

R.I.P.: Pray for Peter Murphy, Carrigaline, Cork husband of Marie Quirke, Ballymogue

Sat 4th 6.00pm Ballon

Sun 5th 10.30am Rathoe

Mary Cummins, Ballytarsna MM
John & Doreen Aughney, Roscatt

Sun 5th 11.30am Ballon

Mon 6th Ballon 7.30pm

Wed 8th 10.00am Rathoe

Thurs 9th 10.00am Ballon

Fri 10th 7.30pm Rathoe

Martin & Bridget Byrne, Ballour

Sat 11th 6.00pm Ballon

Sun 12th 10.30am Rathoe

Sun 12th 11.30am Ballon

Thomas & Kathleen O'Halloran,
Grangeford

Thanks to all who contributed to the Easter Collection.

Envelopes still available in the back of the church if you wish to contribute.

Collections : Offertory €631.95. Weekly Envelopes €445.00

Thank you for your continued support

Graveyard Masses 2019

Ballon: Sunday 9th June at 7.00pm

Rathoe Sunday 7th July at 7.00pm

Templepeter Sunday 30th June at 3.00pm

Ballon Improvement Group: Mindless damage has been done to some of our new Tree Trail signs. Signs 2 & 3 have been completely vandalized. Sign 7 is also damaged. Sign 3 has already been replaced.

Damages amount to over €1,200. Gardai have been informed and are investigating. If any member of the public has any information please contact Tullow Garda Station in confidence on 059-9151222

These signs are very special and were only recently installed under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme. ***Our lovely walkway deserves better than this***

Tullow Community School: "The latest bulletin from NPCpp (National Parents Council post primary) on Senior Cycle Pathways and Flexibility is available to view on the NPCpp website & Tullow Community School Parents Assoc Facebook Page from Monday 6th May. According to the NPCpp this is a good example of how affiliate fees are used to create educational change & may be an interesting read for post primary parents"

It's 1st Communion time again, and a great time to have that special family photograph taken. 1st communion is in Ballon on May 11th, and Pat Bermingham will be taking family photographs in the Community Centre on that day, and in Rathoe Hall on May 18th for First Communion in Rathoe. There are special photo packages for these occasions, so please book in advance. Mobile 087/2455992.

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 16- 17 -19 - 25. No Match 3 Winners. Lucky Dip: Jamie Thorp, Killane, Bridget McGrath, Largah Beg, Fr. Whelan, Caitriona Fanning, Laragh. Next week's Jackpot €2,050. Next Draw. Tue 7th May 2019 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2.

The Apostolic Work Society are holding their Annual Retreat in St. Patrick's College, Kiltegan on Sunday 12th May 2019, commencing at 10 o'clock. Cost €20 (includes lunch & tea). If interested please phone: 087-1248658.

Rathoe Annual Tea Party on Sunday 19th May 2019 in Rathoe Hall at 5pm. Tickets €10 each. Proceeds in aid of Car Park.

Ballon Business & Training Service, The Old School. **New Courses**
Beginners Digital Photography 5th & 6th June 7-9.30pm €60.
Beyond Beginners Digital Photography Workshop 12th & 13th June 7pm - 9.30pm €60. To book your place Phone: 059-915944

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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

Instead of Silver Circle this year we are holding an once off Draw. Tickets €20 each. Total Prize Fund €3000. Prizes: 1st €1000, 2nd & 3rd.€500. 4th, 5th & 6th €200. 7th €150, 8th €100, 9th & 10th €50, 11th & 12th €25. Tickets on sale from Parish Council members, McAssey's & Siopa Glas, Connors Shop, Rathoe & Parish Office. Draw will be held on Tues 28th May in Rathoe Hall 8.30pm.

THE VHI Mini Marathon will take place on Sunday 2nd June. If you are interested in taking part (running or walking) and getting sponsored to raise funds for Éist. We provide the bus to Dublin and a tee shirt for the day. For more info and sponsorship cards contact Mary 085 1440510, Geraldine 0871275748 or the Eist Centre 0599139684

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 15---19---23---27. no winner. Lucky Dips: €100: Jimmy McGrath, Ballylinan, €20 -Miriam Lloyd, Café de Mode. €20- Denise Jordan, Ballon. €20: Sean Fitzgerald, Kylemore Hill, Rathoe: Next Wk's Jackpot: €7,000. Draw every Tues @ 8.30pm

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**

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

Carlow Choral Society - Summer Concert - Haydn & Mozart Carlow Choral Society presents its Summer Concert in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, on Saturday May 18th at 8.00pm. Tickets are €20.00 and the concert is free for accompanied children. Tickets are available www.carlowchoralsociety.net and from choir members. For further information contact: Miriam Kelly, Secretary at 087 -9422608 or carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com.

Do you love me? Fiddler on the Roof set in [Tsarist Russia](#) in 1905. One day Tevye comes into the house and asks his wife, "Golda, do you love me?" "Do I what?" "Do you love me?" Golda looks at him and then responds: "Do I love you? With our daughters getting married and this trouble in the town, you're upset, you're worn out, go inside, go lie down, maybe it's indigestion." Tevye interrupts and asks the question, "Golda, do you love me?" Golda sighs as she looked at him and says, "Do I love you? For 25 years I've washed your clothes, cooked your meals, cleaned your house, given you children, milked the cows. After 25 years, why talk of love right now?" Tevye answers by saying, "Golda, the first time I met you was on our wedding day. I was scared, I was shy, I was nervous." "So was I," said Golda. "But my father and my mother said we'd learn to love each other," Tevye continued, "and now I'm asking, Golda, do you love me?" "Do I love him?" Golda sighs. "For 25 years I've lived with him, fought with him, 25 years my bed is his! If that's not love, what is?" "Then you love me?" Tevye asks. "I suppose I do!" she says. "And I suppose I love you too!" he says. "It doesn't change a thing, but after 25 years it's nice to know." "Do you love me?" is the same question Jesus is asking Peter in the closing scene of the Gospel of John.

How to Live to Be 100 or more **"Stay Away from Funerals, Especially Yours."**

Remember all men are cremated equal.