

Bishop Denis responds to the recent Referendum Result:

While visiting Florence in November 2015 Pope Francis remarked that Catholics must realise "*we are not living an era of change but a change of era*".

I very much empathise with this remark following last Friday's Referendum result that sees the equal right to life of the mother and the baby in the womb being deleted from our Constitution. Whether you voted 'Yes' or 'No' this is my message for you. As you know, I like many advocated and reasoned for a 'No' vote. That was not to be, and by a very clear majority the referendum was carried. That vote must be respected, but equally those who voted 'No' must be encouraged. Like me, your hearts are probably down, this was not the result you intended or wished for. Of course, the Referendum result doesn't change what the Church believes about the sacredness of life nor the call to proclaim that belief in a positive way in word and deed.

I commend and thank all who campaigned door to door in the Diocese, attended meetings and contributed to the public debate. I know that many people prayed deeply about this issue. We need to continue all these efforts. I would like to echo the invitation from Archbishop Eamon Martin in his New Year Message last January for us all to "become missionaries for life". That call is louder and bolder today than ever.

In every parish there will be people who voted 'No' last Friday and people who voted 'Yes'. In finding the way forward together, it is vital that we witness to our Christian calling as one rooted in love, love for all. Ultimately, the Church must live in this new space we find ourselves, it may not be comfortable and at times may be very challenging. As I said in my recent statement before the referendum, we must work even harder to strengthen a culture that values all life and advocates for all who are in need of protection in our society. Let us rededicate ourselves to this essential and blessed task.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Athletics: We held a very successful area finals recently, with 142 children participating. The children who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd will now go forward to the County finals on 23/24 June in Ardattin. We would like to thank everyone who helped on the night, with special mention to Chloe and Seán, the Gaa for allowing us to use the field and mark lanes and the parents for their co-operation. Best of luck to everyone in the county finals.
National finals: Well done to Sean Corcoran, Darragh Corcoran, Emily Lawlor and Leila Colfer on their great performances last weekend in Limerick representing Rathvilly and Carlow in duathlon and mixed distance relays.

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

2nd & 3rd June, 2018 CORPUS CHRISTI

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Saturday, 2nd June at 7.30 p.m.

Derek, Joey & Billy Faulkner, Bough
Michael Osborne, Garretstown
Sr. Rose Osborne

Michael & Ellen Tobin, Rathmore
Michael Tobin Jnr., Rathmore
Andy & Kate Nolan, Bough

Saturday, 9th June at 7.30 p.m.

Philomena (Mena) Whyte, Garretstown
William & Mai Osborne, Maplestown
Mickey Osborne, Maplestown
Winnie Osborne, Maplestown
James & Mary Smith, Coole & deceased family members

Vincent Balfe, Rahill
Dan Kelly, Garretstown
Rose & Hugh Foley, St. Patrick's Park
Dinny Connors
Martin Mullen

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

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

Friday – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession at 7 p.m.

Rosary at 7.15 p.m. Mass at 7.30 p.m. Feast day of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The final Mass of the First Holy Communion Programme takes place this Saturday, 2nd June at 7.30 p.m. the Feast of Corpus Christi.

EXAM SUCCESS

All Secondary School students sitting their Junior and Leaving Certificate Exams are invited to attend Mass this weekend 2/3 June. All Masses will be offered for success in their examinations.

Good Luck in your Exams Mass Bouquet Cards are available in the Parish Office.

Parish Draw takes place this Tuesday, 5th June at 7.30 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

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

The next session of the Amoris Programme takes place in the Parish Meeting Room on **Thursday, 7th June at 8 p.m.** All welcome.

HOUSEBOUND – The Housebound will receive their June visit on **Friday 8th June.**

PRIESTS SUMMER COLLECTION

Summer Collection for the Priests of the Parish takes place next weekend 9th/10th June. Please use envelope provided or one with your name and address.

SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS

Monday – St Kevin was a native of Leinster and grew up in Kilnamanagh, where he received his early religious formation. Wishing to be a hermit, he crossed the mountains to Glendalough and settled in Disert Caoimhghin at the foot of the upper lake. But disciples began to gather round him. Gradually the great monastic settlement grew and spread through the glen after his death in 618.

Tuesday – St Boniface, 673-754, was born at Crediton in Devonshire. He founded monasteries in Bavaria, including Fulda in 735.

Wednesday – St Jarlath is said to have been a disciple of St Enda, and was taught by St Benignus. He became abbot bishop of the monastery he founded at Tuam.

Thursday – St Colman of Dromore, Co. Down, spent most of his life in that area. Possibly he studied under Caetan of Nendrom, and was persuaded by St Mac Nissi to settle at Dromore c. 514.

