

R.I.P: Pray for Dermot Kealy, Rathoe who died during the week.

Sat 31st 6.00pm Ballon	Michael & Attracta Kavanagh & Kavanagh Family, Ballon
Sun 1st 10.30am Rathoe	Ned Byrne, Kilcoole Jack & Joe Connors & their parents Rathoe Laurence, Kathleen & their son Andy Murphy, Kellistown. Michael Carroll, Rathoe
Sunday 1st .11.30am Ballon	
Wed 4th 10.00am Rathoe	
Thurs 5th 10.00am Ballon	
Sat 7th 6.00pm Ballon	Teresa Grant, Ballymogue
Sun 8th 10.30am Rathoe	Freda Sheppard, Glenogue
Sunday 8th .11.30am Ballon	Tom Nolan, Ballour

Collections 25th August : Offertory €675.75. Weekly Envelopes €609.00 Thank you for your continued support.

Housebound will be attended during the week.

Prayer at the Ploughing 2019: People can submit their preferences and entries to prayerattheplooughing@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

BACK TO SCHOOL FUN CYCLE RUN. The annual Ballon GFC back to school fun cycle run will be held on Sunday next 8th September. Registrations from 11am at the clubhouse with the off at 11.30am. High nellies, mountain bikes, trikes, scooters, in fact anything without an engine is welcome as are all, young and old alike. 5K route and a 10K route for the more ambitious. Refreshments in the clubhouse afterwards. Adults €10 registration fee, U-14's €5.

An elderly woman died. Having never married, she had requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

IRISH DANCING CLASSES Commencing first week in Sept. lots of fun and fitness for all ages. Thurs **New** Class Tullow - Bro Leo Park 5.30pm Call or text for more information, Lucy 0876196590

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 07---08---23---24. no winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Dianne/Julie Dowling, Ballon Hill. €20 -Seamus Dowling, Ballon Hill €20- Molly Townsend, Maple Lawn. €20: Ann Ryan, c/o Kav's Next Wk's Jackpot: €7,850. 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.

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 09- 16 -25 - 29. Lucky Dip Winners €25 each. David Brennan, Laragh. Michael Kinsella, Sandbrook, Conor Kearney, Kilnock, Margaret Nolan, Ballon. Next wk's Jackpot €2,900. Draw Mon 2nd Sept in Fr. Flood Hse at 9pm. Tks €2.

Irish Wheelchair Association will be holding their church gate collection on Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th September 2019. Please support.

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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

BLESSING OF SCHOOL/COLLEGE BAGS As the new academic year is getting underway, students, teachers and their families are invited to join us for a blessing of school/college bags during Masses on **this Sat & Sun** This is a chance to bring God's blessing on all the hopes and dreams every student and their families have for the year ahead.

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.

Catholic Grandparents Association Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage September 8th 2019, Knock Shrine 2.30pm. Everybody welcome to honour & thank Grandparents alive & dead for all they have done for us down through the ages. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Apostolic Nuncio - Combined Choirs of Knock Parish - The Tuttle Family - Dana sings 'Our Lady of Knock'

Ballon-Rathoe Community Magazine It's time to gather articles for the 2nd issue of the Ballon-Rathoe Community magazine, so if you have a story or photo to share, or a school, club or sports success to highlight, please get in touch with Breeda McDonald on 059 9148764 for info

Paddy sat in his car in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, "Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish Whiskey". Miraculously, a parking place appeared. Paddy looked up again and said, "Never mind, I found one."

National Ploughing Championships, 17th - 19th Sept. You are invited to attend a Public Meeting on Monday 9th Sept at 8.30pm in the former Leinster Hills Golf Club to discuss matters relating to the 2019 event.'

Gather your friends and family for a picnic, a BBQ, a pizza night, a dinner party, or a meal at your favourite restaurant for the Great South East Simon Supper this September. Every bite helps raise vital funds for South East Simon and people who are homeless in the region. Join us in the fight against homelessness: www.southeastsimon.ie/supper/. It's very easy to sign up: Simply call Harvey on 085 804 8083, visit www.southeastsimon.ie/supper/, or email supper@southeastsimon.ie

The Kirwan Academy of Irish Dancing will re open classes on Wed 4th September in the Rathoe Community Hall. Classes are every Wednesday 5.30pm-6.30pm. For more information about joining our school, please contact Emily [087-2140324](tel:087-2140324)

Care of Creation today Sunday 1st September.

Pope Francis has decided to institute in the Catholic Church and annual 'World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation', to be celebrated on 1st September. Pope Francis explains:

As Christians we wish to contribute to resolving the ecological crisis which humanity is presently experiencing. In doing so, we must first rediscover in our own rich spiritual patrimony the deepest motivations for our concern for the care of creation. We need always to keep in mind that, for believers in Jesus Christ, the Word of God who became man for our sake, "the life of the spirit is not dissociated from the body or from nature or from worldly realities, but lived in and with them, in communion with all that surrounds us" (*Laudato Si'*, 216)

You should read my book on humility—Its great Even on the most exalted throne in the world we are only sitting on our own bottom