

R.I.P: Kathleen Moran, Tullow & Castlegrace who died during the week.

As we are now in Level 5

Ballon Mass

will be available on our webcam: mcnmedia.ballon.com.

Also available on radio 107.6FM

Both churches will remain open for private prayer

Sat 14th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sunday 15th Ballon 11.30am	
Tue 17th Ballon 10.00am	Paddy Joyce, Graiguenaspidogue
Wed 18th Ballon 10.00am	
Thurs 19th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 20th Ballon 7.00pm	
Sat 21st Ballon 6.00pm	Thomas & Kathleen Nolan, Bennekerry. Joe & Mary Byrne, Connaberry
Sunday 22nd Ballon 11.30am	Margaret & Rex Barry, Ballinadrum Seamus & Mary Byrne,

Collections 8th Nov. Offertory/Envelopes: €443.75

Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity to the Parish.

November we Remember. During the month of November we remember our deceased loved ones. If you would like to include the names of your deceased please use the special envelope in your box or use any envelope with the names of the people you want remembered. Box for your Dead List in both Churches in front of the Altar.

Autumn Harvest Collection. Thanks to all those who contributed. Also Parish Envelopes boxes have been distributed over the past few weeks, if you didn't get a box and would like to contribute boxes available at church door.

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- Last Man Standing: Due to the current Covid lockdown the Ballon GFC weekly lotto is currently suspended. However the club are now commencing a Last Man Standing competition based on the English Premier football league. Full list of the rules can be found on the www.ballonvillage.com website and is on the club's Facebook page. Entry is through any of our committee members or by text to 0862119123 by supplying the following (1) Name (2) Mobile no (3) Premiership team for Round 1 (4) €10 once off entry fee. If entering by text the €10 entry fee must be given to any committee member before Thursday 19 Nov. If the fee is not paid, entry won't be included. Round 1 commences on Fri 20th Nov. Entries/money will also be accepted at the clubhouse on the following dates; Thursday 5th Nov 7-8pm, Thursday 12th Nov 7-8pm, Monday 16th Nov 7-8pm and Thursday 19th Nov 7-8pm. Last man standing wins €250.

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

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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/ 059-910 7096

Cuchulainn Rounders: Looking for something fun to do over next few weeks of lockdown and get in the Christmas Spirit. Launching today is our Christmas Decoration Competition for all kids. There are two age categories: first age category up to age 13 & second age category aged 14-18. Winners will be picked from each of the categories and prize winners as follows: 1st prize €75, 2nd prize €50 & 3rd prize €25. All those who enter will receive a selection box. All entries will be able to display their tree decoration on trees which will be located in the village for the Christmas period & thanks to Maire George & Siopa Glas for helping us with this. Entries must be posted on our Facebook event page with child's name & age category. Closing date for entries Friday 27th November & remember decoration must be suitable for Christmas Tree.

First Holy Communion Enrolment Masses

Ballon Saturday 14th November at 6.00pm Mass on web cam.

Rathoe Sunday 15th November at 11.30am on Parish web cam.

In The Money Congratulations from Ballon GFC to Fr O Connell on his big win of €10,000 in the Carlow Co Board Club Development Draw last Monday. Also to Seamus & Teresa Maher who won €150 in the same draw.

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"Eight Steps Toward a More Satisfying Life." In a recent *TIME* magazine sidebar, there were "Eight Steps Toward a More Satisfying Life." Here are the Eight Steps: 1. Count your blessings. 2. Practice acts of kindness. 3. Savor life's joys. 4. Thank a mentor. 5. Learn to forgive. 6. Invest time and energy in friends and family. 7. Take care of your body. 8. Develop strategies for coping with stress and hardship. (*TIME*, 17 (January 2005), A8-A9.) we add one more step, a 9th Step to the strategy: Be prepared. Be prepared to step off life's planned paths, and trust the Spirit. After all, the Spirit can appear in many guises, disguises, and surprises. (Rev. Leonard Sweet)

I finally found a way to get my doctor to make house calls. I've bought a new home on the golf course.

The teacher asked her First Communion class to draw pictures of their favourite Bible stories. She was puzzled by one boy's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The flight to Egypt," he said.

"I see," said the teacher. "And that must be Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus, but who is the fourth person?"

"Oh, that's Punches Pilot"

A bishop, a priest and a deacon, were about to be executed for preaching the Gospel in a foreign land. They bring out the bishop first and the guards shout, "Ready...aim" and suddenly the bishop yells "EARTHQUAKE", When everyone looks around the bishop runs off. Next they bring out the priest. The guard shouts, "Ready...aim..." and suddenly the priest yells, "TORONADO". When everyone ducks, the priest runs off. By then, of course, the deacon had it figured it out. They bring him out, and when the guard shouts, "Ready...Aim..." Suddenly the deacon yells, "FIRE"