

Sat 17th 6.00pm Ballon	Tommy O'Brien, Ballon
Sun 18th 10.30am Rathoe	Jim Esmonde, Ballinrane Edward, Mary & Eamon Farrell, Moyle & son-in-law Paddy Ryan
Sunday 18th.11.30am Ballon	Michael & Margaret Walsh, Aghade & Daughters Ursula, Bridie & Lily & grandson Sean.
Wed 21st 10.00am Rathoe	
Thurs 22nd 10.00am Ballon	
Sat 24th 6.00pm Ballon	Tommy Quirke, Ballymogue James & Rose Cummins, Ballinrane
Sun 25th 10.30am Rathoe	Donal English-Hayden, Rathrush Michael Redmond & the Redmond Family, Rathrush.
Sunday 25th.11.30am Ballon	Kathleen Percy, Ballykealy

Collections 11th August : Offertory €495.30 Weekly Envelopes €359.00 Thank you for your continued support.

I'm on a seafood diet. I see food and I eat it.

TULLOW COMMUNITY SCHOOL RE-OPENING DATES

August 26th 1st Year Pupils only. **27th** 1st Year Pupils only
August 28th 1st & 6th Year pupils. **29th** Staff Day - (NO PUPILS)
August 30th All Students.

“**The Bishop Daniel Delany Museum** will be open during Heritage Week on Sunday 18th and 25th August from 12–4pm. The museum is free, and located beside the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, within the grounds of the adjoining Brigidine Convent. The museum is a display of artefacts relating to Bishop Daniel Delany and to the educational work of the Brigidine Sisters and Patrician Brothers, both founded by Bishop Delany in 1807 and 1808 respectively. Over the past 200 years both orders have founded many schools in Ireland and around the world.”

A Seniors Version of Facebook

For those of my generation who do not and cannot comprehend why Facebook exists: I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and of me taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving round town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every-day. I also listen to their conversations, give them the “thumbs up” and tell them I like them. And it works just like Facebook. I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist

Prayer at the Ploughing 2019: People can submit their preferences and entries to prayerattheploughing@kandle.ie between now and 10 Sept. Alternatively they are welcome to post them to me at Bishop's House. A shortlist of the favourite prayers will be displayed at the Kildare & Leighlin stand when the event gets underway on 17 September. The theme of the Kildare & Leighlin stand at the ploughing is ‘**Digging Deeper – Rooting for Christ**’ a continuation of our diocesan campaign exploring new ways for people to understand their faith. + Denis

National Dawn Walk for Cancer. Saturday 24th August 2019, starts at 5.45am in the Presentation De La Salle College, Bagenalstown, Reg www.nationaldawnwalk.com Support is greatly appreciated.

Rathoe Song & Story; The August session of Song & Story will be held in Rathoe Hall on **Sun 25th August at 8pm. Admission is FREE.** Everyone welcome. Light Refreshments served.

Old age is when former classmates are so grey and wrinkled and bald, they don't recognize you.

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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

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 02---11---14---16. no winner. Lucky Dip: €100: John & Anne Callaghan, Ballytore. .€20 –Sarah Nolan, Connaberry €20– Jason Maher. €20: Emily O Meara, c/o Bingo
Next Wk's Jackpot: €7,750. Draw every Tues @ 8.30pm

Ballon Business & Training Service: Manual and Computerised Payroll 05/09/19 3pm – 6pm - €300 **Manual and Computerised Bookkeeping** 05/09/19 – 7pm – 10pm - €300. **Cookery Demonstrations** Thurs 5th Sept x 6 weeks 10am – 12pm €12 per week **Machine Sewing** classes 10th September x 4 weeks 9.30am – 12.30pm. €50 or €12 per drop in class **Chair Yoga** starting Fri 6th Sept 10.30am –7 week course €60. Drop in €12 per class. More info: 059-9159447.

SAVE THE DATE: It's that time of year again. Ballon Community & Sports Centre are holding their annual fundraiser. This year the fundraiser is a cookery demonstration hosted by well known and renowned chef Edward Hayden of TV3 and KCLR 96fm fame. This cookery demonstration will be on the 7th November in the Dolmen Hotel. More details to follow later.

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 03– 05 –13 – 22. Match Three Winner €100 David Hanly, Curragh.. Next wk's Jackpot €2,800. Draw Mon 19th August in Fr. Flood Hse at 9pm. Tks €2.

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, “Why is the bride dressed in white?” “Because white is the colour of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.” The child thought about this for a moment, then said, “So why is the groom wearing black?”

Cuchulainn Rounders Club: A great week for the Club with Our Senior Men, Minor Ladies & Minor Mixed all competed in All Ireland Competitions last weekend. Our Senior Men faced Sporting Limerick, Skyrne & Sean Connolly's in the preliminary rounds and winning all 3 matches saw them get through to the Final meeting Skyrne, Meath. Ahead from the first in-ning they stayed ahead for the remaining of the game finishing on a score line of 14-4 our Senior Men got their first Junior All Ireland title. Our Minor Ladies were up against Athenry, reigning All Ireland Champions. Leading from the first inning and never letting Athenry take lead throughout the game the match finished on a score line of 21-10 with our Ladies crowned All Ireland Champions. Minor Mixed played Sporting Limerick but Unfortunately meeting a very experienced Limerick side the match finished on a score line of 19-3 with our Minors coming home with Silver All Ireland medals. **Winner of this weeks Split The Pot:** Ned Jordan, Wexford winning €98. Envelopes €2 available in McAssey, Siopa Glas, Kavanagh's Bar & Joe Doyle's Pub. Thank you for your support.

A young man 23 years old who had a very well paid job arrived home one night to announce to his family that he was giving up his job to go as an aid worker in a refugee camp in a country where there was a dangerous civil war. His parents couldn't accept his decision and did everything to get him to change his mind. They reminded him that at a time of so much unemployment he mightn't get a job when he returned. He could even be killed as some of the other aid workers already had been. But he would not change his mind saying that he had a fire inside him that kept burning him up and he knew he wouldn't be satisfied until he went
It may easier to pray devotions and go to Mass weekly which are all good in themselves but if we stop there and don't respond to the fire within us to follow Jesus more closely we will never have the deep peace and joy he is offering us.