laid out for the dates 9 – 17 March, those praying the Novena privately may select any nine days for Day 1 to Day 9.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME – 3<sup>rd</sup> Session on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. in Rathvilly National School for children and their parents.

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

The next session of the Amoris Programme takes place on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. in Rathvilly National School. All welcome.

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL THE MOTHER'S IN THE PARISH

'A society without mothers would be an inhuman society, as mothers always know how to show tenderness, devotion and moral strength, even in the moments of greatest difficulty. Mothers often also transmit the deepest sense of religious practice ... It is a message that mothers who believe know how to transmit without much explanation; this arrives later, but the seed of faith is planted in those first precious moments. Without mothers ... faith would lose a good part of its simple, profound warmth.' - *Pope Francis*

### "Motherhood: All love begins and ends there" - Robert Browning.

This Mothering Sunday we pray for mothers across the developing world who strive to create a better future for their children. Mothers like those in Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Ethiopia where a hunger crisis still grips the land. Mothers there are doing without food so their children can have a little more to eat. To find out more about Trócaire's Lenten campaign visit [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2018

Offertory Collection €241.76 Envelope Collection €488.55 Many thanks.

### WEEK 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March

#### **Altar Servers –**

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

#### **Church Readers –**

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March – Tommy Donovan, Emily Fleming.

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> March at 11 a.m. – John Byrne, Liz Austin.

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm. – Eithne Condon, Catherine Carroll.

Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> March – Katie Kehoe, Dawn Cheasty.

#### **Ministers of the Eucharist –**

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March – Breda Reilly, Ann Doyle, Anna Mae Byrne.

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> March at 11 a.m. – Eithne Condon, Clodagh Lawlor, Mary Manley.

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. – P.J. Doyle, Noel & Jennifer Curry.

Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> March – Noel & Mary Kennedy, Marie Curry.

### GOSPEL READINGS – 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March

Sunday: Jn 3: 14-21

Mon: Jn 4: 43-54

Tues: Jn 5: 1-3, 5-16

Wed: Jn 5: 17-30

Thurs: Jn 5: 31-473

Fri: Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat: Mt 13: 24-32

Sunday: Jn 12: 20-30

### CHRISM MASS 2018 – Save the Date!

You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese in the Cathedral, Carlow at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 26 to celebrate the Chrism Mass. In this year of the World Meeting of Families we gather as a family of parishes from across the diocese for one of the highlights of the diocesan calendar. All are welcome!

## 'ROSARY AT THE MASS ROCKS'

In November over 30,000 Irish People gathered at our coasts to pray the rosary to preserve Life & Faith in Ireland. Now we turn to our Mass Rocks and Ancient Monastic Sites, on Sunday March 18th, at 2.30pm, to pray the rosary, and ask our deceased brethren, who risked their lives for the faith, to intercede for Ireland. For more info, or to sign up a location visit [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie)

## LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE

Three Day Pilgrimage takes place from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Contact Sophie 087 1302587 or the Parish Office 059 9161114.

RADIO MARIA IRELAND is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies – all commercial free – Listen via FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND", streaming on [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie) or via PHONE – get live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply). Please join our growing faith family!

ICON OF THE HOLY FAMILY will be visiting the Diocese on dates between 30<sup>th</sup> April and 4<sup>th</sup> May.

DIOCESAN FAMILY FUN DAY, Carlow College Sat. June 16<sup>th</sup>, details soon.

## COMMUNITY GAMES

Best of luck to our U10's in the indoor soccer county finals this weekend.

Best of luck to all the children taking part in the art area finals this weekend.

## RATHVILLY NATIONAL SCHOOL

Rathvilly N S will hold a Cyber Bullying Workshop on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm. Topics explored will include Bullying V's Cyberbullying, what can parents/guardians do to prevent cyberbullying and The Law in relation to Cyberbullying. This event is free of charge. This is a great opportunity for all parents/guardians to attend to get more information on the above. All are welcome (you do not have to be in Rathvilly National School to attend). Please book in advance as places are limited. Contact Nicola on 087-7916121 or 059-9180010. Hope to see you all there – Rathvilly NS Parents Association.

## RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 2-10-20-30.

Match 3 win or share €150

Martha Keogh c/o T. McCall 2-4-10-20

Tom McCall

Ed. Brennan Rathvilly 2-10-18-30

Collette Kelly

Promoters Prize €20 Paddy McGuirk

Next draw 13 March 2018 in Molloy's Bar.

**Jackpot € 6,100**

Thank you for your continued support.

ZUMBA CLASS on Monday night at 7.30 pm in the Phoenix Centre. €5 per class.