

R.I.P; Pray for Stasia O'Neill, Kilmurray, Ballon and Teresa Nolan, Laragh, Ballon who died recently.

Sat 25th 6.00pm Ballon	Nicholas & Bernadette Guilfoyle
Sun 26th 10.30am Rathoe	
Sun 26th 11.30am Ballon	Bill Maher, Ballylean John, Kate & Kathleen Brennan
Mon 27th 7.30pm Ballon	
Wed 29th 10.00am Rathoe	
Thurs 30th 10.00am Ballon	
Fri .31st 7.30pm Rathoe	
Sat 1st 6.00pm Ballon	
Sun 2nd 10.30am Rathoe	John & Josephine Clarke, John McDonald & Family Patrick & Margaret Joyce William & Teresa Aughney, Graiguealug John & Peggy Doyle, Moyle, sons Maurice & John
Sun 2nd 11.30am Ballon	

Collections 19th May : Offertory €693.65. Weekly Envelopes €629.00. Thank you for your continued support

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 05 – 07 –14 – 23. Match Three Winner. €100 Jim Breen, Ballon. Next week's Jackpot €2,200. Next Draw Mon 27th May in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2.

Ballon Business & Training Service Courses: MACHINE SEWING

Tues 4th June 9.30-12.30pm Don't forget your machine! All levels €50 .

ART CLASSES Wed 5th June for 6 weeks €60 Bring your painting gear and easel **DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY BEGINNERS** 5th & 6th June 7pm – 9.30pm €60 Don't forget your camera **BEYOND BEGINNERS**

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY 12th & 13th June 7pm – 9.30pm €60 **TIME**

FOR ME Thurs 20th June 10-12pm 6 week holistic health course incl aromatherapy, mindfulness workshop, Indian head massage, mood boosting foods etc €60

Graiguicullen Swimming Pool. 059 9140330.

EVENING CAMPS 6 – 6.45 pm **MORNING CAMPS** 10 – 10.45 am
CAMP 1: 2nd – 6th July CAMP 3: 16th – 20th July
CAMP 2: 9th – 13th July CAMP 4: 23rd – 27th July
CAMP 5: 30th July – 3rd Aug CAMP 6: 13th – 17th Aug

MONDAY – FRIDAY €40 per child. Fill in a booking form in the Pool office with €20 deposit per child. Due to the increase in demand for lessons bookings cannot be accepted without a deposit. It is recommended that children be at least 4 years of age.

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 02---05---19---26. no winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Harry Nolan, Connaberry, €20 –Cian Byrne, c/o Timmy. €20– Over 35's €20: Johnny Nolan, Laragh Next Wk's Jackpot: €7,150. Draw every Tues @ 8.30pm

Carlow County Museum will be running two free calligraphy workshops for children (aged 9-12) with renowned calligrapher Tim O' Neill, as part of Cruinniú na nÓg on Saturday June 15th. Two workshops will be held from 12-1pm, and from 2.30-3.30pm. Places are limited and must be booked in advance by emailing museum@carlowcoco.ie. More details are available at www.cruinniú.creativeireland.gov.ie

PLEASE GIVE BLOOD

on Sun 26th May in Talbot Hotel, Carlow from 12.00pm—3.30pm & Mon 27th—Wed 29th May from 4.30pm—8.00pm. **LoCall 1850 731 137**

1 in 4 need blood BUT only 3% give blood.

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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

ANNUAL PARISH DRAW DRAW WILL BE HELD ON TUES 28TH MAY IN RATHOE HALL 8.30PM.

It would be very helpful if tickets were handed in beforehand.

RATHOE COMMUNITY CHILDCARE: PRESCHOOL: Now enrolling for free ECCE preschool places for September 2019. **SUMMER CAMP:** Full day summer camp 9am - 4.30pm for first 2 weeks of July. Reduced rates for those in receipt of social welfare and/or medical card, reduction also for siblings. **EGM:** EGM to elect a new committee on Wednesday June 5th at 7.30pm in our centre, all welcome.

RATHOE TRAINING HUB: UPCOMING COURSES IN JUNE: Manual Handling, June 18th, 10am - 1.30pm, €40. Fire Warden Training, June 19th, 10am - 1pm, €40. Hair Techniques at Home, June 26th, 6.30pm - 9.30pm, €20. Mannequin heads will be used to practice a variety of curls and plaits including Dutch braid, fishtail, waterfall braid, perfecting back combing and some simple up styles and down styles. Paediatric First Aid, date TBC, €50 Contact 059-9148879 to book or email: info@rathoecommunitychildcare.com. Reduction for group bookings. Check out our Facebook page for most up to date info

Cuchulainn Rounders Congratulations to our U13 Boys who represented Ballon/Rathoe Athletic Club last Sunday in the Community Games Final in Ballon GFC against Askea, Carlow. Ballon Rathoe emerged winners as their experience showed but the Askea team were a formidable force and there were some great moments in the match. Best of luck to our Boys who now go forward to Leinster Semi Finals on 6th/7th July. Team: Dylan Cunningham, Billy Flynn, Keelan Reynolds, Eoin Doyle, Brian Maher, Jamie Maher, Kyle Abbey, James McDermott Walshe, James Dowling, Stephen Doyle, Johnny Maher & Eddie Hourihan.

Winner of this weeks Split the Pot was Bridget McGrath, Siopa Glas winning €85. Next draw takes place on Tues 28th May in Joe Doyles Pub. Envelopes on sale €2 in McAsseys Shop, Siopa Glas, Joe Doyles & Kavanaghs. Thanks to everyone for their continued support. Best of Luck to our U13 Boys & Girls will compete on Sunday 3rd June in the U13 Boys & Girls Feile Competition in The Heath GAA, Laois.

Rathoe Song & Story; The May session of Song & Story will be held in Rathoe Hall on **Sun 26th May at 8pm. Admission is FREE.** Everyone welcome. Light Refreshments served.

Brendan Behan, an Irish playwright, virtually drank himself to death. His biographer attributes it to an unrelenting sense of guilt. Behan went to England on a mission for the I.R.A. One day he planted a bomb set to go off during rush hour. It exploded as a young woman with her baby was passing by. Both died in the blast! Brendan Behan was overwhelmed with guilt for killing that innocent woman and her baby. And as time went on he increasingly tried to drown his memories and silence his conscience in a bottle, without success! Guilt is a terrible thing. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had a guide in life a guide that will help us avoid those things that we know are wrong, those things that fill us with regret? Christ has promised us such a guide. That guide is the Holy Spirit

The First Communion school children in Ballon had all been photographed with Fr. Jim sitting in their center. The Fr. Jim was trying to persuade the children to buy a copy of the group photo. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer; she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael; he's a doctor.' A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's Fr. Jim; he's dead."