

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 9th Ballon 6.00pm	Tom Nolan, Boggan
Sun 10th Rathoe 10.00am	Theresa Kennedy, Grangeford. MM Pauline Byrne, Kilcoole Marie Kennedy, Gilbertstown John & Emily Kirwan, Bendenstown
Sun 10th Ballon 11.30am	
Tues 19th Ballon 7.00pm	Prayer Service
Wed 20th Rathoe 10.00am	Prayer Service
Thurs 21st Ballon 10.00am	Prayer Service
Fri 22nd Rathoe 7.00pm	Prayer Service
Sat 23rd Ballon 6.00pm	
Sun 24th Rathoe 10.00am	Mary Larkin, son Patrick and her parents.
Sun 24th Ballon 11.30am	

Collections 10/10/2021 Offertory €361.50. Envelopes €655.50 (including online donations)

Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity to the Parish.

Boxes of envelopes for the coming year have been 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 this 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.

World Mission Sunday – 24th October 2021

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world on 24th October. It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sister Veronica build peace in Nigeria and share the love of Christ with those most in need. **Envelopes in your box or spare envelopes at the back of the church. Thank You**

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 02– 03 –05 – 10. Lucky Dip Winners, €25 each: Joe Cummins, Nurney, Danny Lewis, Laragh Beg, Joe Cummins, Nurney, Jack Cummins, Bendenstown. Next week's Jackpot €6,000 Draw Mon 18th October 2021, in Fr. Flood House 9pm. €2.

Ballon Business & Training Service—Tel: 059-915-9447 ballonbts@gmail.com. QQI Level 4 Customer Service Starting Nov 3rd at 9.30am. QQI Level 3 Career Preparation Starting November

Halloween Workshops for Kids.

Tues 26th Oct - Polly's Creative Mini Moments spooky arts & crafts, fun and games ages 6 - 10

Wed 27th Oct - Polly 's Creative Mini Moments spooky arts & crafts, fun and games ages 6 - 10. Thurs 28th Oct - Jewellery Making Workshop, spooky fun & games ages 6-12. Chair Yoga Friday 5th Nov at 11am x 6 weeks

Customer Service Wednesday 3rd November at 10am x 13 weeks

Sewing Monday 8th Nov x 4 weeks. Cooking Wednesday 17th Nov x 6 week

Director of Safeguarding in Diocese is Kathleen Sherry Ph: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 04---11---12---24. no winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Dawn Coakley, c/o Olivia Mannion,: €20—Brendan Mullins, Ballon Hill: €20—Mary Maher, Killane: €20: Ann Cheatam, c/o Bingo. 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.

Cuchulainn Rounders Congratulations to John Treacy winning €65 in this weeks Split the Pot. Next draw the 19th October. Envelops available in McAsseys, Siopa Glas, Nolan's Hardware, Joe Doyle's Pub and from any committee member. Our club AGM will be held on the 22nd of October in Ballon GFC Clubhouse. All new member are welcome to attend.

Trip to Knock for 2 nights on 27th October 2021.

For more details contact: Josie: 087-2543235 or

Ger: 087-2477093

Graiguecullen Bingo will recommence on Tuesday 26th Oct 2021 @ 8.30pm in St. Fiacc's Hall, depending on Government guidelines at the time.

Pioneer Calendar 2022. Full Colour A4 pages – 1 month per page. Pope's Intention for each month. Price €5 each. All proceeds to Pioneer Total Abstinence Association, **Orders with payment to:** Pioneer Calendar Promotor, 18 Greenhills, Browneshill Road, CARLOW R93 E1W8

Marking of the opening of the Synodal Pathway across the dioceses. Pope Francis officially opened the synodal pathway last weekend in Rome and has asked dioceses and parishes throughout the world to mark the opening this weekend.

Pope Francis on Wonder

Pope Francis invited his global audience 'to ask for the grace to be amazed', saying that 'a Christian life without amazement becomes drab and dreary. How can we talk about the joy of meeting Jesus, unless we are daily astonished and amazed by his love, which brings us forgiveness and the possibility of a new beginning?' 'When faith no longer experiences amazement, it grows dull: it becomes blind to the wonders of grace; it can no longer taste the Bread of life and hear the Word; it can no longer perceive the beauty of our brothers and sisters and the gift of creation.'

Customer: Have you any dogs going cheap?

Pet-shop Manager: No, I'm afraid all our dogs go 'Woof!'

Customer: Does this dog have a pedigree?

Pet-shop owner: A pedigree?

Listen if this dog could talk he wouldn't be speaking to either of us.

Do you realize that your dog barked all night long?

Yes, but don't worry. He sleeps all day.

Why aren't dogs good dancers? A. Because they have two left feet!

After a talking Sheepdog gets all the sheep in the pen, he reports back to the farmer: "All 40 accounted for." "But I only have 36 sheep," says the farmer. "I know," says the Sheepdog. "But I rounded them up."