

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 6th Ballon 6.00pm	Peadar Jordan, Milltown.
Sun 7th Rathoe 10.00am	
Sun 7th Ballon 11.30am	
Tues 9th Ballon 7.00pm	Mary Ann O'Toole, Margaret McCarthy, Boggan
Wed 10th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 11th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 12th Rathoe 7.00pm	
Sat 13th Ballon 6.00pm	Mai & Archie Mullins, Ballykealy Billy Smyth, Ballon Hill Kathleen Moran, Tullow
Sun 14th Rathoe 10.00am	
Sun 14th Ballon 11.30am	

**Graveyard Masses for November:
Ballon—This Sunday 7th Nov at 1.00pm
Rathoe—Sunday 14th at 1.00pm**

Collections 31/10/2021 Offertory €494.55. Envelopes €1849.20 (incl online donations). Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity to the Parish.

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 01---14---18---22. no winner. Lucky Dip: €100 Tom Murphy, c/o Bingo : €20—Joan Hutton, Rathoe: €20—Shane Callaghan, c/o Paul Hickey: : €20 John Nolan, c/o Mary Maher Next Wk's Jackpot: €10,000. Draw every Tues @ 8.30pm

Ballon Business & Training Service—Tel: 059-915-9447
ballonbts@gmail.com : **Sewing** Mon 8th Nov x 4 weeks 9.30am - 12.30pm €50. **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 race night on November 12th at 9pm in the Fighting Cocks Bar. All are welcome and we hope to see you on the night

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

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

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– 02 –06 – 25

Lucky Dip Winners €25 each: Margaret Roberts, Clonegal, Mary & Rudi Jordan, Milltown, Margaret Roberts, Clonegal, Margaret Buggy, Ballon.

Next weeks Jackpot €6,150. Next Draw. Mon 8th Nov 2021 Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

We have the power to tell God that our heaven needs to include a loved one.

What does it mean to 'bind and loose'? Among other things, it means that as a Christians, as members of the Body of Christ, like Jesus when he walked this earth, we have the power to dispense God's mercy and forgiveness and be a salvific cord that connects others to God's family.

If someone is connected to us, she is connected to Christ and to the community of salvation.

In previous writings, I used this example as an illustration. Imagine you have a child, a spouse, or a friend who is not going to church and is indifferent or hostile to religion. She has seemingly cut herself off from the community of faith.

However, as long as you love that person (and she doesn't reject your love) she cannot be lost. As long as a bond of love exists between her and you, she is connected to the Body of Christ and to the community of salvation, and that is what Gabriel Marcel meant when he says that to say to another 'I love you' is to say to him or her: 'You shall never die'

A colleague once told how "a certain woman phoned her personal banker to arrange for the disposal of a €1,000 bond. The voice on the phone asked for clarification, "Is the bond for conversion or redemption?" The confused woman paused and then inquired, "Am I talking to the bank or the church?"

Kids! Aren't they great? Recently I visited all our Prep classrooms. In the 2nd grade the teacher introduced me as Father Eschbach. I asked the kids why I was called Father. A number raised their hands and I pointed to one little guy who was really excitedly waving his hand. He promptly said, "Because you're old!" I knew I was walking in troubled waters, but I doubled down and asked why I was wearing this white collar. A sweet little girl didn't even bother raising her hand, she simply announced, "Because it prevents fleas and ticks for up to six months." Really, I don't know when to quit when I'm behind. So I asked another little girl what she was doing. She said, "I'm drawing God." I said, "Wow, that's really great, but no one has ever seen God. We don't know what God looks like." She continued drawing and without even looking up, she said, "You will in a minute." (Fr. Eschbach).

Emergency Appeal to day

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