

R.I.P.: Pray for Mrs Mary Lacey, Carlow & Bridgie Hogan (nee Travers) who died during the week.

Sat 2nd 6.00pm Ballon Kathleen Curry, Kilbride

Sun 3rd 10.30am Rathoe

Sun 3rd 11.30am Ballon Thomas & Bridget Kelly, Ballon

Mon 4th 7.30pm Ballon

**Ash Wednesday, 6th — Day of Fast & Abstinence  
Distribution of Ashes at Masses**

**Rathoe 10.00am Ballon 7.00pm.**

Thurs 7th 10.00am Ballon

Fri. 8th 7.30pm Rathoe

Sat 9th 6.00pm Ballon Sean McCourt, Ballon, Months Mind  
Patrick & Josephine Kealy,  
Carrigslaney  
Pat O'Toole, Kilbride

Sun 10th 10.30am Rathoe Breda Esmonde, Ballintrane

Sun 10th 11.30am Ballon Patrick & Mary Lalor & their  
daughter Marie, Ballykealy.

**Collections 24th February** :Offertory €540.15. Weekly Envelopes:  
€549.00 *Thank you for your generosity to the collections.*

## Housebound will be attended during the coming week.

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**I will hold Patricia in my heart.**

Patricia a shy little 8 year old from Uganda whose family's land is being stolen from them, bit by bit, since the day her father died. This Lent please help Patricia, and **let your love conquer fear.**

Your kind donation to Trócaire this Lent helps all the children and families we work with work while. Thank you so much for holding them in your heart.

**Trócaire Boxes will be distributed on Sunday.**

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**Lent is a time that we often associate with giving up something.**

**Day 1: Pick up some litter around your house.**

**Day 2: Help with making/cleaning up after a meal.**

**Day 3: Let somebody go ahead of you in a queue.**

**Day 4: Hold open a door/elevator for somebody.**

**Cuchulainn Rounders** . Winner of this weeks Split the Pot was Brian O'Regan, Kilbride winning €81. Next weeks draw will take place on Tues 5th March in Joe Doyles Pub. Envelopes on sale, €2 in McAsseys Shop, Siopa Glas, Joe Doyle's & Kavanagh's Pub.

U13 Boys & Girls Rounders training every Tuesday 7.00-8.00pm in Ballon Hall. Please bring €2 to cover hall costs. All kids must be registered in order to train. Anyone who wishes to register for 2019 season can contact Vanessa Dowling on 087 6973498.

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**Ballon GFC Lotto.** No Winner. No's: 14- 22 -24 - 28. Match Three Winner: P.J. Lawlor, Shraugh. €100: Next week's Jackpot €1,600. Next Draw Mon 4th March 2019 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tks €2

**Graigucullen Swimming Pool** Easter Swim Camps 059 9140330  
CAMP 1 MORNING MON 15th - FRI 19th APRIL @ 10AM- 10.45 AM  
CAMP 2 EVENING MON 15th - FRI 19th APRIL @ 6PM - 6.45PM  
PLEASE NOTE BOTH CAMPS ARE RUN ON THE SAME WEEK Fill in a booking form with €20 deposit per child. Due to the increase in demand for lessons bookings cannot be accepted without a deposit. Children must be at least 4 years of age.

## Ballon-Rathoe Parish Office The Old School, Ballon. Phone No: 087 421 3030

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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

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**All Saints Aghade**, A Lenten Service of the Word in preparation for Holy Week and Easter Lent 3. Sun 24th March 2019 at 7.00pm.

Featuring Graigueamanagh Brass Band, The Four Hims, The Adelaides, The Parish Choir of St. Peter & Paul's, Church Choir, Ballon

**The Eist Cancer Support Centre** provides emotional support and practical help to anyone affected by cancer, their families and friends. The centre is currently running a variety of programmes including nutrition and mindfulness - please contact Eist at the Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow on 059 9139684 for further details.

**Ballon GAA Pitch Bookings** All bookings for Ballon pitch, sports field and clubhouse can only be made through John Kelly at 086 3479446 /0599159338. Bookings through any other source will not be verified or honoured. All clubs who intend to use the facilities please take note.

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**Burrin Celtic Lotto:** No's 04---07---14---29. no winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Kay Scully, c/o Bingo. €20 -Michael Brophy, c/o Ann Connors : €20- Damien Byrne, Kiltegan: €20: Igor Bilic, c/o Alice. Next Wk's Jackpot: €6,600. Draw every Tues @ 8.30pm.

**RATHOE COMMUNITY CHILDCARE:** Outdoor preschool now enrolling for free ECCE places starting in September 2019. Afterschool places also available. Call Paula/Barbara on 059-9148879 .

## Graigucullen Monster BINGO Tuesday 5th March.

People who are willing to complain about others in their absence are reluctant to do so to their faces. A preacher, capitalizing on this fact, devised an effective way of handling such critics. He kept a special book labeled, "Complaints of Members Against One Another." When one of them would tell him about some fault of a fellow parishioner, he would say, "Well, here's my complaint book. I'll write down what you say, and you can sign your name to it. When I see that person, I'll take up the matter with him." That open ledger, and the critic's awareness of his own faults, always had a restraining effect. Immediately the complainer would exclaim, "Oh, no, I couldn't sign anything like that!" In 40 years, that book was opened a thousand times, but no entry was ever made.

**What a preacher, his sermons were like water to a drowning man.**

## THE PARENT'S PRAYER:

GOD GRANT ME THE SERENITY  
TO ACCEPT MY KIDS CAN BE JERKS.

THE COURAGE TO NOT SCREAM  
AT THEM CONSTANTLY.

AND WISDOM TO REALIZE WHERE  
THEY PROBABLY GOT IT FROM.

