

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.

Many thanks for your support.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 5 - 8 - 13 - 29

Match Three: win or share €150

Gerard Wogan, Delacy Abbey

Theresa Cullen, Delacy Abbey

Margaret Gahan, Collins Park

Liam Lawlor, St. Patrick's Park

Joe Lawlor, Father Cullen Terrace

Promoter prize's Molloy's Bar.

Next draw on Monday, Dec. 9th. 2019. **Jackpot €7,800**

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 5-8-13-17

Match 3 win or share €150

Mervyn O'Neill c/o T. McCall 5-13-17-24

Bruno's

Catherine O'Neill Baltinglass 5-13-17-30

Mick Kehoe

Sheila Ryan c/o C. Kelly 5-13-17-23

Collette Kelly

Promoters Prize €20

Sue Molloy

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

CARLOW MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Christmas can be a very difficult time and many in our community can feel stressed and overwhelmed during this period. Carlow Mental Health Association in partnership with Mental Health Ireland are offering a limited amount of FREE places on our Health & Wellbeing workshop, taking place on 10th December, 9.30am in an Gairdin Beo. The 4 hour workshop will offer practical tips and support advice about keeping you well over the Christmas period. Places can be booked by calling 085-8181353 or emailing carlowmentalhealth@hotmail.com Remember to book early as places are limited!!

WHITE FRIDAY

You are invited to a Christmas Blessing in Tullow Church on Friday December 20th from 8pm to 9pm. Peace, Prayers & Singing. Bring a few friends!

Parish Office – Mon-Fri: 10 am – 1 pm - 059 9161114

Email: office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie Website: www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Local Safeguarding Representatives: Eoin Cheasty Mary Phelan
Elizabeth Austin David Carton

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Mr. Mick Daly - Email: dlp@kandle.ie

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

7th & 8th December, 2019

2nd Sunday of Advent

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Saturday, 7th December at 7.30 p.m.

Michéal & Elizabeth Deering, Ballbit

Patrick Smith, Lisnavagh & Northampton

Luke & Bridget Kearns, Rathvilly

John St. Ledger, Waterstown

Marie Therese Kearns, Rathvilly

Richard & Mary Canavan

Myles Carson, Raheendaw

Breda Brennan

Matthew & Christina Hanly, Williamstown

Kathleen & John Balfe, Rahill

Matthew Hanly, Clondalkin

Saturday, 14th December at 7.30 p.m.

Months Mind Mass for Mary Kelly Haroldstown on 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

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Monday, 9th December -

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady - **Mass at 10.00 a.m.**

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.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – Sat/Sun, 30th November/1st December, 2019

Offertory Collection €334.37. Envelope Collection €331.32. Many thanks.

GOSPEL READINGS – 8th – 15th December, 2019

Sunday: Mt 3: 1-12

Mon: Lk 1: 26-38

Tues: Mt 18: 12-14

Wed: Mt 11: 28-30

Thurs: Mt 11: 11-15

Fri: Mt 11: 16-19

Sat: Mt 17: 10-13

Sunday: Mt 11: 2-11

THE ADVENT WREATH

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. While the number of weeks and days of Advent preparation varied in the early centuries of the church, St. Gregory VII (d. 1095) set the number of Sundays in Advent to four, with the first Sunday marking the beginning of the liturgical year.

Three candles are purple, and one is rose. The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass. Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding Our Lord's coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming.

The light again signifies Christ, the Light of the world. Some modern day adaptations include a white candle placed in the middle of the wreath, which represents Christ and is lit on Christmas Eve. Fr Hugh Connolly - Paris

WEEK – 8th -15th December, 2019

Altar Servers – Emily & Lucy Canavan, Alana Curan, Róisín Corcoran.

Church Readers –

Saturday, 14th December – Máire Bowes, Anne Marie Kehoe.

Sunday, 15th December – Parents of First Holy Communion Children.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion –

Saturday, 14th December – Leah & Liz Austin, Victoria Faulkner.

Sunday, 15th December – Susan Hughes, Marie Curry, Patricia Leonard.

ST VINCENT de PAUL – Rathvilly/Kiltegan Conference

SVP Annual Collection this weekend 7th/ 8th December. All funds raised will be spent in this community helping those who need it most with food, heating and education costs. Each year our conference makes numerous visits to families and people in need in this community. We rely entirely on the support of you, the generous parishioners of Rathvilly Kiltegan Parish. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

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

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to all the wonderful kind people who visited me in hospital and brought beautiful presents. To those who phoned, text, sent cards and Mass Bouquets. Thanks for all your support and prayers. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions – Many thanks, Eithne Condon.

KEVIN BARRY 100

Committee Meeting on Monday, 9th December in the Phoenix Centre at 8 p.m. Please return Christmas Draw Cards – sold and unsold. All welcome.

REACH OUT 2019

Parishioners across the diocese will receive their Reach Out 2019 Christmas Gift from the Parish and Message from Bishop Denis next weekend the Third Sunday of Advent 15th December. Central to Reach Out this year is the call to 'Share with the Hungry'. The gift is a trolley coin fob that also carries the Reach Out Message.

NOVELTY BINGO

Novelty Bingo in aid of St Vincent de Paul this Sunday, 8th December at 3 p.m. in the Phoenix Centre. €5 including afternoon tea. €2.50 for children. All welcome.

CELTIC BROTHERS CONCERT

Baltinglass Hospital Fundraiser in aid of installing a Multi Sensory Room welcomes Christmas with "Celtic Brothers" starring The Willoughby's on Sunday 8th December at 8 p.m. in **Tynock Church**. Limited Tickets at €20 each. Contact Mary 083 8272963, John Joe 087 2668300 or Maebh 086 8061654 or email: multisensoryconcert@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF CALCUTTA

Clothes Collection supporting Friends of Calcutta (CHY NO 13218) on **Monday December 9th**. Bags of clothes can be left at The Phoenix Centre up to 2pm. All wearable clothing and footwear most welcome. Sadly we cannot accept duvets, pillows and cushions. To view a short film which captures the joy of what you so generously supported last year please visit 'Rajiv 19' on 'Youtube' All enquiries to Michael Hopkins 087 9073074

CARLOW CHORAL SOCIETY

JOY TO THE WORLD – Saturday, 14th December at 8 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. Tickets €20 – children Free - available from Rathvilly Parish Office 9161114 or at Eventbrite.ie or email: carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com

WILD FLOWER CAFÉ – Friday, 13th December – 7.00 – 10.00 p.m.

3 Course Christmas Feast met by a wonderful warm complimentary mulled wine on arrival. Don't miss out on this wonderful evening of Christmas festivities. Tickets €30 pp available at the café or online at eventbrite.

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. **Choir Rehearsals** every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 pm in the Phoenix Centre. Everyone is welcome.

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.