

### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 9th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sun 10th Rathoe 10.00am	Joe Smithers, Rathrush
Sun 10th Ballon 11.30am	
Tues 12th Ballon 7.00pm	
Wed 13th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 14th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 15th Rathoe 7.00pm	
Sat 16th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sun 17th Rathoe 10.00am	Theresa Kennedy, Grangeford. MM Pauline Byrne, Kilcoole Marie Kennedy, Gilbertstown
Sun 17th Ballon 11.30am	

**Collections 03/10/2021 Offertory €600.95 Envelopes €944.50 (including online donations)**

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

Boxes of envelopes for the coming year have being distributed. If you didn't receive a box and would like to support the Parish envelope collections, boxes are available in the church porches.

#### **Harvest Collection 2021**

Will be taken up next weekend. This is one of the four collections in the year for the Priests of the Parish. Envelope in your box of envelopes or in the back of the Church.

#### **A Very Good Read**

**Irish Catholic Newspaper** Proudly reporting the beauty and truth of our faith is now available in the Parish. Cost €2.50. Place money in shrine box.

**Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 01– 13 –16 – 19.** Lucky Dip Winners, €25 each: Michael O'Toole, Boggan, Margaret Buggy, Ballon, Jimmy O'Brien, Laragh, Pat Gittens, Ballylean. Next week's Jackpot €5,950. Draw Mon 11th October 2021, in Fr. Flood House 9pm. €2.

**Ballon Business & Training Service**—Tel: 059-915-9447  
[ballonbts@gmail.com](mailto:ballonbts@gmail.com). QQI Level 4 Customer Service Starting Nov 3rd at 9.30am. QQI Level 3 Career Preparation Starting November Smartphone or Tablet Digital Skills Bring your gadget! Thursday 14th October at 7pm for 5 weeks. Get your garden looking nice throughout the Autumn and Winter Contact [fdunne@kceb.ie](mailto:fdunne@kceb.ie) to book-ONLINE

**Cuchulainn Rounders** Congratulations to Deirdre Kepple this week's winner of Split the Pot. Winning €62. Next draw will be held on the 12th of October. Envelopes available from McAssey's, Siopa Glas, Nolan's Hardware, Joe Doyle's Pub and from any committee member. Thanks to everyone for their continued support.

**Tullow Community School** will accept applications for September 2022 from Monday 11th October to Friday 12th November 2021 at 2.00 p.m. Application forms are available from the school website or the school office

**Trip to Knock** for 2 nights on 27th October 2021. For more details contact: Josie: 087-2543235 or Ger: 087-2477093

**A Virtual POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD** Ceremony will take place on Wednesday 13th October @7.30pm. Streamed LIVE from the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow via [www.icatholic.ie](http://www.icatholic.ie)

**Director of Safeguarding** in Diocese is Kathleen Sherry Ph: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**

**Burrin Celtic Lotto:** No's 01---17---28---29. no winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Olivia Mannion, Rathoe: €20—Betty Nolan, Knockdoorish: €20—Olive Townsend, c/o Bingo: €20: Larry Doyle, c/o Michael McAssey. Next Wk's Jackpot: €10,000. Draw every Tues @ 8.30pm

**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: Breeda: 059 914 8764 Email to [breedamcdonald46@gmail.com](mailto:breedamcdonald46@gmail.com).

### Famous hotelier laments intolerance of faith in Ireland

Hotelier and TV personality Francis Brennan spoke recently about the importance of faith in his life and his disappointment about "an element" introduced into Irish society that doesn't receive faith well. In an interview with the Irish Examiner, Mr Brennan spoke about how fear around a birth condition, which saw him born without an ankle... **Read full story in this weeks Irish Catholic available in both churches.**

#### **St. Francis of Assisi**

In 1208, Francis of Assisi abandoned the riches of the Italian merchant class for a labourer's tunic and a bed under the stars, choosing to live in perfect imitation of Christ's own poverty. Francis wanted his followers to live and preach in this same spirit; he called them simply Friars Minor, the "lesser brothers". Francis was devoted to the Baby Jesus— he popularised the Christmas crèche—and the Eucharist, in which the "Son of God so humbles himself that for our salvation he hides himself under an ordinary piece of bread". He had a great love for priests, though he never sought ordination. The poverello (poor one) died in 1226

#### **Following the Way of the Good Samaritan**

Most high and glorious God, lighten the darkness of my heart and give me sound faith, firm hope, and perfect love.

Let, me Lord, have the right feelings and knowledge properly to carry out the task you have given me. May the burning and tender might of your love, I beseech you, O' Lord, ravish my soul so that I might die for love of my love.

My Lord, I am all yours. You know I have nothing besides my tunic, cord and underpants. And even these three things are yours. So what can I give You?

*St. Francis of Assisi (+1226) was a deacon, father to the poor.*

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Last year on Father's Day, my son gave me something I always wanted: the keys to my car.

Father: when I was your age I worked sixteen hours a day in this business, seven days a week!

Son: I really appreciate it Dad, if it wasn't for all your hard work I might have had to do that myself !