

Pray for Sean McCourt, Mullaunmore, Ballon
Fr. John Cummins, P.P. Abbeyleix who died during the week

Sat 2nd 6.00pm Ballon Marie Whelan, New Oak Estate

Sun 3rd 10.30am Rathoe Teresa Hutton, Rathoe
1st Anniversary

Sun 3rd 11.30am Ballon

Wed 6th 10.00am Rathoe Blessing of Candles

Thurs 7th 10.00am Ballon Blessing of Candles

Sat 9th 6.00pm Ballon Tommy Nolan, Ballon and his
daughter Eileen

Sun 10th 10.30am Rathoe Eddie & Dilly O'Byrne, Rathoe
Colette Hutton, Ballonvalley
Margaret Shanaghan, Ballymogue.
Nancy & Ned Halligan,
Ballinrane

Sun 10th 11.30am Ballon

Mass will be offered later for John Clarke & Margaret Joyce,
Graiguealug

Collections 27th January: Offertory €533.35. Weekly Envelopes :
€543.10. **Thank you for your generosity to the collections**

Cuchulainn Rounders Club Registration will be held on Tues 5th Feb
7.00-8.30pm in Ballon Community Centre. Registration Fees €15 first child,
€20 two children, € 25 three children or more & Seniors €25. Players must
be 10 before 1st Jan 2019 and all players must be registered prior to training/
playing matches. New members please bring copy of Birth Certificate.

Save the Date - Last Chance Debs in Joe Doyles Pub on Bank
Holiday Saturday 4th May, More information to follow.

Winner of this weeks **Split the Pot** draw was Amy Moloney winning €83.
Next weeks draw will take place on 5th Feb in Joe Doyles Pub. Envelopes
on sale, €2 in McAsseys Shop, Siopa Glas, Joe Doyle's & Kavanagh's Pub

Kildavin / Clonegal Drama Group are busy rehearsing their forthcoming
production of "The Two Loves of Gabriel Foley" by Jimmy Keary. This
hilarious play will take to the stage on Saturday 9th, Sunday 10th and
Saturday 16th February. So please make a note in your diary, this event is
not to be missed. The group looks forward to seeing you all, so come along
for a night of live comedy at its best.

RATHOE COMMUNITY CHILDCARE Outdoor preschool now enrolling for
free ECCE years for children wishing to start in September 2019. After-
school service also available. Contact Paula/Barbara on 059-9148879

TULLOW COMMUNITY SCHOOL. A Parent/Teacher meeting for parents
of 2nd year pupils will be held in Tullow Community School on Monday
4th February, 2019 FROM 4.15 – 6.30 P.M.

Tullow Community. School. The Parents Association in conjunction with
the Community School are offering supervised Saturday study for all stu-
dents, this would be of great benefit to all exam year students. Application
forms are available from the school office.

Ballon National School 5th Class are taking part in the Junior
Entrepreneur Program 2019. Our product is an **International Cook Book**.
We would be very appreciative of sponsorship from individuals or
businesses however big or small to help print our book. Profit will go to
various local charities. Many thanks.

Applications for Enrolment at RATHOE NATIONAL SCHOOL:

Applications for Enrolment for September 2019 are now being accepted.
Please call in to the school for an application form. Alternatively, call the
school office on 059-9148786 or download a copy of the application form,
on our website www.rathoens.com.

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 01--07--11--23. no winner . Lucky Dip:
€100: Sean Fitzgerald, Rathoe, c/o Rachel.; €20 Nicola Nolan, c/o Alice.
€20- Dan Foley, St. Mullins: €20: James Brennan, c/o Lilly Brennan. Next
week's Jackpot: €6400

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Open Tues, Wed & Thurs 10am –1pm

Items for the newsletter must be in by 5 pm each Wed, they can be phoned
in, emailed or put through the letter box.

Fr. Jim O'Connell 086 810 2675 / 059-9180641

Fr. E. Whelan 059-9159329

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED FOR THE NATIONAL PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS: 17TH - 19TH SEPTEMBER 2019

In Sept 2019 up to 280,000 people will visit Ballinrane, Fenagh, Co.
Carlow for the National Ploughing Championships. While local hotels, self-
catering premises and B&B's will cater for many visitors, there is a definite
requirement for additional accommodation in the County Carlow area. If
you have a house or room available to rent at reasonable rates and would
like to support the National Ploughing Championships, please register your
interest on: www.carlowtourism.com/submityourproperty Alternatively con-
tact Carlow Tourism 059-9130411 or info@carlowtourism.com for details

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 04– 11 –14 – 29. Match Three Winner.
€100 John Doyly, Donard. Next week's Jackpot €1,400. Next Draw. Mon
4th February 2019 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tks €2

Juvenile football registration nights are Fri 8th Feb, Fri 15th Feb and
Fri 22nd from 8 to 9pm at Ballon GFC clubhouse, Fighting Cocks club-
house and Kilbride clubhouse. Registration is for U-7,U-9,U-11,U-13,U-15
and U-17. Area teams of the three adult clubs combined will be entered in
all of these age groups under the new name of St. Martin's as per Carlow
Co Board regulations. All players need to be registered before. Training
commences.

The Three Tenors in Concert, Borris Church, Co Carlow. Ireland's
Greatest Voices, an evening of popular classic hits from Sinatra, The Dub-
liners, Pavarotti & Spiritual Favourites! Saturday 16th Feb 8.00pm, Tickets
€25 Available from The Parish Centre, Borris, O'Sheas Centra Borris, Bro-
phy's Shop Borris, The Little Shop Bagenalstown & Doran's Supervalu
Graigueamanagh. This is a Fundraiser for Borris Church.

Let us face rejection with prophetic courage and optimism.

The story of Jesus' rejection in his own hometown is a story that we can
identify with, because it is a story that has happened to most of us. Per-
haps we have experienced the pain of rejection, betrayal, abandonment,
violated trust, neglect or abuse. What about rejection by those closest to
us? Often our friends, families, or childhood companions fail to listen to us,
refuse our advice and reject the words of grace, love and encouragement
that we offer to them because they are unable to see us as God's appoint-
ed instruments, the agents of God's healing and saving grace. Perhaps we
ourselves are guilty of such rejection. How often have we discounted peo-
ple through prejudice? We must realize that God's power is always availa-
ble to transform even the most unlikely people and that His power may
come to us through unlikely instruments

Rejection at the Pearly Gate: A cab driver reaches the Pearly Gates and
announces his presence to St. Peter, who looks him up in his Big Book.
Upon reading the entry for the cabby, St. Peter invites him to grab a silk
robe and a golden staff and to proceed into Heaven. A Priest is next in line
behind the cabby and has been watching these proceedings with interest.
He announces himself to St. Peter. Upon scanning the Priest's entry in the
Big Book, St. Peter furrows his brow and says, "Okay, we'll let you in,
but you will have only a cotton robe and wooden staff." The Priest is aston-
ished and replies, "But I am a man of the cloth. You gave that cab driver a
gold staff and a silk robe. Surely, I rate higher than a cabby." St. Peter
responded matter-of-factly: "Here we are interested in results. When you
preached, people slept. When the cabby drove his taxi, people prayed." ..

My mother is going to have to stop lying about her age because pretty
soon I'm going to be older than she is. *Tripp Evans*

The best way to tell a woman's age, is not to.

Growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional. (Thank God)