

R.I.P: Pray for Maureen Maguire, Kylemore Hill, Rathoe

### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.
Tues 7th Ballon 7.00pm	
Wed 8th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 9th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 10th Rathoe 7.00pm	Patrick & Sarah Doyle, Ballinrane, sons Noel & John & daughter Marie.
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

**Collections 29/08/2021 Offertory €387.35. Envelopes €810.25**

*Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity to the Parish.*

**Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 05- 13 -14 - 21.** Match Three Winners, €35.: Gaye O'Toole, Milltown, Timmy Byrne, Kilnock, Helen Brophy, Tullow. Next week's Jackpot €5,700. Next Draw Mon 6th Sept 2021 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tks €2.

**Ballon Business & Training Service**—Tel: 059-915-9447

[ballonbts@gmail.com](mailto:ballonbts@gmail.com). **Manual and Computerised Book-keeping and**

**Payroll** These 10 week QQI accredited module will be commencing 6th & 9th September 2021. These courses will run online on Zoom 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, the remaining €200 can be paid in fortnightly instalments of €50 over the duration of the course. \*\*\*Funding is available if you are receiving certain Social Welfare benefits\*\*\* **Do you have a Confirmation or Communion** coming up now

the restrictions have been lifted? Order your labels here, 24 to a sheet, Personalised with name and date. €5. Postage. Get your personalised Confirmation or Communion card here, child's name and date included on the card. €5. Protect your vaccination card and keep it clean. Copy and reduce the size so it fits in your purse. Print out your covid digital cert and put it in a document holder. All for €5. Email your digital cert to [ballonbts@gmail.com](mailto:ballonbts@gmail.com). 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

**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

**Childminder required in the Ballon Area.** 3 Days a week Tues, Thurs and Friday. Rates to be discussed. Please contact 085 8295755

**Cuchulainn Rounders:** Congratulations to Lorraine Jordan this week's winner of Split the Pot. Next draw the 7th 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. Also our Tractor Run will be held on the 12th of September. Registration from 12pm from Texaco Ballon

**Director of Safeguarding** in Diocese is Kathleen Sherry Phone:085 8021633. Email: [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto: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](mailto:breedamcdonald46@gmail.com)

**On Yer Bike' Rally Sunday next Sept 12th** is the new date for the Ballon GFC 'On Yer Bike' Fun Cycle Rally being held in conjunction with Sport Ireland Bike Week and Carlow 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.

**Burrin Celtic Lotto:** No's 01---11---25---29. no winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Betty Nolan, c/o Bingo. €20—Patrick Nolan, c/o N.G.S., €20—Lisa Brennan, c/o Bingo. €20: Helen Meaghan, c/o Bingo. Next Wk's Jackpot: €10,000. Draw every Tues @ 8.30pm

### The Catholic Picture in Numbers

At the end of 2019, the worldwide Catholic population exceeded 1.34 billion, which is about one fifth of the world's population.

This marks an increase of 16 million Catholics compared to the previous year. Almost half (48.1%) of the world's Catholics live in North America and Latin America. 21% of Catholics worldwide are living in Europe, with 19% in Africa, 11% in Asia and less than 1% in Oceania.

The Church continues to be one of the largest providers of education and social services across the world and is a major provider of social and humanitarian services in developing countries.

### Catholic Schools and Education.

In 2018, over 65 million children and young people were being educated in Catholic-run institutions. The Catholic Church runs 73,164 early childhood centres with 7,376,858 pupils, 103,146 primary schools with 35,011,999 pupils and 49,541 secondary schools with 19,307,298 pupils. The Church also caters for 3,707,559 university students.



**“No, no....it was you who said  
Let's get a puppy during lockdown!!!”**

**Teacher:** You can't sleep in my class !

**Pupil:** If you didn't talk so much I could !

**Teacher:** You missed school yesterday, didn't you ?

**Pupil:** Not A bit.!