

JUBILEE OF DEACONS 22nd – 23rd February 2025

The Jubilee of Deacons has a theme: ‘Deacons: Joyful Witnesses of Hope’, reminding us that Deacons help bring the hope and love of Christ to a world which has lost hope.

PRAYER FOR DEACONS

Mary, who as teacher of faith, by your obedience to the word of God, has co-operated in a remarkable way with the work of redemption, make the ministry of deacons effective by teaching them to hear the Word and to proclaim it faithfully. Mary, teacher of charity, who by your total openness to God's call, has co-operated in bringing to birth all the Church's faithful, make the ministry and the life of deacons fruitful by teaching them to give themselves totally to the service of the People of God. Mary, teacher of prayer, who through your maternal intercession has supported and helped the Church from her beginnings, make deacons always attentive to the needs of the faithful by teaching them to come to know the value of prayer. Mary, teacher of humility, by constantly knowing yourself to be the servant of the Lord you were filled with the Holy Spirit, make deacons docile instruments in Christ's work of redemption by teaching them the greatness of being the least of all. Mary, teacher of that service which is hidden, who by your everyday and ordinary life filled with love, knew how to co-operate with the salvific plan of God in an exemplary fashion, make deacons good and faithful servants, by teaching them the joy of serving the Church with an ardent love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

That faithful men may come forward to be formed and ordained as deacons and bring hope to people both inside and outside of the Church.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

That deacons may serve well the ministries of the word, the altar and charity which are inseparably joined together as one in the service of God's redemptive plan.

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ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE

www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam

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RADIO MARIA IRELAND – Streaming on our Website: www.radiomaria.ie

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's **St. Patrick's** **The Assumption**
Talbotstown **Rathvilly** **Tynock**
Sat/Sun, 22nd & 23rd February 2025 **7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 22nd & 23rd February

Kathleen (Eta) Moore, Ricketstown & London – 1st Anniversary

Eithne Condon, Cnoc Mhuire

James & Mary Ellen McNamara, Ballyoliver & deceased family members

James & Elizabeth Byrne, Ballyoliver

Peter Reilly, Kevin Barry Road

Elizabeth & James Byrne, Tobinstown

Sat/Sun, 1st & 2nd March

Pray for Pat Kirton whose Funeral takes place on 4th March in Great Yarmoth, Norfolk

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Tommy & Bridget Cassells, Ricketstown

Johnnie & Annie Dempsey, Ricketstown

Nan Sibbald, Phelan Street and deceased family members

Peter Carroll, Knocklishen and deceased family members

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – Adoration each Friday 3 – 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 23rd February – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader: Nigel Byrne.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 2nd March – Mass at 9.30 a.m. Reader – Fiona Kane.

PASTORAL VISIT FROM BISHOP DENIS NULTY

Bishop Denis will celebrate Mass on Saturday, 8th March in St. Patrick's Church at 7.30 p.m. He wishes to meet the confirmation candidates and their families.

ST PATRICK'S DAY IN RATHVILLY

Weather permitting Rathvilly Parish will celebrate St Patrick's Day in a special way this year. People are invited to gather at St Patrick's Well on March 17th at **10:15am** where shamrock and water will be collected. Prayers will be said at the well in honour of St Patrick. We will then process to St Patrick's Church for Mass. After this celebration all are invited for light refreshments in the parish meeting room.

CHURCH FLOWERS – Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the Flower Collection last weekend. To date €595 was collected.

PARISH SURVEY

Copies of the Parish Survey are available in each Church or you can fill out the Survey on line at the Parish Facebook Page or our Parish Website. All surveys to be filled out or returned before Saturday, 1st March. This will guide the work of the redevelopment group in the parish and allow all parishioners voices to be heard. Your support and time is much appreciated in completing this activity.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 15th & 16th February

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections.

Rathvilly: Offertory €383.51 Envelopes €317.50

Kiltegan: Offertory €125.60 Envelopes €204.38

PARISH LOTTO (Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Draw)

Results from 19th February, 2025 No Jackpot winner of €12,000

Numbers: 03-13-16-30. 17 Match 3 numbers get €59 each.

