

As we are now in Level 3 Restrictions, Mass will be held online

Ballon Mass

will be available on our webcam: mcnmedia.ballon.

Also available on radio 107.6FM

Sat 10th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sunday 11th Ballon 11.30am	Marie Kennedy, Gilbertstown & deceased members of the Kennedy Family.
Tue 13th Ballon 10.00am	
Wed 14th Ballon 10.00am	
Thurs 15th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 16th 7.00pm Ballon	
Sat 17th Ballon 6.00pm	Tom Nolan, Boggan
Sunday 18th Ballon 11.30am	Joe Smithers, Rathrush Pauline Byrne, Kilcoole

Collections 4th Oct. Offertory:€605.35 Envelopes:€811.80
Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity to the Parish.

New envelopes for your weekly contribution to the Parish will be distributed during the coming week. If you don't receive one, call into Parish Office.

Harvest Collection 2020

Will be taken up next weekend. This is one of the four collections in the year for the Priests of the Parish. Envelope in your box of envelopes or in the back of the Church.

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.

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 07- 19 -25 - 26. Lucky Dip Winners: Tommy Maher jnr, Killane, George Corrigan, Laragh, James Hunter, Killavullen, John Fanning, Aghade. Next wk's Jackpot €4,700. Draw Mon 12th Oct in Fr. Flood Hse at 9pm. Tks €2.

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 02---04---06---20. No winner. Lucky Dip: €100: James Wilson, c/o Bingo: €20 -Pat O'Hara, c/o Bingo: €20- Paul Hickey, Kilnock: €20: Over 35's. Next Wk's Jackpot: €9,650. Draw every Tues @ 8.30pm

Ballon Business & Training. 059-9159447
Cook & Chatter Tues 13th Oct @ 10am €10. QQI Level 3 Internet Skills Wed 21st Oct €30 refundable deposit, 10 weeks, free course. QQI Level 4 Customer Service dates to follow. Now booking. €30 refundable deposit, 13 weeks, free course. 2021 diaries and calendars now on sale! Personalised Christmas cards starting at €2!

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING Designated Liaison Person: M: 085 8021633. Email: dip@kandle.ie Safeguarding Co-ordinator Telephone: 086 710643. Email: safeguarding@kandle.ie Local Enquiries. Parish Office @ 087-421 3030

Ballon-Rathoe Parish Office
The Old School, Ballon. Phone No: 087 421 3030
Email: ballonrathoe parish@gmail.com
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/ 059-910 7096

RATHOE COMMUNITY CHILDCARE: We are recruiting an Early Years and School Age Practitioner for our busy setting. The ideal candidate must hold a minimum of QQI Level 5 in Childcare. Must be a caring, enthusiastic, team player and have a passion for working with children. Knowledge or experience of emergent play based / child led curriculum an advantage. 2.5 days per week. Contact info@rathoecommunitychildcare.com



SWAP !!!!

St. WHO?

The son of an Oxford carpenter, Nicholas joined his father in the trade and then became a servant to Jesuit priests who were secretly ministering to English Catholics in Tudor England. When Saint Edmund Campion was accused of treason, Nicholas came to his defence, a move that earned him a prison stay. In 1597, he travelled from place to place with Father Garnet. While Father Garnet was ministering discreetly to the faithful, Nicholas was working by night in their houses, creating custom hiding places for priests. He finished his "priests holes" in such clever fashion that authorities sometimes combed a house for days and still could not find his secret chambers. In 1606, Nicholas was forced to take refuge in one of his holes. After a week, he gave himself up, hoping to distract the authorities from three other Jesuits who were hiding in the same house, all were captured. Nicholas held the information the authorities held considered most dear- the locations of other hidden chambers. He refused to divulge anything about his work, calling out only "Jesus" and "Mary". He died as a result of his injuries.

One must not be a name dropper as the Pope said to me yesterday.

A young man is feeling ill and visits the doctor. While he waits in the reception, a nun comes out of the examination office. She is haggard and ashen. When the man sees the doctor, he says, "I just saw that nun leaving; she looked absolutely terrible" The doctor says, "I just told her she's pregnant." The man exclaims: "Oh my, is she?" "of course not," says the doctor, "but it cured her hiccups"