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DAFFODIL DAY

If anyone has daffodils they would like to donate for sale in Baltinglass on Daffodil Day, Friday, 22nd March. They can be left in Brennan's Mace Shop, Rathvilly on Thursday or they can be brought to Baltinglass on Friday.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 3 - 6 - 7 - 12

Match Three: win or share €150

Eliz & PJ Townsend, Hacketstown Betty Leonard, Rahill

John Byrne, Father Cullen Terrace Danny Kehoe, Knockroe

Donie O'Reilly, Michael Collins Park

Promoter's prize Anthony Byrne

Next draw on Monday, March 18th. 2019. **Jackpot €4,000**

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers Drawn 9-10-14-29

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Julia Kavanagh Mountkelly Sean Kavanagh

Mary B. Kelly Haroldstown Mary B. Kelly

Dorothy Byrne Slaney Bank Collette & Helen

Luca Kavanagh Mountkelly Sean Kavanagh

Vincent Malee Phelen St. Lena Smith

Promoters prize €20 Mick Kehoe

Next draw 19 March 2019 in Molloy's Bar. **Jackpot € 10,000**

St Patrick, Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland 17 March 2019 • 2nd Sunday of Lent

1. The owner of the field who allowed the wheat and the darnel to grow together is a reminder to us to be patient with ourselves and with others when we see that everything is not right. Sometimes a preoccupation with the negative (the darnel) can blind us to seeing the positive in our own lives and in the lives of others. When have you found that a willingness to live with the messiness of the present created the conditions for future growth?

2. Have you ever found that it was through accepting the darnel that you learned important lessons for life, e.g., learning by making mistakes, or asking stupid questions, or taking foolish risks?

3. The parable of the mustard seed is a reminder that seemingly insignificant things can have very positive results. Have you ever been surprised by the benefit to yourself or others of a kind gesture, a small initiative, a word of encouragement or a smile?

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's

St. Patrick's

The Assumption

Talbotstown

Rathvilly

Tynock

16th & 17th March, 2019 Second Sunday of Lent

Pray for Peter Byrne, Collins Park whose funeral took place on Tuesday last. We offer our sympathy to his parents, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Saturday, 16th March at 7.30 p.m.

Mick Curran, St. Patrick's Park – 1st Anniversary Pat Nolan, Mount Kelly
Madeline Curran, St. Patrick's Park Thomas & Catherine Faulkner, Garretstown
Mary Curran, Ballybit James & Elizabeth Dowling, Knocklishen
Peter & Mary Nolan, Ricketstown

Saturday, 23rd March at 7.30 p.m.

Months Mind Mass for Laurence (Chappie) Byrne on Saturday, 23rd March at 7.30 p.m.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Terry Redmond Shaun Leonard, Rahill
Kathleen Curry, Ballybit John Foley, Bough
Jim Healy, Ricketstown Alan (stick) Keogh, 2 Fr. Cullen Tce.
Tony & Maura Morrissey, Ballyoliver Eileen Doyle, Lisnavagh
Paddy & Pat Morrissey, Ballyoliver

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Bank Holiday Monday – Mass at 11.00 a.m.

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

Friday, 22nd March – Stations of the Cross in **Rathvilly Church at 7 p.m. and Tynock Church at 7.30 p.m.** Mass at 7.30 p.m.

Friday, 29th March – Evening Prayer in Rathvilly at 7.30 p.m.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 9th & 10th March, 2019

Offertory Collection €355.73. Envelope Collection €675.50. Many thanks.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

The 4th Session of the Confirmation Programme takes place on Tuesday, 19th March at **8.00 p.m.** in Rathvilly NS for all children and their parents.

FIRST PENANCE

First Penance for children attending Rathmore and Rathvilly N.S. will take place on Thursday, 21st March in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly at 7.30 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, 21st March – Adoration from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Friday, 22nd March – Adoration from 2.00 – 7.00 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS – DIGGING DEEPER

From the very beginning, the early Christian communities realised the importance of Sunday. It is the day of Jesus' Resurrection, a day of joy and rest, as well as charity. Sunday is the Lord's Day, the day when we are called to remember what God has done and continues to do for us. This, then, is the day the Lord's people are called to keep holy, together. The observance begins with the evening of the preceding day.