One local match three winner this week.

Winner – McNamara Household, Bough. Promoter – Trish Leonard.

Next draw on Wednesday, 26th February. **Jackpot €13,000.**

The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.

Thank you to our parishioners for supporting the Lotto.

Tickets available in the Post Office, Parish Office, Lotto promoters and also in Rathvilly, Tynock & Talbotstown Churches after Mass in the Sacristy.

RATHVILLY COMMUNITY CENTRE AGM

Rathvilly Community Centre Committee will hold its AGM on the 25th February 2025 in Lawlor's Bar at 7.30pm. Open invite to anyone interested in the School House Community and Enterprise Centre, please come along and show your support.

POOR CLARE MONASTERY CARLOW

Did it ever cross your mind that God might be calling you to the Poor Clare way of life if so you are welcome to our Monastic Experience on March 1st from 2p.m. to 4p.m. If interested please contact us before the date poorclaresvoc@gmail.com Poor Clare Monastery Carlow. Registered Charity No: 20019372 CHY: 8097

Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators: Don't mow, let it grow!

Reduce mowing to allow native wildflowers like Dandelions, Clover and Birds-foot Trefoil to naturally return over time. By reducing mowing – even to once a month – you will help them to slowly return, one pocket at a time.

Where? Everywhere! Even tiny biodiversity margins are valuable.

pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 4-14-16-20

Match 3 win or share €150

Mick Byrne Carlow 4-10-14-16

On Line winner

Next week draw 25 Feb. 2025 **Jackpot €2,700**

Thank you for your continued support.

JOURNEYING IN HOPE THROUGH LENT

Lenten Retreat - Morning of Prayer and Reflection at Teach Bhride on Saturday, March 8th, 2025: 10:00am – Finishing with lunch at 1:00pm

Facilitators: Brigidine Sisters--- Teresa Phelan & Teresa Carter

RSVP: Call 089 970 5761 or 083 392 8708 by Thursday, March 6th.

€15.00 fee –includes lunch.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 1 – 16 – 26 – 29

Nuala and Liz c/o Nuala Byrne, Rathvilly 1-6-16-26 Jenny Donegan

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Chrissie Deering, Patrickswell, Rathvilly.

Next draw 25th. Feb. 2025 Jackpot €13,400. Thank you for all your support

ENERGY ADVICE CLINIC AT CARLOW LIBRARY!

Got questions about making your home more energy efficient? Join us for a one-on-one chat with an energy expert at our upcoming Energy Advice Clinic!

Date: 27th February @ 11am to 1pm Location: Carlow Town Library

Six 15-minute slots available – Pre-registration is required at the library.

This is your chance to get personalized advice on home energy efficiency or upgrades! Whether you're curious about insulation, heating systems, or reducing your energy bills, we're here to help. What to bring: A recent energy bill

Photos of your home (windows, roof, heating system, etc.)

Property details (Year built, roof orientation, heating system)

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to make your home more energy efficient!

Register today at Carlow Town Library! Spots are limited, so act fast!

Menopause Educator Breeda Bermingham Author of Midlife Women Rock will

present a talk on Menopause on Tuesday 11th March 6 - 8pm at Carlow Library,

Email library@carlowcoco.ie to book or for any queries.

SING FOR JOY! - A DAY OF MUSIC AND MINISTRY

Are you involved, or keen to become involved in Church Music in your Parish, School, University etc.? We invite you to join us for 'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry. Saturday 26th April 2025 at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Boat departs at 9:30am. This day is open to young people aged 18-35 and is free to attend Registration is essential via <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy> or info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk / +447759496677.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LUXEMBOURG

honouring Carlow Trained St Willibrord. Join Fr Thomas O'Byrne and our ecumenical friends from the Diocese of Leighlin as the Diocese and the Cathedral Parish travel to Luxembourg from Sunday June 8th to Wednesday June 11th, 2025. Bookings for this unique pilgrimage through Tully's Travel, Tullow Street, Carlow Town, Tel: 059 9136100, €685.00 per person sharing.

Graiguecullen BINGOON Tuesday 25th February St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 48 numbers €1740 Double number €530 Lotto €700