

KILTEGAN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

You and your family are invited to join us for Christmas Carols at The Crib on Sunday, 15th December at 6 p.m. Followed by a Visit from Santa. We hope as many people as possible can gather together and enjoy the evening as one community no matter where you are from. This is a free event and each child will get to meet Santa and receive a gift.

CARA GIRLS RESCUE CENTRE

Fundraising Christmas Hamper in aid of Cara Girls Rescue Centre, Kenya at Rathvilly Post Office. Noel Doyle Bough will be volunteering at the rescue centre in February. Draw Cards are in circulation. €2 per line or 3 lines for €5.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, Rathvilly/Kiltegan - 083 1494412

Carlow College, St Patrick's award the St Columbanus Medal to Pope Francis

Carlow College, St Patrick's award the St Columbanus Medal annually to any person or group that makes an outstanding contribution to the betterment of society. The St. Columbanus Medal 2019 was awarded to His Holiness, Pope Francis, in recognition of his love for the poor and the marginalised, particularly for his highlighting the plight of migrants in his writings, his vocal support and his practical assistance.

We are honoured that Pope Francis has accepted the award and nominated Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Papal Nuncio, to accept the St Columbanus Medal on his behalf at an event in the College on Friday 6th December. Speaking at the event Fr Conn Ó Maoldhomhnaigh, President of Carlow College, St Patrick's thanked the Archbishop for his role in enabling this event, he continued 'we are proud to host this occasion. This Awarding Ceremony creates a special bond between Carlow College, St. Patrick's and His Holiness Pope Francis and it is an occasion that will live long in our memories, your role in making this happen is acknowledged and appreciated.'

The medal honours St Columbanus who was born in the shadow of Mount Leinster and who contributed to the ecclesiastical and cultural life of 6th - 7th Century Ireland and Europe. The inaugural award of the Columbanus Medal was made in 2018 to Dr. Martin Mansergh in recognition of his contribution to the peace process in Ireland, in particular his contribution to the achievement of the Good Friday Agreement (1998). See photo in this week's 'Irish Catholic Newspaper.'

The Irish Catholic is available each week in the Church at €2 per issue.

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

14th & 15th December, 2019

3rd Sunday of Advent

Saturday, 14th December at 7.30 p.m.

Months Mind Mass for Mary Kelly Haroldstown this Sat 14th December at 7.30 p.m.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Joseph McGuirk, Ricketstown

Paddy Donoghue, Ballyoliver

Gerard Cullen, Dublin

Des Conway, Barnhill

Bill Gahan, 25 Collins Park

Peter & Annie Conway, Barnhill

Denis Kelly, Haroldstown

Tom & Bridie Kehoe, Ballyoliver

James Doyle, Coole

Tommy Kelly, Ballyoliver

John Dunne, Carlow

Jackie Kelly, Ballyoliver & Manchester

Deceased members of the Byrne family, St. Patrick's Park

Months Mind Mass for Ann Byrne, Sunnyside on Sat. 21st December at 7.30 p.m.

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Fr. Edward Flood, former Parish Priest

Patrick & Elizabeth Donegan, Mount Neill

Deceased members of the Moloney family

Jimmy Fowler, Birmingham

Paddy & Nora Quinn, Ballinlough, Roscommon

Thomas & Helen Foley, Rathmore and deceased family members

Deceased members of the Connor and McCarney families

Patty Dowling, Ballyhackett and deceased family members

May Dowling, Rathmore

Agnes Donegan, Rathmore

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - Mass at 9.30 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION –Thursday 10.00 –11.00 a.m. Friday 2.00 –7.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PENITENTIAL SERVICE

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly on Wednesday, 18th December at 7.30 p.m.

Hacketstown on Thursday 7.30 p.m. Baltinglass on Friday at 7.30 p.m.

Tullow on Monday, 23rd December at 7.30 p.m.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 7th/8th December, 2019

Offertory Collection €246.70. Envelope Collection €457.97. Many thanks.

