

### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 13th Ballon 6.00pm	Kathleen Moran, 1st Anniversary formally Castlegrace & Tullow and deceased members of Moran Family Mai & Archie Mullins, Ballykealy Billy Smyth, Ballon Hill
Sun 14th Rathoe 10.00am	Jack Dowling & Marie Doran, Kellistown Tom & Mary Doyle, Kellistown
Sun 14th Ballon 11.30am	
Tues 16th Ballon 7.00pm	Deceased members of Dunne Family
Wed 17th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 18th Ballon 10.00am	Mary Ann O'Toole, Margaret McCarthy, Boggan
Fri 19th Rathoe 7.00pm	Mass for the dead.
Sat 20th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sun 21st Rathoe 10.00am	P.J.Keating, Rathoe Seamus & Mary Byrne, Kyleanora
Sun 21st Ballon 11.30am	

#### Graveyard Rathoe—This Sunday 14th at 1.00pm

**Collections 7/11/2021 Offertory €428.15 Envelopes €1068.00.**

**Ballon Graveyard Mass: €549.05. (incl online donations) .**

**Trocaire special Appeal: €1379.30 to date**

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

**Burrin Celtic Lotto:** No's 09---17---20---22. no winner. Lucky Dip: €100

The Twin Hickeys, Kilnock: €20—Olivia Manion, Rathoe: €20—Mary Nolan, c/o James Nolan: €20 Noel Curry, Ballon.

Next Wk's Jackpot: €10,000. Draw every Tues @ 8.30pm

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

[ballonbts@gmail.com](mailto:ballonbts@gmail.com) . Art Mon 22nd November x 5 weeks 2pm-4pm €50

**Cooking** Wed 24th Nov x 6 weeks 10am - 12pm €75

**Paint & Sip** Friday 3rd December 7pm-9pm €20

**Manual and Computerised Book-keeping and Payroll QQI Level 5**

These classes are now open for bookings for January 2022.

Due to restrictions, we are unsure as to whether it will be in house or online, Please contact the office to secure your place.

**Cuchulainn Rounders** Winner of this weeks Split the Pot was Audrey

Coogan winning €58. Thank you for your continued support.

Our Christmas draw is back. After missing the event for 2020 we are delighted to announce that our Christmas night out is back in Joe Doyle's on the 27th of November. Prizes include: €250, €150, Deluxe Christmas Hamper, McAsseys Butcher Voucher, Centra Hamper and many more. Live music on the night by Syl Ivers. Lines will be on sale in McAsseys, Siopa Glas and from any committee member. €2 each or 3 for €5.

**The Fighting Cocks GFC** are holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday November 28th at 4pm in Rathoe Hall. Open to all members and we hope to see you on the day

**Christmas Parish Draw:** Due to COVID-19 there will be no Goose Club this year, instead we intend to have a Parish Draw. More details next week

**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.

## Ballon-Rathoe Parish Office

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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**

**Ballon GFC Lotto.** No Winner. No's 10– 15 –24 – 29

Lucky Dip Winners €25 each: Fr. O'Connell, Ballon, Cian Jordan, Milltown, Jackie O'Leary, Ballykealy, Niamh Nolan, Connaberry.

**Next weeks Jackpot €6,200.** Next Draw. Mon 15th Nov 2021 Fr.

Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

**Mount Leinster Region Community Employment** have job opportunities available for Office and Clerical workers and General Operatives in the Ballon & Rathoe area. These positions are developmental opportunities, no experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your choice of career. For further details and to see if you're eligible, call 086-8484552.

**The Eist Cancer Support Centre** currently has Christmas Cards and Candles for sale in its new premises in 46 Idrone Park, Tullow Road, Carlow. We would like to remind you that the Centre is currently open for business to provide support to people with a cancer diagnosis, their families, and friends. For further information please contact Eist on 085 8661499 or 059 9139684. Our email address is [info@eistcarlow.support.ie](mailto:info@eistcarlow.support.ie)

## A Gift from God

*'Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine' (Matt 25:40).*

Some people do extraordinary things for God's children. Fr. Stan Swamy was a Jesuit priest who spent his entire life working life in India to defend the rights of the tribal people against the economic interests of multicultural mining companies, who were pushing them off their land. He was charged with terrorism and imprisoned for his work at the age of eighty-four, refused bail on several occasions and eventually died last July from COVID-19, which he caught in the overcrowded prison he was in. The Jesuits have committed to continuing his work. There are countless other, unnamed priests, religious and lay people who have given a lifetime and often their lives, in defence of the poorest in many parts of the world. But God does not expect us to do such heroic things. God is so pleased by the smallest act of kindness or caring which we do for one of God's children, that Jesus promises 'Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones, because they are disciples, will never lose the reward' (Mt 10:42)

## The Environment

*The government is finally doing something about energy conservation. They're asking motorists to remember to turn off their windscreen wipers whenever they drive under a bridge.*

*If sunbeams were weapons of war, we would have had solar energy long ago.*

*The Kerry Tug-of-war team were disqualified for pushing.*

*The Irish army general was taken to see the psychiatrist to be treated for delusions of grandeur. He thought he was a British Army private.*

*She is a very careful driver, she always looks both ways before hitting something.*