

Feast of Christ the King

Sat 20th Ballon 6.00pm	Matt, Jane, Larry & Julia Canavan, Kilconnor
Sun 21st Rathoe 10.00am	P.J.Keating, Rathoe Seamus & Mary Byrne, Kyleanora Paddy Joyce, Graiguealug Colman Dowling, Kellistown
Sun 21st Ballon 11.30am	
Tues 23rd Ballon 7.00pm	
Wed 24th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 25th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 26th Rathoe 7.00pm	Joseph Brophy, formally Rathoe
Sat 27th Ballon 6.00pm	Rex & Margaret Barry, Ballinadrum Sean Gahan, formally Ballykeen Sally Curry, Milltown
Sun 28th Rathoe 10.00am	Paddy, Mary & Shane Curry, Castlemore Harry Corcoran, Kellistown & deceased members of Corcoran Family.
Sun 28th Ballon 11.30am	Hugh O'Byrne, Ballykealy M. M

Collections 14/11/2021 Offertory €391.55. Envelopes €658.00. Rathoe Graveyard Mass: €561.35. (incl online donations) . Trocaire special Appeal: €1592.95 to date
Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity to the Parish.

Bluebird Care are currently hiring experienced Care Assistants and Nurses for Ballon/Rathoe and surrounding areas to work with clients in their own home. We offer flexible part/full time hours to work around your lifestyle including weekends only, mornings only, evenings only, and specific days. If you are interested in finding out more about our opportunities, please email your CV to ckw@bluebirdcare.ie or call 056 7789952.

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 03---07---13---30. no winner. Lucky Dip: €100
 Sarah Butler, c/o Mary Maher: €20—Mary & Jason Maher, Killane:
 €20—Pat Gardner, c/o Bingo: €20 Deirdre Hickey, Kilnock.
 Next Wk's Jackpot: €10,000. Draw every Tues @ 8.30pm

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

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

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 01– 10 –11 – 18

Lucky Dip Winners €25 each: Rachel Maher, Killane, Leah Murphy, The Rower, Michael Dawson, Maple Lawn, Ashling Kinsella, Sandbrook.

Next weeks Jackpot €6,250. Next Draw. Mon 22nd 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

Christmas Parish Draw: Due to COVID-19 there will be no Goose Club this year, instead we intend to have a Parish Draw. Donations of bottles of cheer, biscuits or other items to make up a hamper would be most welcome. They can be left into the Parish Office or to Ballon Business & Training in The Old School.

Spread the Faith

US President Joe Biden sent the Irish rugby team a prayer and asked them to "spread the faith" before their win against New Zealand's All Blacks over the weekend. Mr. Biden sent a letter prior to Saturday's match wishing them luck and sending them a blessing. He said: "As the Irish blessing says 'Wherever you go and whatever you do, may the luck of the Irish be there with you' "My grandfather, Ambrose Finnegan, would always say, 'Keep the faith', and then my grandmother Blewitt would add, 'No, spread it,' So, go spread the faith. I'll be cheering for you." The president then joined the team via video link, flanked by his brother Jimmy (71) and sister Valerie (76), he said "We're so damn proud of you, really and truly." In his letter he said he was "thrilled to congratulate the entire team, especially my cousin Rob Kearney" in 2016 after their first win against the All Blacks in Chicago.

You never know

"If only I knew it was you!" Nelson Mandela was still a young man when he became leader of the banned African National Congress. At a certain stage of the struggle he was forced to go underground. He used many disguises and in general remained as unkempt as possible, so that he would not be easily recognized. Once he was to attend a meeting in a distant part of Johannesburg. A priest had arranged with friends of his to put him up for the night. However, when Mandela arrived at the house, the elderly woman who answered the doorbell took one look at him and exclaimed, "We don't want your kind here!" And she shut the door in his face. Later when she found out who it was she had turned away -- Jesus appears to us in different guises. If only we knew it was He.

I met my wife at a dance. It was really embarrassing . I thought she was at home with the kids.

Retirement means twice as much husband and half as much money

Why is it when you retire and time is no longer important, they give you a watch