Friday – The Sacred Heart of Jesus. ‘Understood in the light of the Scriptures, the term ‘Sacred Heart of Jesus’ denotes the entire mystery of Christ: Son of God, uncreated wisdom; infinite charity, principle of the salvation and sanctification of mankind’

Saturday – The Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Church celebrates the liturgical memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary the day after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The contiguity of both celebrations is a sign of their close connection.

St Columba, also known as Colum Cille, was born in Gartan, Co. Donegal in 521 and was of royal lineage. He founded monasteries in Derry, Durrow, Iona and possibly Kells. He died 9th June 597.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 26th/27th May, 2018

Offertory Collection €446.27 Envelope Collection €382.15 Many thanks.

WEEK - 3rd - 10th June

Altar Servers – Kian Austin, Peter Carroll, Rory Gavin, J.D. Dooley.

Church Readers –

Saturday, 9th June – Esther Murphy, Lilly Keogh.

Sunday, 10th June – Máire Bowes, Dawn Cheasty.

Ministers of the Eucharist –

Saturday, 9th June – Tommy & Sadie Donovan, Patricia Leonard.

Sunday, 10th June – Anne Marie Kehoe, Mary Manley, Angela Byrne.

GOSPEL READINGS - 3rd – 10th June

Sunday: Mk 14: 12-16, 22: 26 Mon: Mk 12: 1-12 Tues: Mk 12: 13-17

Wed: Mk 12: 18-27 Thurs: Mk 12: 28-34 Fri: Jn 19: 31-37

Sat: Mt 8: 18-27 Sunday: Mk 3: 20-35

RATHVILLY/KILTEGAN PARISH 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 9161114.

RATHVILLY DANCEATHON – Monday 4th June

7 Hour Danceathon takes place in the Phoenix Centre this Monday 4th June from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Results of the Art Competition at 12 Noon, Irish Dancers, Hip Hop Dancers, Lucky Dip, €1 Raffle and lots more throughout the day! All welcome.

RATHVILLY TIDY TOWN

At the moment there is no Men’s Shed in Rathvilly, but the Tidy Towns committee is hoping to create one in the near future. In the meantime if there is anyone in Rathvilly who would be in a position to offer help in repairing garden tools, making small items or even get involved in bigger projects your help would be most welcome. If you can offer your help, please let us know so we can contact you when we need your assistance.

Gardeners Wanted – First the good news – Fr. McEvoy has kindly provided a plot for allotments or a Community Garden and to make matters even better there is potential funding for a Polytunnel and ground works.

The bad news is we don’t have anyone to lead this project and the funding proposal needs to be completed by June 21st. We can assist with the process but we need a passionate individual to lead this effort for our community. If you are a gardener and would like to lead this project please send a message to any committee member. We meet every Monday at 8.30 pm in the Phoenix Centre.

Painting night - 4th June – bring your paint brush, tray, etc – we meet at 7 pm.

Meeting on Monday 4th June at 8.30 pm. All welcome.

RATHVILLY PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

We would like to thank everyone in the Parish and surrounding areas for their contributions and donations to go towards setting up the playground. Your contribution gets us one step closer to getting our essential playground in Rathvilly. If anyone has any envelopes that have not been collected yet, they can be dropped into the Post Office in our Collection Box. Thank you again for all your generous contributions.

Book Launch: “Re-discovering St. Willibrord, Patron Saint of Luxembourg, First Apostle of the Netherlands and his County Carlow Connection” on Wednesday June 6th at 7pm in Carlow College.

Exhibition “St. Willibrord, Patron Saint of Luxembourg and his County Carlow Connection” is a special exhibition in Carlow County Museum. St. Willibrord was trained and ordained in county Carlow in the 7th century and he is one of Europe’s most important saints. Carlow County Museum, College Street, has free admission, opened Monday - Saturday 10.00am - 4.30pm and Sunday 2pm – 4.30pm.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 11 - 13 - 16 - 28

Paul Kelly, Fr. Cullen Terrace, Rathvilly Kay Nolan, Ballyoliver, Rathvilly

Mary Curry c/o Bruno’s Takeaway, Rathvilly Betty Leonard, Rahill

Dan O’Connor, Waterstown, Rathvilly Promoters` prize Brian Curran

Next draw on Monday, June 4th 2018. **Jackpot €10,900**

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 10-26-28-29

Máire Kelly Haroldstown - Donal Kelly Maria O’Rourke c/o D. Kelly - Donal Kelly

John Byrne Fr. Cullen Tce. - Paul Kelly Phyllis Fowler Slaney Bank - Collette & Lena

Sean Kavanagh Mountkelly - John Kehoe

Promoters Prize €20- Bruno’s Next draw 5 June 2018 in Molloy's Bar. **Jackpot € 7,300**