

Sat 3rd Ballon 6.00pm	John & Catherine Dawson, Maple Lawn. Walsh Family, Kilnock
Sat 3rd Rathoe 7.00pm	James & Kathleen Hogan Rathnashannagh
Sunday 4th 10.30am Rathoe	Laurence, Kathleen & Andy Murphy, Kellistown
Sunday 4th Ballon 11.30am	Butler Family, Killane Jimmy Doran, Clonee, Meath late of Kilkea, Fenagh. 1st Anniversary
Wed 7th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 8th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 9th 7.00pm Rathoe	
Sat 10th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sat 10th Rathoe 7.00pm	
Sunday 11th 10.30am Rathoe	Marie Kennedy, Gilbertstown & deceased members of the Kennedy Family.
Sunday 11th Ballon 11.30am	

Collections 27th Sept. Envelopes:€618.75. Offertory:€889.75
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.

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.

Ballon Church Flower collection will be held on the weekend of Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th October. Please support.

Housebound will be attended during the coming week.

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 04– 08 –10 – 16. Lucky Dip Winners: Michael Kinsella, Sandbrook, Pdraig Lalor, Ballykealy, Breda O'Brien, Laragh, Barbara Mullins, Ballon Hill. . Next wk's Jackpot €4,650. Draw Mon 5th October 2020 in Fr. Flood Hse at 9pm. Tks €2.

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 02---06---24---29. No winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Molly Maher, Ballon: €20 –Trish Doran, c/o Bingo: €20– Mag Morrissey, c/o Bingo: €20: Pauline Cullen, c/o Bingo. Next Wk's Jackpot: €9,600. Draw every Tues @ 8.30pm

Adult Mosaic Art Evening Classes: The Craft Shed @ Creative Processes Carlow. Bored, want to get out of the house and learn a new skill in the process? No skills required. suitable for beginners. Pay as you attend eg. on a weekly basis. Covid Compliant with approved H&S paperwork in place. Max. 6 per class. Call for enquiries: 0857534544

Darkness Into Light Remembrance Walk

Sat, Oct 10th, the Darkness into Light committee invites you all to join them in a short 1km Remembrance Walk in Carlow Town Park anytime from 3pm - 8pm. Social Distancing guidelines will be observed. Come and join us, collect a hand painted yellow stone and leave it at the memory Tree in the Town Park to remember all those who have passed away.

Killeshin Drive in Bingo continues on Sunday Oct 4th at 3pm in the GAA grounds €3000 in prizes!! Jackpot Sheet Full house €500!! All welcome

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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

Ballon Business & Training Service. 059-9159447

Cookery and Tasting - 6th October at 10am for 6 weeks - 10 euro p/w

Paint Night - 9th October at 8pm - 20 euro, all materials included.

QQI Level 3 Internet skills starting November for 10 weeks - dates and times to be confirmed. **QQI Level 4 Customer Service** starting November for 13 weeks - dates and times to be confirmed. Booking is essential; ballonbts@gmail.com. 059-9159447.

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.

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

Cuchulainn Rounders Winner of this week's Split the Pot Mary Flynn c/o McAsseys Shop winning €61.00. 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. **Our Clubs AGM will be held next Wed 7th Oct in Ballon GFC Clubhouse at 7.30pm.**

YOUTH

People ask "How old are you?" What they really mean is how many years have passed, for you maybe twenty years old or seventy years young! Youth has nothing whatever to do with years, but is quality of heart. At seventy, you can still have a child-like faith and a joy of living, an unquenchable thirst for life that Time cannot dispel. And at twenty, you can be old with doubts and fears, disillusioned and bored. Grey hairs and wrinkles may be yours, but they are no sign of age if you can still laugh at trouble and face life with an undaunted optimism. You are not old if your eyes sparkle with laughter, and you can still see beauty in the rainbow. Age is a wrinkled heart and a withered spirit. Stop counting the years, and ask yourself "How young am I?"

A couple had two very mischievous little boys, ages eight and ten, who were always getting into trouble. The parents knew that if any mischief occurred their sons were probably involved.

The boy's mother heard that a priest in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The priest agreed. The mother sent the eight-year-old in first.

The priest, a huge man with a booming voice sat the younger boys down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?" The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response. He just sat there mouth open, wide eyed. So the priest repeated the question in an even stronger tone, "**WHERE IS GOD?**" The boy screamed and bolted from the room, ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him, he asked, "What happened?" The younger brother, replied, "We are in **BIG** trouble this time, dude, God is missing– and they think WE did it!"