

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 2nd Ballon 6.00pm	John & Kitty Dawson, Maple Lawn
Sun 3rd Rathoe 10.00am	Bill & Kitty Eustace, Castlemore
Sun 3rd Ballon 11.30am	

Tues 5th Ballon 7.00pm
Wed 6th Rathoe 10.00am
Thurs 7th Ballon 10.00am
Fri 8th Rathoe 7.00pm

Sat 9th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sun 10th Rathoe 10.00am	Joe Smithers, Rathrush
Sun 10th Ballon 11.30am	

Collections 26/09/2021 Offertory €395.30. Envelopes €923.40
Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity to the Parish.

A Very Good Read

Irish Catholic Newspaper Proudly reporting the beauty and truth of our faith is now available in the Parish. Read contributions from such well know people as David Quinn, Mary Kenny, Maria Steen, Michael Kelly, Nuala O'Loan, Jason Osborne, Breda O'Brien & Ruadhán Jones. Cost €2.50. Place money in shrine box.

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 02- 13 -18 - 23. Match Three Winners, €25 each: Valerie Nolan, Ballon, Eoin Fanning, Laragh, John Mullins, Ballon Hill, Una Buggy, Ballon. Next week's Jackpot €5,850. Draw Mon 4th 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 Smartphone or Tablet Digital Skills Bring your gadget! Thursday 14th October at 7pm for 5 weeks.

Last few spaces on Art- 4th October x 6 weeks 2-4pm
Last few spaces on sewing 6th October x 6 weeks 2-4pm
Call 059-9159447 to book your place

Get your garden looking nice throughout the Autumn and Winter
Contact fdunne@kcetb.ie to book-ONLINE

Cuchulainn Rounders Congratulations to Jim Nolan winning €60 in this week's Split the Pot. Next draw the 5th October. 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.

**Woman Available for 3-4 hours a week,
cleaning/housekeeping. Phone: 087 -170 9242**

Would you like to work as a Health Care Support Assistant?

The HSE require Health Care Support Assistants (formally known as Home Helps) to provide care to clients in their own homes in the Carlow, Kilkenny, South Tipperary, Waterford & Wexford areas. If you would like more information on how you can join the team please check the job search section on www.hse.ie using reference code: SECH21HCSA to find out more details. Please note closing date is Monday 18th October at 12 noon and applications can only be accepted by email. For Carlow enquiries please contact Jennifer on (059) 9178023

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

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 13---16---18---25. no winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Paul Hickey, Kilnock: €20—T.J Nolan, Sandbrook: €20—Helen O'Leary, c/o Bingo: €20: May Farrell, c/o Lily Brennan: Next Wk's Jackpot: €10,000. Draw every Tues @ 8.30pm

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: Breeda: 059 914 8764 Email to breedamcdonald46@gmail.com.

Tea/Coffee Morning This Sunday

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

Vocations Crisis—Look Beyond Ourselves

The US State of Kansas ranks 27th in terms of America states for the percentage of residents who are Catholics. 18% identify as Catholics. The Diocese of Wichita which is in Kansas only 10% identify as Catholic.

Against this backdrop the diocese currently has 28 young men undertaking formation with a view to being ordained to serve the people of Wichita.

In an Irish context this would be the equivalent of Dublin having 280 seminarians. It has nobody, not even a single person studying for the priesthood. *Taken from The Irish Catholic.*

Dear Mama, I'm better today. Yesterday I saw Father Thomas, and I think we must have had an angel sitting there with us, there was so much peace and joy in that holy conversation. Perhaps I'll see him again next Monday or Tuesday—if it's possible, of course. I am content that the Lord permitted him to come and concern himself with my affairs with such eager love. It is thanks to him that all can be arranged so happily!

Poor Mama! But what can we do, we have to resign ourselves to events, and I am happy to see that you do. Remain calm above all, and submissive. Think of the Blessed Virgin, who remained for hours beneath the cross without rebelling! It is to her that you must entrust yourself. If God permits it, I will pray for all of you from heaven. Dear mama, I don't know if tomorrowwell, I won't think about it. I'll write you a goodbye letter in any case. I embrace you with all my heart. Jacques Fesch (t 1957) was a murderer who experienced a profound conversion before his execution in a French prison. He wrote this letter a few days before he died.

On his sixtieth wedding anniversary, Jack was asked by a friend how old his wife was.

'She's eighty-seven and God willing she'll live to be a hundred, 'replied Jack.

'And how old are you, Jack?'

'I'm eighty-seven too, but God willing I'll live to be a hundred and one.'

'But Jack, ' said his friend 'why do you want to live longer than your wife?'
'To be honest, said Jack, ' I could do with a year off'