

R.I.P: **Geraldine Connors**, Coolock, Dublin who was laid to rest in Ballon during the week.

As we are now in Level 5

Ballon Mass

will be available on our webcam: mcnmedia.ballon.

Also available on radio **107.6FM**

Both churches will remain open for private prayer

Sat 7th Ballon 6.00pm	Peadar Jordan, Milltown Billy Smyth, Ballon Hill Matt Canavan, Kilconnor 1st Anv
Sunday 8th Ballon 11.30am	
Tue 10th Ballon 10.00am	
Wed 11th Ballon 10.00am	
Thurs 12th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 13th Ballon 7.00pm	
Sat 14th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sunday 15th Ballon 11.30am	

Collections 1st Nov. Offertory/Envelopes:€893.75
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.

Congratulations to the following who received the John Paul 11 Awards last Sunday. Gold Medals went to Conor Bolger, Aoibhe Connolly, Rebecca Farrell, Marie O'Neill and Shauna Downey received 'The Papal Cross' the highest achievement in the award .

Autumn Harvest Collection. Thanks to all those who contributed. Also Parish Envelopes boxes have being 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 7-8pm and Thursday 19th 7-8pm. Last man standing wins €250.

Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING Designated Liaison Person: M: 085 8021633. Email: dlp@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.

Confirmation

Any young people requesting Confirmation will be enrolled at the web cam Masses. Ballon on this Saturday 7th Nov at 6pm and Rathoe on this Sunday 8th Nov at 11.30am.

The Benefit of Faith

Anthony Clare suffered from profound depression in the years prior to his sudden death from a heart attack in 2007, according to a new biography about the Dublin born celebrity psychiatrist. Murray added that Clare, who once said he could not believe in a God "that can suddenly and haphazardly intervene during one moment of history, causing air crashes, genocide and famine", found consolation in the Jesuit faith of his youth in the years prior to his untimely death at the age of 64. He found that his loss of faith left him with an emptiness that he struggled to fill in spite of all his rational thought.

St. Martin de Porres(1579-1639)

Martin was way ahead of today's Black Lives Matter movement through his sense of social justice for the poor and the deprived. He befriended hundreds of poor families. Martin revered human dignity and showed compassion and concern for the lost and the lowest. His life praised, blessed and preached for God's love for everyone.

They say you shouldn't say anything about the dead unless it's good. He's dead? Good!

Strange, isn't it? Everyone wants to go to heaven but no one wants to die.



Spotted on construction site in Gloucester