

Sat 12th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sat 12th Rathoe 7.00pm	
Sunday 13th 10.30am Rathoe	
Sunday 13th Ballon 11.30am	
Wed 16th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 17th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 18th 7.00pm Rathoe	
Sat 19th Rathoe	First Holy Communion: 11.00am & 12.30pm
Sat 19th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sat 19th Rathoe 7.00pm	
Sunday 20th 10.30am Rathoe	
Sunday 20th Ballon 11.30am	

Collections 6th Sept. Envelopes:€655.20 Offertory:€459.70
Thanks 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: Chair Yoga - Fridays, contact Maria 087 642 1820. **Manual and Computerised Payroll** 14th Sept for 10 weeks 7-10pm. €300: funding available is on certain social welfare payments. **Manual and Computerised Book-Keeping** 17th September for 10 weeks 7-10pm €300, funding available on certain social welfare payments. **Paint Night** Friday 25th Sept 8-10pm - €20. Booking essential. Book Tel: 059-915-9447. ballonbts@gmail.com. **School stationery** available and waterproof personalised labels

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 02- 10 -24 - 29. Match 3 Winner: €100: Mairead Murphy, The Oaks. Next wk's Jackpot €4,500. Draw Mon 14th Sept 2020 in Fr. Flood Hse at 9pm. Tks €2.

KIRWAN ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCE ♦ Enrolment is now open ♦
 We're delighted to announce that we can now start accepting new students. Join us for some much-needed fun & fitness after a very tough few months for everyone. Places are very limited this year due to Covid 19 policies in place in all our classes. Rathoe class every Wed, starting 16th September. Ph Emily: 087-2140324

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 01---06---19---22. no winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Ann Martin, c/o Bingo: €20 -Chrissie Austin, c/o Bingo €20- Robert O'Leary, c/o Bingo: €20: Peggy Hendrick, c/o M. McAssey.: Next Wk's Jackpot: €9,450. 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.

Cuchulainn Rounders: Winner of this weeks Split the Pot was Margaret Murphy winning €70. Our draw will take place every Wednesday evening after our Senior training in Ballon GAA Grounds. Envelopes €2 are on sale in both Michael McAssey Shop & Siopa Glas or from any committee member. Senior Training continues every Wednesday evening 7.00pm - 8.00pm in Ballon GAA grounds.

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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/ 059-9159329

St. Anne's College of Further Education, Tullow Community School: One-year advanced business and information technology training course (full-time) This course is highly intensive and is open to Post Leaving Certificate Students and Mature Students. BACK TO EDUCATION GRANTS, MAINTENANCE GRANTS, FAS FUNDING AND VTOS GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE. For application forms and further information, contact Marion O'Brien and Geraldine O'Toole, Tel: 059-9151473; Fax: 059-9151472 Email: tulcomcw@eircom.net

For Good Measure

We have a tendency to become obsessed by the faults of those around us. That is understandable: it is their faults which make us suffer and this suffering in turn reminds us of them continually.... Faults are ugly. Why not look at the virtues which are beautiful?... The good intentions of others so often escape our notice. Do not judge intentions. I assure you, it has happened to me that, I have later had proof, neat and clear, that I was wrong, that he had something completely different in mind than what I thought. What a lesson! As much as you can, ascribe good intentions to your neighbour. (I say "as much as you can", because at times, of course, the contrary is as plain as daylight.)...

Little Thérèse wrote, "When I want to increase in myself love of neighbour, especially when the devil tries to put before the eyes of my soul the faults of this or that sister who is less appealing to me, I hasten to seek out her good virtues, her good desires. I tell myself that if I have seen her fall one time, she may well have undergone great many victories that she hides through humility, and that even what appears as a fault to me could very be an act of virtue because of the intention.

No one is completely in control of his first reactions, but you must recollect yourselves very quickly. "To pardon and injustice received is to heal the wound in your own heart," said Saint Vincent de Paul.

Fr. d'Elbée (1982) was a French priest and spiritual author.

A man brings his buddy home for dinner unannounced at 6:30 after work. His wife screams at him as his friend listens in: "My hair and makeup are not done, the house is a mess, the dishes are not done, I'm still in my pyjamas, and I can't be bothered with cooking tonight! What the hell did you bring him home for?!" The husband says: "Because he's thinking of getting married..."

A couple of nuns were enjoying themselves at a football game. Some rude guys sitting behind them decided to badger the sisters to get them to move. One man says to others, loud enough for the nuns to hear, "I want to move to Utah. There are only 100 Catholics there." The second guy speaks up and says, "I want to go to Montana there are only 25 Catholics living there." The third guy jumps in with, "I want to go to Idaho, there are only 25 Catholics living there.

One of the nuns finally turns around and calmly says, "Why don't you all go to hell? There aren't any Catholics there."

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