SUNDAY - EUCHARIST – COMMUNITY

Early Christians did what Jesus had asked them to do; they gathered and celebrated the meal Jesus had shared with them, the Eucharist. We also know this as the Mass. This gathering of the community on a Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist gave rise to a basic principle of the Church: *There can be no Sunday without the Eucharist and no Eucharist without an assembly of the faithful.*

This principle endures to this day. It led Voltaire to declare, "If you want to kill Christianity, you must abolish Sunday." As members of the Christian community, we are each called to gather with the rest of our faith community on a Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist. The Sunday Mass is the place where we gather as a parish, as a community, as the People of God. This is at the heart of the life of the Church. It is the highpoint of our Christian life, where God nourishes us to go out and live as Christians.

See kandle.ie for: an iCatholic video link exploring the Introductory Rites and other parts of the Mass.

THINKING OF WHAT TO DO FOR LENT?

Lenten Programme announced for parishes across Kildare and Leighlin Diocese

Bishop Denis is inviting all of us to take this time of Lent to reflect on our celebration of the Mass and to renew our own appreciation of the Sunday Mass as the highpoint of our Christian life. Over the coming weeks a whole suite of resources will be available on www.kandle.ie for parishes and parishioners to draw upon. Look out for iCatholic videos, handouts for take home reading, as well as a parish based four night programme exploring the Mass. This will be hosted by a number of parishes across the diocese and is open to everyone. **The nearest venue to us is: Baltinglass Parish Centre – Tuesday, March 19th/26th and April 2nd/9th from 7.30 – 9 p.m.** Let's make this Lent make a difference!

A Date for Your Diary!

Chrism Mass 2019 Monday, April 15, 7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. Bishop Denis warmly invites parishioners from across the diocese to join him for this Mass during which the priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises and the Oil of Catechumens, Oil of the Sick and Chrism will be blessed and consecrated for use in parishes in the coming year.

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

GOSPEL READINGS – 17th– 24th March, 2019

Sunday: Mt 13: 24-32

Mon: Lk 6: 36-38

Tues: Lk 2: 41-51

Wed: Mt 20: 17-28

Thurs: Lk 16: 19-31

Fri: Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46

Sat: Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Lk 13: 1-9

WEEK – 17th – 24th March

Altar Servers – Rory Gavin, Daragh Corcoran, Aoife Fitzpatrick, Emily Canavan.

Church Readers –

Saturday, 23rd March – Lilly Keogh, Esther Murphy.

Sunday, 24th March – Catherine Carroll, Dawn Cheasty.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion –

Saturday, 23rd March – P.J. Doyle, Clodagh Lawlor, Eithne Condon.

Sunday, 24th March – Mary Manley, Marie Curry, John Byrne.

FOUND - A small sum of money was found in the Church last Tuesday. Owner can call into the Sacristy after Mass.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG – 15th – 17th July, 2019.

If you would like to travel with the Parish group, please contact the Parish Office.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

On August 1st 2019 for five nights. Bishop Denis invites all parishes to participate in the diocesan pilgrimage in 2019. Application forms are available in the Parish Office.

THE TRÓCAIRE ROMERO FAMILY PROGRAMME

An opportunity for you and your family to learn about global justice issues and how families live around the world. To complete this free programme, download your 'Family Journal' at: www.trocaire.org

PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE

Accord Carlow are now taking bookings for the following courses

May 10th & 11th, June 7th & 8th, Sept 6th & 7th, Oct 4th & 5th

You are required to attend a Pre-marriage course if you are getting married in a Catholic Church. Please book early to avoid disappointment as there are no course in July and August. Booking on line at www.accord.ie . For further information contact Mary at 059 9138738.

TOWARDS PEACE

Towards Peace is a service offering spiritual support to those who have experienced abuse perpetrated by Church personnel, individually or institutionally. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space for people and their families, whose spiritual life has been damaged by abuse. It is also a response to the continually growing understanding of the spiritual impact of the trauma of abuse. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion.

If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God and spirituality, Towards Peace is here for you. www.towardspeace.ie Tel: 01 505 3028. Mobile: 086 7710533

Up to twelve sessions are available and there is no fee.