

Ballon Mass

will be available on our webcam: mcnmedia.ballon.

Also available on radio 107.6FM

Both churches will remain open for private prayer

Feast of the Holy Family

Sat 26th Ballon 6.00pm

Sun 27th Ballon 11.30am

Michael McGrath, Maple Lawn & His daughter Catherine.
Nancy & Jimmy Lawler, Ballykealy

Thurs 31st Ballon 10.00am

Fri 1st Ballon 7.00pm

Second Sunday of Christmas

Sat 2nd Ballon 6.00pm

Michael Canavan, Church St., Ballon.
Tommy O'Brien, Main St., Ballon also Tom Doyle, Ballon formally, Camolin, Wexford.

Sun 3rd Ballon 11.30am

John McDonald, Graiguealug, his parents Jack & Elizabeth McDonald and his sister May. Lance Dowling, Castlemore

Collections 20th Dec Offertory: €447.45. Envelopes €688.40
Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity to the Parish.

Ballon Community Bingo with Burrin Celtic F.C. are delighted to announce 'Drive-In' Outdoor Bingo will continue on, Bank Holiday Monday 28th December, & Saturday 2nd January. Bingo starts at the earlier time of 2 pm sharp. Please note - There will be No Bingo on St. Stephens Day - Bingo will take place 28th - Bank Holiday Monday instead. Prize Money €3720 and Jackpot €2750. Prize Money (Books): Single lines €50, Double Lines €70, Full House €100 Prize Money (Sheets): Single lines €50, Double Lines €100, Full House €500 Single Books €10| Double Book €15| Baby Book €5| Single Sheets €3 each| Double Sheets €5 each We look forward to welcoming you all back to Burrin Celtic Soccer Grounds very soon. Gates open at 12:30 pm. Thank you to all those who attended and supported us this year. Bingo has always been such a fun and entertaining atmosphere - both indoor and outdoor - without the support from those both local and afar, our bingo would not be possible. Wishing you all a very happy Christmas & all the best for the New Year. Ballon Community Bingo

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 10- 13 -19 - 29 . Match Three Winner €100 Tom Nolan, Milltown. . Meat Voucher Scott & Mason Doyle, Rathrush. , Ballon. Next wk's Jackpot €4,900 Draw Mon 21st Dec 2020, in Fr. Flood Hse at 9pm. Tks €2.

TURKEY TROT OFF Due to the large spike in Covid cases in recent days Ballon GFC has cancelled the traditional St Stephen's Day Turkey Trot. However our walkway will be available if anyone fancies a walk, run or jog while observing social distancing & using the hand sanitiser provided.

2020 Community Magazine "CONNECTED" is now available in Michael McAssey's, Centra, Nolan's, Shop & Deli, Joe O'Toole's, Tullow, Anne Connors, Rathoe and from Breeda McDonald, Graiguealug for €5. Ideal Christmas present. Congratulations to Breeda McDonald & Fidelma Joyce on another wonderful magazine. It has articles covering many aspects of the community bound into a booklet of high standard.

Ballon Business & Training Service: 059-9159447

Payroll - starting 14th January 2021 7-10pm for 10 weeks cost is €300. **Book-keeping** - starting 15th January 2021 for 10 weeks cost is €300 ballonbts@gmail.com

Siopa Glas: Thanks to everyone for their support during the year

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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

St. Vincent de Paul Collection: Bank details. B.I.C: BOFIE2D. IBAN: IE84 BOFI90668911226195. or leave in to either church with St. Vincent de Paul marked on the envelope. All proceeds go to Tullow S.V.P. Mobile: 083-3478914.

Cuchulainn Rounders: Congratulations to Kiera Nolan, Myshall winning €89 in this weeks Split the Pot & also Calum Joyce winning the Bud Hamper. Next draw takes place on the 29th of December where we will also have a New Years Eve Hamper as an extra prize. Envelopes are €2 each & are on sale in McAsseys, Nolan's Hardware & from any committee member.

Ballon Rathoe Parish Christmas Draw Results

1st Turkey: Deirdre & Aine Kennedy, Cappagh

2nd Ham: Har Smithers

3rd Christmas Cake: Sheppard Family, Glenogue

4th Christmas Cake: Rosarie Daly, Castlegrace

5th Christmas Cake: Eddie & Bernie Kearney, Kilnock

6th Bottle Brandy: Veronica Maher, Killane

7th Bottle Whiskey: Sheila Nolan, Connaberry

8th Bottle Whiskey: John O'Byrne, Ballonvalley

9th Pottery: Brendan Moloney, Ballon

10th Bottle Liqueur: Willie & Caroline Byrne, Castlegrace

Thanks to all for their support, special thanks to those who donated the prizes. We made €2820

Ballon N.S Christmas Carol Singing. Due to COVID-19, Ballon N.S. KHA Christmas Choir will not be singing outside the church this year for the Christmas Masses. However, 4th class have been recorded singing Christmas Carols and these will be played outside the Church before the Masses, and there will be collection buckets. The charities being supported are: Our Local St. Vincent de Paul, Eist cancer services, St. Clare's Hospitality Kitchens, A mission in Kenya. Thank you for your continued support. KHA & Bernie Mullins.



"Here's the deal- I'll tell you the secrets of the universe if you'll help me untangle my legs"

Wishing everybody a Happy & Healthy New Year. Hope we all get back to normal in 2021