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| Sat 6th 6.00pm Ballon | |
| Sun 7th 10.30am Rathoe | Austin Donohue, Kilcoole M.M Patrick Donohue, Rathoe |
| Sun 7th 11.30am Ballon | |
| Mon 8th 7.30pm Ballon | |
| Tues 9th 7.30pm Ballon | Confessions for Easter |
| Wed 10th 10.00am Rathoe | Confession at 7.30pm for Easter |
| Thurs 11th 10.00am Ballon | |
| Fri. 12th 7.30pm Rathoe | P.J.Cummins & Martin Cummins |
| PALM SUNDAY Blessing of Palm at all Masses | |
| Sat 13th Vigil 6.00pm Ballon | Danny Dowling, Templepeter and also remembering baby Emily Caulfield. Martin Cummins, Ballon Hill P.J. Cummins, Ballintrane |
| Sun 14th 10.30am Rathoe | Jim O'Reilly, Rathoe Ciarán O'Byrne, Rathoe. |
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Collections 31st March: Offertory €535.40. Weekly Envelopes: €513.90. *Thank you for your generosity to the collections.*

Chrism Mass on Monday, April 15 at 7:30pm in Carlow Cathedral.

The diocese is a family of parishes and on this night, we get to gather as a family, priests and people from our 56 parishes. This is a wonderful celebration rich in music and ritual. Come early to get a seat and stay for a cuppa afterwards!

Your kind donation to Trócaire this Lent helps all the children and families we work with work while. Thank you

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

Day 33: Say "I'm Sorry" to somebody who you may have hurt without meaning to

Day 34: Write a list of 5 things that you are grateful for. Keep beside your bed

Day 35: Tell a friend how much they mean to you

Day 36: Send somebody a quote that you like/inspires you

Day 37: Make an upbeat playlist for somebody who needs cheering up

'PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE ARCHIVES' A new book 'Photographs from the Archives' compiled by Michael Dawson will be launched in Kavanagh's pub on Monday 15 April at 8pm. The book runs to 130 pages and contains some 160 old photographs from Ballon and Rathoe many of which were never previously published. All are welcome to attend.

TULLOW DAY CARE CENTRE PHONE: 059 9151833 IMPORTANT NOTICE - GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER MONDAY CLOSURE DAYS

Tullow Day Care Centre CLG will be closed Good Friday 19th April and Easter Monday 22nd April. The centre will re-open Tuesday 23rd April. We hope you all have a wonderful Easter. We thank you for your continued support. "Tullow Day Care Centre will hold their Annual General Meeting on Tues 16th April at 8pm in the centre, all welcome to attend".

FREE ART EXHIBITION: Shaw Room, Carlow Central Library; Mon 8th-Friday 12th April, 10.30-1.30 daily. Local Artists (Service Users) attending Social Farming placements in Co. Carlow, have produced an interpretative visual display of Artwork depicting, an Ancient Mass Pathway, Stone Styles and Green fields along its route. This exhibition of work announces the existence of a Mass pathway located at Kilcoole, Rathoe, Co. Carlow and links ancient settlement sites in neighbouring Kellistown and Graiguealug. This project and the works produced have been funded by Creative Ireland: Art Council. Please feel free to pop along in passing the beautiful works on display. For info you can contact: Simone Webb 085 753 4544

Rathoe Retirement Group will resume their meeting after the winter break on **Wed 17th April at 2.30pm** in Rathoe Hall. New members welcome.

Ballon-Rathoe Parish Office

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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

"Tullow Community School Parents Association are holding a Bag Packing fundraiser for the school in Hicksons Super Valu, Tullow on Thurs 11th & Fri 12th April. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Your donations allow the Parents Association to assist in providing funding for study sessions, projects, excursions and activities that help to enrich the experience of the students in the school."

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's: 06-13-21-26. Match Three Winner: €50 : Rose Byrne, Castlegrace, Seamie Byrne, Connaberry. Next week's Jackpot €1,850 Next Draw Mon 8th April 2019 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tks €2

"Tullow Day Care Centre will hold a Novelty Bingo in their centre on Thursday 11th April at an earlier time of 2.30pm. Single book €4.00 & double book €6.00. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome."

NEXT meeting of Ballon Improvement Group will be at 8.30pm on Wed 10th April. **At 6 pm we will have a huge litter pick up. Please come along and join us. Meet at Siopa Glas at 6pm. Bags and litter pickers supplied.**

Rathoe Training Hub: Health & Safety Training Manual Handling Training. 10th April 6 - 9.30 €40pp Fire Warden Training. 8th April 6-9. €40pp
Rathoe Community Childcare Outdoor preschool now enrolling for Sept 2019. Afterschool places also available for free and reduced rates

Are you? Struggling with Anxiety or Depression? Finding Life Difficult? Isolated? GROW is here to help you Our Mental Health Support groups are free and confidential and open to all, no referral or booking needed. Just come along. Weekly Meeting Time is: Tuesday @ 7.45pm Venue: St Catherine's Social Services Centre Joseph's Road Carlow Town Contact: Mary 087 2843424

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 04---07---18---23. no winner. Lucky Dip: €100: P.Doyle/C.Kelly, The Oaks: €20 -Nellie Doyle, Kilbride: €20- Emilia O'Toole, Borris.: €20: Catherine B. Lator, c/o Bingo: Next Wk's Jackpot: €6,850. Draw every Tues @ 8.30pm

Al-Anon Support Group Are you affected by someone else's drinking? Do you worry about how much they drink? Al-Anon can offer understanding and support for families and friends of problem drinkers whether they are still drinking or not. Al-Anon Family Groups have weekly meetings where all are welcome. Carlow: St. Catherine's Community Service Centre, St. Joseph's Road - Monday @ 8pm Askea Parish Centre, O'Brien Road, Askea - Thurs @ 8pm Or Tel: 01-8732699 info Website: al-anon.ie

Give up *complaining*.....focus on gratitude.
 Give up *pessimism*...become an optimist.
 Give up *harsh judgments*...think kind thoughts.
 Give up *worry*.....trust Divine Providence.
 Give up *discouragement*.....be full of hope.
 Give up *bitterness*.....turn to forgiveness.
 Give up *hatred*.....return good for evil.
 Give up *negativism*.....be positive.
 Give up *anger*.....be more patient.
 Give up *pettiness*.....become more mature.
 Give up *gloom*.....enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
 Give up *jealousy*....pray for trust.
 Give up *gossiping*.....control your tongue.
 Give up *sin*.....turn to virtue.
 Give up *giving up*....hang in there !!!!!

My trouble is, I put women under a pedestal.
 Very few things upset my wife and it makes me feel special to be one of them.