

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 11th Ballon 6.00pm	Tommy O'Brien, Main St., Ballon & Tom Doyle, formally Camolin.
Sun 12th Rathoe 10.30am	Buddy Smithers, M.M. Mrs. Sheppard, Glenogue
Sun 12th Ballon 11.30am	Tom Nolan, Ballour
Tues 14th Ballon 7.00pm	
Wed 15th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 16th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 17th Rathoe 7.00pm	
Sat 18th Ballon 6.00pm	John F. Kennedy, Cappagh. M.M.
Sun 19th Rathoe 10.30am	
Sun 19th Ballon 11.30am	

Collections 05/09/2021 Offertory €654.70. Envelopes €768.05

Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity to the Parish.

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 03- 14 -20 - 25. Match Three Winners, €25 each: Donnacha Murphy, Connaberry, Dan Fanning, Aghade, Jennifer Brazil, The Oaks, Eoin Carroll, Bendenstown. Next week's Jackpot €5,700. Next Draw Mon 6th Sept 2021 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tks €2.

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Water resistant labels are heavy duty and ideal for drinks bottles, lunch box and pencils. Dishwasher safe. €5 per sheet of 48 labels/.Postage available. Do you need photos printed out from your smartphone? Call into us and we can print them for you, email the photo INHOUSE courses starting at the end of the month for 10 weeks. These courses are funded by KCETB and **free** if you are on a social welfare payment or community employment. Word Processing, Internet Skills, Desktop publishing Career Preparation **Sewing** 4th October 9.30am - 12.30pm €50 for 4 weeks. **Cooking** 29th September 10am - 12pm €75 for 6 weeks

Paint and Sip 1st October 7-9pm €20 per night

Art classes 5th October 11.30am - 1.30pm €50 for 6 weeks Call 059-9159447 to book your place, numbers are very limited.

Kirwan Academy of Irish dance will reopen their indoor classes for existing dancers & new beginners on Wednesday 22nd September. Classes are held in Rathoe Community Hall. To reserve a place, please contact Emily. 087-2140324

Cuchulainn Rounders: Congratulations to Lorraine Carmel Moloney this week's winner of Split the Pot. Next draw the 14th September. 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. Also our Tractor Run will be held on the 12th of September.

Registration from 12pm from Texaco Ballon

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

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

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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

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 05---06---12---24. no winner. Lucky Dip: €100: BJackie O'Leary, Ballykealy, €20—Jason & Sean Whelan, Ballon, €20—Caroline Kelly, The Oaks. €20: Ann Donohoe, c/o Bingo. Next Wk's Jackpot: €10,000. Draw every Tues @ 8.30p

Ordained Ministry

It will come as news to many people that the total number of priests—diocesan and religious order— increased slightly from 414,065 in 2018 to 414336 in 2019. The largest growth in the number of priests was seen in Africa and Asia, with a growth of 3.45% and 2.91% respectively. However, it is interesting to note that the number of priests in Europe also increased by 1.5% in 2019. 40% of the world's priests live in Europe, while 28% of priests serve in Africa and Asia.

There are over 100,000 candidates for the priesthood. The precise figure at the end of 2019 was 114,058 which represents only a slight dip (-1.6%) from 115,880 at the end of 2018. Permanent deacons in the world continue to increase, this year reaching 610 units to 47,504.

There are still endless questions that neither science, scripture nor Church can answer.

Evolution is a constant revelation of divine creativity in the cosmos. Unthinking respect for authority could be the enemy of truth.

Change in Mass Time: From the Sunday 3rd October, Mass in Rathoe will be 10.00am.

Season of Creation 2021: One Simple Step You Can Take Today

The theme for the Season of Creation 2021 is 'Restoring Our Common Home'. During this season we are asked to join together to celebrate creation and protect our common home through prayer, reflection and action

This year we celebrate this season mindful of the fact that our world continues to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic as well as a devastating climate and biodiversity crisis. We look towards two UN Conferences in the Autumn, COP15 (on Biodiversity, due to take place in China) and COP24 (on climate change, Glasgow) in the hope that world leaders take the urgent action that is needed to Restore Our Common Home. Catholics are urged to log on to www.thecatholicpetition.org. to sign the "Healthy Planet Healthy People" petition as a key action for this year's Season of Creation.



*Husband: All you find is mistakes for the last 20 years
Wife: Twenty-one years !!!!*