

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 25th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sun 26th Rathoe 10.30am	Maureen Maguire, Kylemore, M.M Dick & Cella Kavanagh, Grangeford Michael Carroll, Snr. & Michael Carroll Jnr. Bendenstown Marie Fallon. Jack Hutton & daughter Mary Farrell & son-in-law Dick Murphy.
Sun 26th Ballon 11.30am	Dinny McGrath, Ballon Hill MM Paul, Tessie & Hugh Doyle, Ballintrain
Tues 28th Ballon 7.00pm	
Wed 29th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 30th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 1st Rathoe 7.00pm	
Sat 2nd Ballon 6.00pm	John & Kitty Dawson, Maple Lawn
Sun 3rd Rathoe 10.00am	Bill & Kitty Eustace, Castlemore
Sun 3rd Ballon 11.30am	

HOUSEBOUND will be attended during the coming week

Change in Mass Time: From next Sunday 3rd October 2021
Mass in Rathoe will be 10.00am.

Collections 19/09/2021 Offertory €350.75. Envelopes €652.00
Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity to the Parish.

Migrant Sunday takes place on the 26th of Sept. This year we are holding a collection to support the work of the Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants (IECE) who provides grant funding to Irish organisations overseas working with the most vulnerable of our emigrant community;

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 01-02-10-19. Match Three Winners, €25 each: Marie McGrath, Maple Lawn, Emma O'Neill, Kildavin, Jack Fitzgerald Craanpursheen, Jennifer Brazil, The Oaks. Next week's Jackpot €5,850. Draw Mon 27th Sept 2021, in Fr. Flood House 9pm. €2.

Ballon Business & Training Service—Tel: 059-915-9447
ballonbts@gmail.com. Cooking with Majella. Wednesday 29th Sept 10-12pm x 6 weeks €75. Paint and Sip with Breda Friday 1st October 7-9pm €20. Sewing Workshops Mon 4th Oct 9.30am - 12.30pm x 4 weeks €50. Wed 6th Oct 2-4pm x 4 weeks €50. Art Workshops Mon 4th Oct 2pm-4pm €50. Tues 5th Oct 11.30am - 1.30pm €50. **QQI Level 3 courses: Word Processing** Wed 29th Sept 9.30am. **Desktop Publishing** Wed 29th Sept 2pm. **Internet Skills** Wed 30th Sept 2pm **Career Planning** Wed 30th Sept 9.30am. These courses are free if you are receiving a social welfare payment. Have you a communion or confirmation coming up? Do you need labels or thank you labels personalising with your Child's name and date? Let us do them for you, €5 per sheet of 24 labels. Same day postage available once payment is made. **Get your Garden Autumn/Winter Ready** with Eddie ONLINE Friday 15th October 2-4pm.

Cuchulainn Rounders: Congratulations to Bernie Nolan winning €57 in this weeks Split the Pot. Next draw the 28th 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.

Jim, drunk, said to Spike, 'Did you just pour your beer on my lap? Spike shook his head sadly. 'I'm afraid not Jim my boy, he said. 'What you have there is an inside job

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

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 12---16---26---27. no winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Kieran Abbey, c/o NGS: €20—Martina O'Leary, c/o Bingo: . €20—Pauleen Murphy, c/o Bingo: €20: Kiera O'Neill, c/o Bingo. Next WK's Jackpot: €10,000. Draw every Tues @ 8.30pm

Tea/Coffee Morning

Rathoe Tea/Coffee morning will resume on
Sunday 3rd Oct. after 10.00am Mass.

As usual it will be held in Rathoe Hall and it is planned to have this social function on the 1st Sunday of each month

Bridge Classes with Liz Whelan in Ballon Business & Training will be returning on Sept 28th 2021 every Tuesday & Thursday afternoons from 2.30-4.30pm To book contact Mary Jordan 086-8165531

The Eist Cancer Support Centre has moved to 46 Idrone Park, Carlow. Eist continues to provide emotional support and practical help to all affected by cancer. To make an appointment or for more information please contact us on 085 8661499 or info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie.

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 18th October, final deadline. Especially cheerful and enterprising titles along with some experience of COVID-19 most welcome. Writing articles is open to everyone just contact: Breda: 059 914 8764 Email to breedamcdonald46@gmail.com.

Fighting Cocks GAA

Fun Day for children from 2pm on this Sunday following the opening and blessing of their new Astra Pitch.

All very welcome.

The Magnificat is one of the best world wide catholic publications. This is the letter the editor wrote last month:

Dear Friends,

I am now entering my twelfth year as your editor, hard as that is to believe. It is also nearly four decades since I entered the Church on the birthday of Our Lady. Since our conversions, my husband and I endeavoured to use the gifts we had to contribute to the work of evangelisation, which really just means sharing the joy of having encountered the ultimate "good thing" accessible to any human being: friendship with Christ. Strat has been gone from my side for over seven years now, and I have missed his expertise in this particular labour. Yet, just as I feel exhausted, one of you shares your own joy at work being done here, which gives me the courage to continue. Thank You. *Léonie Caldecott*

A married couple were keen golfers, and one night the wife asked her husband: 'George, if I was to die, would you marry again?

'I daresay I would.'

'Would you let your new wife live in this house of ours?'

'Why not? It's a lovely house.'

'Would you let her sleep in our bed?'

'I don't see why not. It's very comfortable.'

What? And would you let her use my golf clubs?'

'Certainly not.'

'Oh George, why not? 'She's left-handed.'