

R.I.P: Pray for Dinny McGrath, Ballon Hill & Seamus Kearney, Turtane

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 28th Ballon 6.00pm	Simon & Vera Kearney, Kilnock
Sun 29th Rathoe 10.30am	Ned Byrne, Kilcoole Dermot Kealy, Rathoe Donal English-Hayden, Rathrush Laurence & Kathleen Murphy, & son Andy, Kellistown
Sun 29th Ballon 11.30am	
Tues 31st Ballon 7.00pm	
Wed 1st Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 2nd	Funeral Mass in Rathoe
Fri 3rd Rathoe 7.00pm	
Sat 4th Ballon 6.00pm	John (Jack) Cranny, Boggan Teresa Grant, Ballymogue
Sun 5th Rathoe 10.30am	Michael Carroll, Rathoe
Sun 5th Ballon 11.30am	Michael & Attracta Kavanagh and Attracta's sister Ursula who died earlier this year and deceased members of the Kavanagh Family.

Collections 22/08/2021 Offertory €570.95 Envelopes €1203.50

Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity to the Parish.

Housebound will be attended during the week

Diocesan Community Nurse, Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin (Part-time / 20 hours per week) This role is working with clergy in Kildare and Leighlin Diocese, providing an advocacy and support service to priests in the community. The ideal candidate must be: A Registered General Nurse (ideally with community experience) Have the ability to co-ordinate care planning in the community Be self motivated and have the ability to work on own initiative Possess excellent communication and time management skills contact Colette Ryan via email: cryan@carebright.ie for job description **Closing date: 7th September 2021**

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 02- 12 -20 - 28. Match Three Winner, €100.: Kathleen Fitzgerald, Craanpursheen. Next week's Jackpot €5,650. Next Draw Mon 30th Aug 21 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tks €2.

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ballonbts@gmail.com. **Keep your Covid Cert** clean and protected in our document pouch! We also reduce your card to easily fit into your purse or wallet and we'll laminate your original card for protection also. All this for a fantastic €5 **Manual & Computerised Book-keeping** This 10 week QQI accredited module will be commencing 6th Sept 2021. We hope to run 2 courses, one online on Zoom and one in-house course with a limited number of participants. It will be a scheduled weekly course, from 7pm - 10pm. **Manual & Computerised Payroll** This 10 week QQI accredited module will be commencing 9th Sept 2021. We hope to run 2 courses, one online on Zoom and one in-house course with a limited number of participants. It will be a scheduled weekly course, from 7pm - 10pm. A €100 deposit will be required to secure your place. Funding is available if you are on certain social welfare payments. **Water resistant name labels** in either 24 labels or 48 labels a sheet. Personalised with Child's name and picture of choice. Ideal for drink bottles, pencils, lunch boxes, copies etc. €5 per sheet. Postage available. Order your flyers, send in your image and have it printed on 100g satin paper. 500 A5 flyers single sided only €50, double sided €75. Email your image in on ballonbts@gmail.com. Design is extra

Director of Safeguarding in Diocese is Kathleen Sherry Phone:085 8021633.

Email: safeguarding@kandle.ie. By mail: Bishops House, Old Dublin Road, Carlow. If you have any queries regarding safeguarding of children or of vulnerable adults please do not hesitate to contact me.

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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

The 2021 Community Magazine "CONNECTED". If you have any story or photograph you would like included in this years "Connected" which will be available in December the editors are asking you to submit them by 14th August. Especially cheerful and enterprising titles along with some experience of COVID-19 most welcome. Writing articles is open to everyone just contact: Breeda: 059 914 8764 Email to breedamcdonald46@gmail.com

Tullow Community School will re-open as follows:

Monday 30th August: 1st Years and 6th Years only.

Tuesday 31st August: 1st/3rd/5th/6th Years.

Wednesday 1st Sept: All years except TY students.

Thursday 2nd September: All years

On Yer Bike' Rally Postponed. Ballon GFC's Fun Cycle Rally has been postponed and will now be held on Sunday September 12th in conjunction with Sports Ireland/Carlow Local Sports Partnership' Bike Week 2021'. Registrations from 10.30am with the off at 11.30. Trikes, Scooters, Tandems, Mountain Bikes, High Nellies, all are welcome. 5K/10K circuit. Adults €10, U-16's €5, Family €15. Adults asked to observe all current covid safety protocols re masks, social distancing etc on Morris Park grounds before and after the event. Looking forward to a fun and safe experience for all. Refreshments afterwards in line with covid guidelines.

Cuchulainn Rounders: Congratulations to Mary Flynn c/o of Michael McAsseys this week's winner of Split the Pot. Next draw the 31st of August. Envelopes available in McAsseys, Siopa Glas, Nolan's Hardware, Joe Doyle's Pub and from any committee member. Thanks to everyone for their continued support.

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 02---04---10---26. no winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Breda O'Brien, Laragh. €20—Lilly Brennan, Kilnock, €20—Dermot Nolan, Ballykealy, €20: Gavin Kirwan, c/o Bingo. Next Wk's Jackpot: €10,000. Draw every Tues @ 8.30pm

The Eist Cancer Support Centre has moved to 46 Idrone Park, Carlow. Eist To make an appointment or for more information please contact us on 085 8661499 or info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie.

Acting on Climate Change; A Christian Vocation.

Recently my son Eoin said that he was concerned about the future for his two young children. His worry is climate change. Predications by climate scientists are that just forty years from now, life in Ireland, and globally, will have altered radically, so that our current lifestyle will be unsustainable. Our coastal cities and towns will be subject to continuous flooding, the West of Ireland will be subject to torrential downpours and the East will be dried up but subject to flash floods. Pope Francis asks us: "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? 60% of household energy is expended on household heating. The simplest way to make a massive reduction in this is to put twelve inches of insulation in the attic! And the SEAI will give you a grant of 30% of the cost of doing it! Secondly, set the thermostat on your central heating to 20 degrees. On very cold days wear a nice warm jumper or cardigan.

More to follow next week

I finally got a place in the Great British team for the Olympics—as a javelin catcher.

It's not whether you win or lose, but who gets the blame.

I come from a very athletic family. My brother once broke a leg throwing a ball. He forgot it was chained to his ankle.

Anyway, that's neither here nor funny