

## **PRESENTATION ON THE NEW JUNIOR CYCLE REFORM**

Tullow Community School is inviting Parents of First, Second and Third Year Students to a Presentation outlining the main changes which are being introduced across the New Junior Cycle. This presentation will take place on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7:30pm. in the Community School.

## **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (18-25 January )**

**Theme:** Justice and only justice you shall pursue (Deut 16: 18-20)

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 has been prepared by Christians from Indonesia. With a population of 265 million, about 10 per cent of Indonesians are Christian from various traditions. There is a great diversity of ethnicity, language and religion.

There are also tensions affecting politics, business, justice, wealth and poverty.

Christian communities in such an environment become newly aware of their unity as they join in a common concern and a common response to an unjust reality. At the same time, confronted by these injustices, we are obliged, as Christians, to examine the ways in which we are complicit. Only by heeding Jesus' prayer 'that they all may be one' can we witness to living in diversity. It is through our unity in Christ that we will be able to combat injustice and serve the needs of its victims.

Moved by these concerns, the Christians of Indonesia found that the words of Deuteronomy, 'Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue' spoke powerfully to their situation and needs. As individual Christians and communities, we are called together to form a united witness for justice and to be a means of Christ's healing grace for the brokenness of the world.

## **SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS**

1. The people were searching and John pointed them in the direction of Jesus. On your life's journey who have been the John the Baptist people for you, people who have pointed you in the right direction?
2. The Baptism of Jesus was a very special moment for him that affirmed him in his identity as Son of God and in his mission. Recall the experiences that affirmed you – either in your sense of who you are, or in relation to the direction you were taking in life.
3. The Baptism of Jesus marks a transition point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall the transition points in your own life. Where did you see the grace of God at work in those times?
4. This experience of Jesus occurred when he was at prayer. What part has prayer played in opening you to being aware of God in your life? What part has prayer played in helping you through a transition point in your life?

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## **RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's  
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's  
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption  
Tynock**

**12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019 The Baptism of the Lord**

Pray for Fr. Fintan Byrne, St. Patrick's, Kiltegan whose funeral took place recently.

Pray for Seamus Whyte, Manchester and formerly Garretstown who died in Manchester recently. We offer our sympathy to their families, relatives and friends.

### **ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

#### **Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 p.m.**

Patrick & Mary McNevin, Raheendaw

Olive & Thomas Griffin, Ballyoliver

Frances Faulkner, Collins Park

Liam Dunne, Rathmore

Claire Jenkins, Ballybit

Nellie Corcoran, Rathmore

Bill Smith, Monavothie

#### **Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 p.m.**

Sheila Kirwan, Mount Kelly

Billy Keegan, Ballyoliver and deceased member of the Keegan family

Matt & Bridget O'Toole, Slaney View

### **MASS TIMES THIS WEEK**

**Monday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.**

Wednesday & Thursday – Communion Service at 9.30 a.m.

Friday - Adoration from 2.00 – 7.30 p.m. Communion Service at 7.30 p.m.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> January – Adoration from 10 a.m. – 12 Noon.

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> January – Adoration from 2.00 – 7.30 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY – BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

We invite all families who had a Baptism during 2018 to come to the 11.00 a.m. Mass where there will be a Special Blessing for their Child. Please bring their Baptismal Candle for the Blessing. 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.

**CHRISTMAS CRIB** The Crib will remain open until Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February. All donations will go to the homeless.

### **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**

A big THANK YOU to all who contributed to our recent church gate collection. We collected the fantastic amount of €994.82. We are extremely grateful and appreciative of your very generous donations. This great amount will improve the lives of many in our locality. Once again THANK YOU for your generosity.

**LOST** - A Hearing Aid was lost in or around the Church recently. If found please leave in the Sacristy or contact the Parish Office.

### **POSITION OF SACRISTAN**

This position is still vacant and I invite expressions of interest from anyone who might like to undertake this role which is truly important in serving the Parish community. Applications should be made in writing or by email and directed to Fr. McEvoy, Parochial House. Phone 059 9161114/ 086 3232403 or email [jmce51@gmail.com](mailto:jmce51@gmail.com)

### **WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Offertory Collection €270.92 Envelope Collection €636.15. Many thanks.

### **GOSPEL READINGS - 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Sunday: Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22	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 2: 1-11	

### **WEEK – 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **Altar Servers –**

Aoife Fitzpatrick, Anna & Vena Doyle, Ayla & Eve McLoughlin.

#### **Church Readers –**

Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> January – Susan Tobin, Catherine Carroll.

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> January – Sophie Kelly, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick.

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion –**

Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> January – Maureen McNamara, Ann Doyle, Antoinette Kelly.

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> January – Katie Kehoe, Anthony Kelly, Denis Kelly.

### **WALK TOWARDS UNITY**

In conjunction with the Church of Ireland & Methodist Churches to mark Church Unity Week, there will be a "Walk Towards Unity" in Carlow. The walk will begin at 2.30pm on Sunday 20th January 2019 at the Methodist Church Athy Road, proceed to St. Mary's Church in Haymarket & from there to the Cathedral of the Assumption. There will be a reading from the scriptures/prayers/hymns at each Church. All welcome.

### **ASPIRO**

Ireland's leading choir for children & young people finally recruiting new members in 2019. Classes resume Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Limited number of places available in all groups. [info@aspirochoir.ie](mailto:info@aspirochoir.ie) or ph 085-7451111.

### **ANNUAL TABLE QUIZ – CHURCH UNITY WEEK**

Table Quiz in aid of our two Churches – St. Patrick's & St. Mary's will take place this year in the **Harp Lounge** on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 9 p.m. sharp. Table of 4 - €20 including supper.

### **EVENING PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK**

Evening Prayer for Christian Unity Week takes place on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> January in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

### **SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.**

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 22 - 23 - 25 - 28

Match Three: win or share €150

Sean Clarke, Waterstown

Adrian Gahan, Rathoe

Niamh Curran, Eadestown, Donard

Jace, c/o Bruno's Take Away

The Gardiner Kids, 38 Father Cullen Terrace.

Promoter's prize Anthony Byrne.

Next draw on Monday, January 14th 2019. **Jackpot €3,100**

### **RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB**

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 4-7-9-25

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Gillian Curran Woodgrove

Helen Deering

Tony Carthy Slaney Bank

Collette & Helen

Lar Kelly Snr Garretstown

Collette Kelly

Sally McGuirk Ricketstown

Paddy McGuirk

Veronica Dobbs Mountkelly

Sean Kavanagh

Promoters Prize €20

Collette Kelly

Next draw 15 Jan. 2019 in Molloy's Bar.

**Jackpot € 10,000**

### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

On August 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 for five nights Kildare & Leighlin, will begin our third annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. The annual pilgrimage is a source of great blessing, not just for the 2000+ pilgrims that have already participated, but in return, also to their families and parish communities. Lourdes is a sacred place in the life of all our parishes. Bishop Denis invites all parishes to participate in the diocesan pilgrimage in 2019. Application forms are available in the Parish Office.

### **KIDS COOKERY CLASSES**

After school- ages 5+ Monday or Thursdays 4-5pm in Rathvilly, Carlow.

Looking for your kids to have fun and broaden their palates? We make everything from Sunday roast with all the trimmings to fried calamari! Please ring for a place at the island. This WILL fill up fast so get in there! Natalie Cassells [086.170.2462](tel:086.170.2462)  
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