

Sat 5th Ballon 6.00pm	Jack Cranny, Kilbride Teresa Grant, Ballymogue
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
Wed 9th Rathoe 10.00am	Ned & Betty Kinsella, Rathrush
Thurs 10th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 11th 7.00pm Rathoe	Patrick & Joe Doyle & sons Noel & Jim and daughter Marie.
Sat 12th Ballon First Communion 11.00am & 12.30pm	
Sat 12th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sat 12th Rathoe 7.00pm	
Sunday 13th 10.30am Rathoe	
Sunday 13th Ballon 11.30am	

HOUSEBOUND will be attended during the week

Collections 30th August Envelopes:€1744.80 Offertory:€636.00
Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity to the Parish.
Special thanks to Siopa Glas for their very generous donation.

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.
Order your Personalised Cards for Communion. School stationery available and waterproof personalised labels

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 01- 15 -18 - 25. Lucky Dip Winners: €25 each: Shane Byrne, Connaberry, Mary Gittens, Ballylean, Seamus Maher, Killane, Laurence Lennon, Kildavin. Next wk's Jackpot €4450. Draw Mon 7th Sept 2020 in Fr. Flood Hse at 9pm. Tks €2.

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

Cuchulainn Rounders: Winner of this weeks Split the Pot was Amy Moloney winning €62.00. 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 - 8.45pm in Ballon GAA grounds.

Development Draw. Tickets are now available for the Carlow Co Board Club Development draw from any Ballon GFC committee member. The 1st of 4 monthly draws is on Monday 14 Sept with prize money of €16,000 each month. 1st prize each month of €10,000 with the last month at €15,000. Tickets are €100 each

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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.

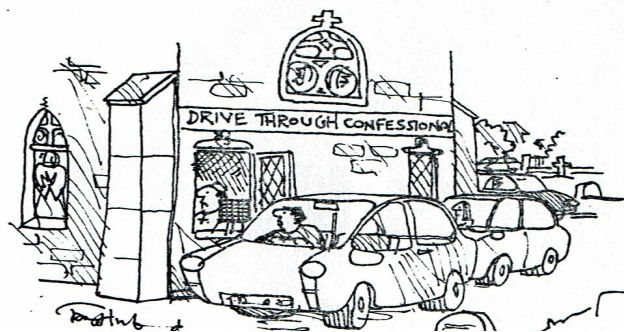
Fr. Jim O'Connell 086 810 2675/ 059-9159329

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 05---06---16---23. no winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Brendan Mullins, Ballon Hill: €20 -Billy & Margaret Nolan, Ballon: €20- Ann Donohue, c/o Bingo: €20: Pat Doyle, c/o Joe Doyle: Next Wk's Jackpot: €9,400. 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.

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

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.



A Single Thought

The mind skips like an old record,
Or gets carried off by emoji eyes
and likes that lead
to continuous swipes.
We're fatigued from
Constant tweets
devoid of depth.

In every age,
There must be a place
where Christ can rest.
Would you heart be a desert
that draws him?
Can you mind hold
a single thought?
Rita A. Simmonds

A Brit, a Frenchman and a Russian are viewing a painting of Adam & Eve frolicking in the Garden of Eden. "Look at their reserve, their calm," muses the Brit. "They must be British. "Nonsense," says the Frenchman. "They're naked, and so beautiful. Clearly that are French. Then the Russian gets his say. "No clothes, no shelter. They have only an apple to eat and they're told this is paradise. No doubt they are Russian.

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