

R.I.P.: Remember Catherine (Kitty) Dalton, Mullaunmore who died during the week.

St. Patrick's Day

Vigil 16th 6.00pm Ballon

Sun 17th 10.30am Rathoe

Sun 17th 11.30am Ballon

Mon 18th 7.30pm Ballon Kealy Family, Closh

Wed 20th 10.00am Rathoe **Easter Station**

Thurs 21st 10.00am Ballon **Easter Station**

Fri. 22nd 7.30pm Rathoe

Vigil 23rd 6.00pm Ballon

Sun 24th 10.30am Rathoe Dominic Hunt, Months Mind

Sun 24th 11.30am Ballon

Collections 10th March: Offertory €725.50 Weekly Envelopes: €586.00 *Thank you for your generosity to the collections.*

March 24th: Easter Stations envelope for the support of the Priests of the Parish in your box of envelopes or any envelope

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.

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

Day 12: Recommend to somebody your favourite book or movie

Day 13: Listen carefully to somebody talking to you

Day 14: Feed the birds in your garden with some nuts or seeds

Day 15: Compliment a friend or family member

Day 16: Reconnect with a distant friend/family member

Day 17: Send a "Good Morning" message to a loved one.

Day 18: Put your phone/computer console away for one hour.

Cuchulainn Rounders . Winner of this weeks Split The Pot was Frances Dowling winning €103. Winner of lullymore Heritage & Discovery Park was Mick Moloney. Draw next Tuesday 19th March - Envelopes on sale in McAsseys Shop, Siopa Glas, Joe Doyles Pub & Kavanaghs Bar. 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. Sincere thanks to everyone who supported our recent Church Gate Collection in Ballon & Rathoe Churches.

Rathoe Training Hub. : Manual Handling: 28th March 6pm - 9pm. €40 (discount for groups of two or more) Perfect Hair at Home: 3rd April for 6 weeks €60 (Learn how to do your own upstyle, Curls and blow dry with Salon results) Interior Design classes starting 19th of March, 7pm to 9pm for six weeks. €50 for the six week course Phone 0599148879 or email: info@rathoecommunitychildcare.com or like us on facebook

Daffodil Day: Coffee Day at the home of the late Rita Nolan, Ballon Village on Fri 22nd March 2019. From 9am till late. All monies raised going to Carlow Kilkenny Homecare, ÉIST, Irish Cancer Society, and Lollipop Day. Daffodils wanted for Tuesday night. Contact Valerie: 087-9180310

Rathoe Song & Story; The March session of Song & Story will be held in Rathoe Hall on Sun 24th March at 8pm. **Admission is FREE.** Everyone welcome. Light Refreshments served.

CHILDMINDER available to care for child/children in the Kilbride area. Reference available. Ph: 087-6549054

Burren Rangers Hurling & Camogie Club Final Registrations for 2019 will take place on Tuesday 19th, 8 to 9pm in Ballon Community Centre. Registration Fees; Adult Player €50, Student €30, Juveniles 1st Child €30, 2nd €20, 3 or more €60. Parent Membership (including voting rights at AGM and chance to enter draw for All-Ireland tickets) €20, Family €100.

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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

Shrines of France Pilgrimage 6th-13th August 2019. Cost €949 per person. Includes flights, travel insurance airline taxes. Lourdes 3 nights, 1night in each of the following: Rocamadour, Nevers, Paris, & Lisieux. Full religious programme organised by Joe Walsh Tours & led by Spiritual Director. A non refundable deposit of €200 is required when booking. A detailed itinerary is available from the Parish Office or Joe Walsh Tours.

Burren Rangers/St. Martin's Juvenile Club have an ongoing collection of clothing, towels, soft toys, shoes paired, handbags, and belts in an effort to raise funds for the club. No dirty or wet clothing, mats, carpets, pillows, books, laptops or mobiles. Bags will be collected at training sessions or collection can be arranged. Contact: Martina Donald on 087-2803116, Caroline O'Toole, 086-8584282 or Niamh Nolan 086-8723088.

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

Eist Cancer Support Centre, in conjunction with Brain Tumour Ireland, are hosting a Brain Tumour Support Group on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 from 7 to 9 pm. in their Centre at The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow. This Support Group is for those diagnosed with a Brain Tumour and their families. For further details please call Eist on 059 9139684. Also the Women's Breast Cancer Support Group is held at the Centre every 2nd Tuesday from 7.30 - 9 pm. (12th and 26th March, 9th April).

All Players must be registered before taking part in Coaching or Playing.
Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 07---12---15---18. no winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Julianne Fitzgerald, Corries: €20 -Patricia Roche, Rathoe: €20- Adam Nolan, Ballykealy: €20: Ann Connors, Rathoe: Next Wk's Jackpot: €6,700. Draw every Tues @ 8.30pm.

Patrick's writings

Two of St Patrick's own writings have come down to us. Patrick's Confession and his Letter to the soldiers of Coroticus. They are a completely different literary genre from the various lives of Irish saints that were written in subsequent centuries. Stung by criticisms of him and his mission to preach the gospel in Ireland, Patrick wrote his Confession (or religious life story)

'My name is Patrick...

I am a sinner, a simple country person, and the least of all believers. I am looked down upon by many. My father was Calpornius. He was a deacon; his father was Potitus, a priest, who lived at Bannavem Taburniae. His home was near there, and that is where I was taken prisoner. I was about sixteen at the time

A man took his wife along to a marriage counsellor. The counsellor asked him to explain their problem. The man said 'What's her name here claims I don't pay her enough attention'.

Many people die of thirst but the Irish are born with one. *Spike Milligan*

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