

Sat 29th Ballon 6.00pm	Charlie Walsh, Bunclody/ Ardristan MM
Sat 29th Rathoe 7.00pm	Ned Byrne, Kilcoole
Sunday 30th 10.30am Rathoe	Dermot Kealy, Oliver's Drive Donal English Hayden, Rathrush
Sunday 30th Ballon 11.30am	
Wed 2nd Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 3rd Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 4th 7.00pm Rathoe	
Sat 5th Ballon 6.00pm	Jack Cranny, Kilbride
Sat 5th Rathoe 7.00pm	Michael Carroll, Rathoe
Sunday 6th 10.30am Rathoe	
Sunday 6th Ballon 11.30am	Tom Nolan, Ballour Patsy & Teresa Nolan, Laragh

**Collections 23rd August** Envelopes:€597.40. Offertory:€430.70  
*Thanks to those who contribute online and to everyone for your continued generosity to the Parish.*

**The 2020 Community Magazine "CONNECTED".** If you have any story or photograph you would like included in this years "Connected" which will be available in December the editors are asking you to submit them by 30th August. Especially cheerful and enterprising titles along with some experience of COVID-19 most welcome. Writing articles is open to everyone just contact: Breeda: 059 914 8764 Email to breedamcdonald46@gmail.com

**Ballon Business & Training Service: Manual and Computerised Payroll** Starting 14th September for 10 weeks Cost 300 euro, this includes examination and certification fee.

Funding is available if you are on certain social welfare payments. Call 059-9159447 or email [ballonbts@gmail.com](mailto:ballonbts@gmail.com) to secure your place and pay a deposit.

**Order your Personalised Cards for Communion & First Day** at school. School stationery available and waterproof personalised labels available. Call to book Tel: 059-915-9447. [ballonbts@gmail.com](mailto:ballonbts@gmail.com)

**Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 13- 18 -20 - 28.** Lucky Dip Winners: €25 each: William & Patrick Nolan, Ballon, Pat Nolan, Schoolhouse, Mary Jordan, Milltown, Cathy Maher, Killane. Next wk's Jackpot 4,350. Draw Mon 31st August 2020 in Fr. Flood Hse at 9pm. Tks €2.

**Speech and Drama:** Small Group Classes return on 11th September. Individual classes are held throughout the year for children and adults (Interview & Presentation preparation). Grade Exams through the IBSD. For more information, please contact Clonagath School of Speech and Drama (close to Newtown, Fenagh) ~ Amy Nolan ~ Tel: 087 7459092

**Volunteers are welcome to work in SVP Vincent's Bunclody shop.** We offer you: · A chance to meet new people and help your local community · The opportunity to use your skills to raise money for our work. · Training and support to build new skills · Gain experience in customer care, merchandising, sorting and pricing, sales, teamwork, fashion, communication · Be part of the local, regional, national SVP community. If you want to donate your time and skills, please get involved. Please contact Zoe at [vincents.bunclody@svp.ie](mailto:vincents.bunclody@svp.ie), or call on 085 870 5670.

*You can always tell the golfer who's winning. He's the one who keeps telling his opponent that it's only a game.*

**Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING** Designated Liaison Person: M: 085 8021633. Email: [dlp@kandle.ie](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie) Safeguarding Co-ordinator Telephone: 086 710643. Email: [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie) Local Enquiries. Parish Office @ 087-421 3030

## Ballon-Rathoe Parish Office

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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**

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**Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 14---26---28---29.** no winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Eileen Lyons, c/o Ballon Bingo: €20 -Tracey Carr, c/o Ballon Bingo: €20- Trisha Coakley, c/o Ballon Bingo: €20: Mary Doyle, c/o Marion Doyle: Next Wk's Jackpot: €9,350 Draw every Tues @ 8.30pm

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**International Overdose Awareness Day:** The South East Family Support Network is marking International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31. Our groups will be promoting the significance of raising awareness of overdose, of spreading the message that the tragedy of overdose death and injury is preventable, and of reducing the stigma of a drug-related death. For more information please see <https://www.peerfamilysupport.org/overdose-awareness-day-31-august-2020/> and <https://www.overdoseday.com/>

**Grandparents Pilgrimage, Knock Shrine 2020:** The 2020 pilgrimage is on Sunday 13th of September at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock taking place virtually at 3pm at Knock Basilica. This annual pilgrimage is a special day for grandparents and for all of us to acknowledge the great contribution that grandparents make to Church, to family, and to society in teaching and passing on the faith. We invite Grandparents and their families everywhere to join in praying for, and with, each other so that Grandparents everywhere can be honoured and thanked.

**Living Well:** This is a free group online Self-Management programme for adults with long term health conditions. For more information please contact Ciara number 087 4088325 SelfManagementSupports-SECH@hse.ie Website: [www.hse.ie/LivingWell](http://www.hse.ie/LivingWell).

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### Maternal Advice.

My dear Nachito, son of my soul: if I should die, if I should die if our Lord wills to take me, I beg you not to forget my advice. Before everything else, be a good Christian: go to Communion often, have a great, great love for the Blessed Virgin. Be an example for your younger brothers and sister, give them good advice, be patient with them..... Be the leader of the house if you stay and live with your brothers, that they all accomplish their religious duties. Believe me, I have always loved you very much and if I have been strict in some points, it has been for your own good. Good-bye, son of my soul until heaven. Do not be too desirous of acquiring riches and do not think only about money; remember your soul. **Blessed Concepción de Armida. Was a wife and widow in Mexico. She was the first Mexican lay-woman to be beatified.**

*A middle aged laywoman has a heart attack and is taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she has a near-death experience in which she sees God. She asks him if this is the end of her life. God tells her no, she has another 40 years to live.*

*After she recovers, she's so upbeat that she stays in the hospital and has a face-lift, liposuction, breast augmentation and a tummy tuck. She has a beautician come in to change her hair colour and style. As long as she has got another 40 years she might as well make the most of it. The woman walks out the front door of the hospital after the last operation and is run over by an ambulance. In front of God, she wails, "I thought you said I had another 40 years?"*