REACH OUT 2019

Parishioners across the diocese will receive their Reach Out 2019 Christmas Gift from the Parish and Message from Bishop Denis this weekend the Third Sunday of Advent 15th December. Central to Reach Out this year is the call to 'Share with the Hungry'. As we get ready to welcome Christ once more at Christmas, in the true spirit of Christian outreach, we are being invited to bring the love of Christ to others. The gift is a trolley coin fob that also carries the Reach Out message. As we shop this Christmas and throughout the year, may the fob remind us of those less fortunate than ourselves and our Christian calling to support them in concrete ways. Please take home an extra gift for your neighbour.

GOSPEL READINGS – 15th – 22nd December, 2019

Sunday: Mt 11: 2-11 Mon: Mt 21: 23-27 Tues: Mt 1: 1-17
Wed: Mt 1: 18-24 Thurs: Lk 1: 5-25 Fri: Lk 1: 26-38
Sat: Lk 1: 39-45 Sunday: Mt 1: 18-24

WEEK – 15th – 22nd December, 2019

Altar Servers –
Aoife & Clodagh Fitzpatrick, Meabh O'Brien, Molly Lobaiza Heydon.
Church Readers –
Saturday, 21st December – Tommy Donovan, Keira Reilly.
Sunday, 22nd December – Peadar Doyle, Brenda Byrne.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion –
Saturday, 21st December – Rita Balfe, Alex Balfe Vicic, Maureen McNamara.
Sunday, 22nd December – Anne Marie Kehoe, Sophie Kelly, Eithne Molloy.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of the late Mary Kelly, Haroldstown, Tullow wish to thank most sincerely everyone who sympathised with them on the recent sad loss. A sincere heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended the wake and funeral Mass, who sent Mass cards, letters and messages of sympathy, provided food and travelled long distances. Thanks to our kind neighbours, friends and extended family who supported us in every way, during this difficult time. A very special thank you to the Nurses of Carlow/Kilkenny Home Care team who cared for and supported Mary, in her home, and her family during her last few days, also thanks to Fr. John McEvoy, John & Pauline Halligan, Halligan Funeral Undertakers, Musician & Singer Gillian & Kerry. Thanks also to everyone who made a donation at the funeral for the Carlow/Kilkenny Home Care Team. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our appreciation and sincere thanks.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Bigstone National School are holding their Annual Christmas Concert in Bigstone Hall on Thursday 19th December at 7pm sharp. Free entry and raffle on the night.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of the late Terry O'Brien wish to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone who sympathised with them during their sad loss. Thanks to those who attended Terry's funeral Mass and burial, those who sent Mass cards, messages, phoned, wrote and travelled long distances to offer their sympathy and support. Special thanks to Dr. Gallagher and his team, all the staff at Carlow Hospice, all the staff at Tullow Day Care and all the team at Rathvilly Pharmacy.

RATHVILLY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Rathvilly Community Development Group are delighted to announce the third Annual **Carol's by Candlelight concert** on Sunday 22nd December at 7 pm in St. Patrick's Church. This is always a wonderful event for the whole village to enjoy, please come along and show your support. This year promises to be the best concert yet.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 4 - 13 - 18 - 29
Match Three: win or share €150

Chloe O'Neill, Parkmore, Baltinglass 4 - 13 - 21 - 29

Promoter prize's Molloy's Bar.

Next draw on Monday, Dec. 16th. 2019. **Jackpot €7,900**

With Christmas just around the corner, next Monday's lotto draw will have five extra lucky dips.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3-11-17-20

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky Dips

Carley & Eddie Kelly Tankardstown

Bruno's

Josie Duffy Tombeigh

Mick Kehoe

Lar Corcoran Ballyhackett

Lar Corcoran

Anna Mae Byrne Knockavagh

Collette Kelly

Tom McCall Bough

Tom McCall

Promoters Prize €20

Bruno's

Next draw 17 Dec. 2019 in Molloy's Bar. **Jackpot €10,000**

ACCORD CARLOW - PRE-MARRIAGE COURSES

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