

Second Sunday of Lent

Sat 7th 6.00pm Ballon	MM for Hannah Nolan, Bendenstown. Kathleen Curry, Milltown
Sun 8th 10.30am Rathoe	Breda Esmonde, Ballintranee
Sun 8th 11.30am Ballon	Thomas & Bridget Kelly, Ballon Hill Pat O'Toole, Milltown Elizabeth & Philip Martin, Ballykealy

Tues 10th 7.00pm Ballon
Wed 11th 10.00am Rathoe
Thurs 12th 10.00am Ballon
Fri 13th 7.00pm Rathoe

Third Sunday of Lent

Sat 14th 6.00pm Ballon
Sun 15th 10.30am Rathoe
Sun 15th 11.30am Ballon

Collections 1st March Offertory €806.75. Envelopes : €499.10. *Thank you for your generosity to the collections*

Due to fears of the coronavirus it is recommended to suspend shaking hands during the sign of peace, a smile or nod will do the same job

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 03---04---18---24. no winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Johnny Nolan, Laragh, : €20 -Liam Corrigan, c/o Kavanaghs, €20- Emma O'Connor, Kellistown West, : €20: Ann Murphy, Fenagh : Next Wk's Jackpot: €9,100 Draw every Tues @ 8.30pm

Ballon Business & Training Service—059-9159447

Lego/Art camp. Saturday 14th March x 5 weeks, 10am - 12pm. 10 euro per week. 3-12 years **Relax and Paint with Breda.** Thursday 26th March x 6 weeks 2-4pm. 65 euro

ALL SAINTS', AGHADE: MINISTRY OF HEALING WEEKEND:

Friday 27 March 8 p.m. Songs of Faith preceding a performance by Kilkenny Gospel Choir. 8 p.m. Sub. €10 in support of the Irish Cancer Society. Tea afterwards in Aghade Hall. * **Sunday 29 March 7 p.m. Service of Wholeness and Healing.** Featuring St. Peter & Paul's Choir, Ballon. Speaker: Mr. Roy Elmes of Éist, Carlow.

EASTER CAMP: 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

Cuchulainn Rounders: Congrats Audrey Coogan this week's winner €76. - next draw takes places Tuesday 10th March - envelopes €2 on sale in Siopa Glas Ballon, McAsseys Shop, Joe Doyles Pub & Kavanaghs Pub. Extra Prize - St Patrick's Day Hamper with Bottle of Irish Baileys & 8 can pack of Guinness - thanks to Centra Ballon Zerafa's for sponsorship. Senior training continues on Sat from 4.00pm- 5.30pm in Ballon GAA field.

"**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

Your hats on the wrong way?

How do you know which way I am going smarty.

An intellectual is a man who doesn't know how to park a bike.

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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

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.

Burren Rangers/St. Martin's Juvenile Club next collection of clothes will be on 31st March, items you can donate: towels, soft toys, shoes paired, handbags, and belts in an effort to raise funds for the club. No dirty or wet clothing, mats, carpets, pillows, books, laptops or mobiles. Bags will be collected at training sessions or collection can be arranged. Contact: Martina Donald on 087-2803116, Caroline O'Toole, 086-8584282 or Niamh Nolan 086-8723088.

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 12- 13 -15 - 17. Lucky Dip Winners: €25 each: Laurence Lennon, Kildavin, Paddy Mac, Baltinglass, Benny Doyle, Next wk's Jackpot €4,150. Draw Mon 9th March in Fr. Flood Hse at 9pm. Tks €2.

South East Simon Community's Coffee Morning is back this March and we need your help. Join us in the fight against homelessness by hosting a Coffee Morning at home, in your workplace or anywhere you wish. You'll be playing your part in supporting men and women who are homeless here in the South East. Don't like Coffee? No worries - organise Afternoon Tea! It will be just as tea-riffic! We've got everything you need to help you organise your gathering. Just visit <https://www.southeastsimon.ie/coffeemorning/> It's very easy to sign up: Simply call Harvey on 085 804 8083, or email coffeemorning@southeastsimon.ie.

NO LEPRECHAUN MUCKFEST this year. Ballon GFC regrets to announce that it will not be possible to hold it's popular Leprechaun Muckfest on St Patrick's Day due to insurance constraints. The GAA insurance administrators have informed the club that it will not cover events of this kind leaving the club with no alternative but to cancel.. The club will kick off it's first competitive match of the season on Tuesday evening next in the Senior Football League Div 3 In Ballon against Palatine.

Graiguecullen Monster Bingo.

In St. Fiacc's Hall, Graiguecullen.

Sun 15th March 2020 @ 3pm. Great Prizes to be won



Transfiguration

In the Transfiguration we see the three disciples with Jesus on a high mountain - often a place in scriptures where God makes a special

revelation to people. Here they have a moment of insight into the reality of who Jesus is and they experience both joy and fear, though Jesus tells them not to be afraid. This Gospel reading comes to us near the beginning of Lent. It puts Jesus at the centre of our Lenten journey. Lent is our opportunity to experience the joy of discovering again who Jesus is, to listen to him and to follow him. And we do not need to be afraid

Digging Deeper - Living Lent Some Suggestions for the Week + Persevere in your chosen resolutions for Lent and remember their purpose is to bring you closer to God + Check that you have a copy of a Catholic edition of the bible in your home and take some time to read from it + Have a proper chat! Reconnect with someone you haven't spoken to in a while + Pick up at least 5 pieces of litter from the road/countryside + Pray the Stations of the Cross + Find out how you can help a local charity + Cut down on screen time and pay attention to the people around you

Things are so bad the mice in our house bring their own food.