

R.I.P: Pray for Thomas Nolan, Shraugh, Ballon, & Kelvin Court Carlow who died during the week.

Third Sunday of Lent

Bishop Denis writes

There will be many enquiries regarding Sunday Mass. In order to follow the guidelines and adhere to the norms, I have reluctantly decided that because it is simply not possible to guarantee a congregation of less than 100 people at any Sunday Mass there will be no public Masses in our Diocese this Sunday, St Patrick's Day or the following Sunday.

Ballon Mass will be available on our webcam

mcnmedia.ballon.

Vigil at 6pm and 11.30am Sunday.
Also available on radio **107.6FM**

**Ballon St. Patrick's Day Mass
11.30am on webcam.**

Collections 8th March Offertor €732.00. Envelopes : €514.75. *Thank you for your generosity to the collections*

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 01---07---13---24. no winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Cormac Nolan, Ballon, : €20 -Johnny Nolan, €20- Ned Kelly, c/o Lily Brennan : €20: Emily O'Meara, c/o Bingo. : Next Wk's Jackpot: €9,150 Draw every Tues @ 8.30pm

Ballon Business & Training Service—059-9159447.

all course and classes are now postponed until further notice. As we fall into the category of an educational centre, we are closing the centre at 5pm today, as per the recommendations. We will be following government guidance in relation as to when we will be reopening the centre.

Manual and Computerised Payroll starting on: Thursday 16th April - 18th June 2020 7-10pm. **Manual & Computerised Book-keeping** will be on : Friday 24th April - 26th June 7-10pm. The courses are 300 euro each and as always, this price includes certification and examination

Cancelled. ALL SAINTS', AGHADE: MINISTRY OF HEALING

WEEKEND: Friday 27 March 8 p.m. Songs of Faith * Sunday 29 March 7 p.m. Service of Wholeness and Healing. .

“**Tullow Day Care Centre** will hold a Novelty Bingo in their centre on Thursday, 2nd April 2020 at an earlier time of 2.30pm. Single book €4.00 & double book €6.00. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.”

Juvenile Football Registrations. The last juvenile football registration night will be held on Friday 20th March at the Ballon, Kilbride and Fighting Cocks clubhouses from 7 to 9pm. A large number of juveniles have not yet been registered for this season and parents are asked to note that children must be registered before taking part in training or matches. Registration for Ballon girls teams on the same night in Ballon GFC clubhouse

Rathoe Graveyard Committee are organising a clean up of the graveyard for Sat 21st March at 2.30pm. All available help will be welcome. Bring an implement. It is our intention to clean the old section of the graveyard if anyone doesn't wishes us to touch their graves, please let us know.

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 02- 05 -20 - 30. Lucky Dip Winners: €25 each Paul Finn, Forge Meadow, Lochlann McGagh, Rathrush. Next wk's Jackpot €4,200. Draw Mon 16th March in Fr. Flood Hse at 9pm. Tks €2.

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Items for the newsletter must be in by 5 pm each Wed, they can be phoned in, emailed or put through the letter box.

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St. Patrick's Day Parade committee decided at a meeting on Tuesday to **Cancel** this year's parade to facilitate the containment of the Covid-19 Virus. We hope to see you all for the 2021 parade

The March session of Rathoe Song & Story is cancelled.

RATHOE COMMUNITY CHILDCARE: EASTER CAMP 2020 & PRE-SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020: Full day camp at Rathoe Community Childcare running 9.30am to 4pm each day over the Easter holidays. All welcome. €25 per day (reduced rate for if you are registered for the National Childcare Scheme). Activities will include Easter Egg Hunt, face painting, baking, Easter arts and crafts plus much more. Contact 059-9148879 to book. We are also currently enrolling for free ECCE preschool places for September 2020, contact 059-9148879 to book a preschool place or arrange a visit.

Graiguecullen Monster Bingo. CANCELLED

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

I sneezed in the bank today, it was the most attention I have received in the last 10 years.

With all this talk of Corona Virus, the people who make sanitising gel are rubbing their hands together.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who fled to your
protection,
implored your help, or sought your intercession was
left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence,
I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and
answer. **Amen.**

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