

## Third Sunday of Easter

Sat 30th Ballon 6.00pm	Bernadette McDonagh Months Mind
Sun 1st Rathoe 10.00am	Frances Nolan, Bendenstown
Sun 1st Ballon 11.30am	John Barry, Ballykealy
Tue 3rd Ballon 7.00pm	
Wed 4th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 5th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 6th Rathoe 7.00pm	P. J. Cummins, Kilnock Martin Cummins, Ballon
Sat 7th Ballon 6.00pm	Michael Byrne, Connaberry. M. M.
Sun 8th Rathoe 10.00am	
Sun 8th Ballon 11.30am	

**Months Mind Mass for Bishop Jim Moriarty** Takes place this Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May at 10.30am in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow.

**24/4/2022 Offertory €514.05. Envelopes €593.70 incl online donations).** Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity.

**Exploring the Sunday Gospel Reading** How can we make its message relevant to our daily lives, Tuesday from 10.30am to 11.30am in Ballon Church. Contact Sr. Norah 085-7395473 for further information.

**Burrin Celtic Lotto:** No's 9---21---27---28. No winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Jimmy O'Brien, Jnr, Ballon. €20—Jim Breen, The Oaks. €20—Henry Nolan, c/o Spike. €20: Declan O'Brien, Myshall. 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). **QQI 5 Manual and Computerised Payroll** 5th May 7pm x 10 weeks. **Summer Cooking with Majella** - 4th May 10 am to 12 pm x 10 weeks. Get lots of ideas to liven up your summer dishes!

**Pilates 19th May** 10am x 6 weeks. Beautifully locally handmade communion and confirmation cards. Personalised with name and date, Call to order yours. Confirmation/Communion personalised labels made to order.

**Ballon GFC Lotto.** No Winner. No's **03- 06 -12 - 21**. Match three Winners.€20.00 each: Mary Gittens, Ballylean, Kevin Doyle, Ballon Hill, John Dowling, Ballon Hill, Jackie O'Leary, Ballykealy, Kay O'Sullivan, Fenagh Rd. **Next weeks Jackpot €1,300** Next Draw. Tues 3rd May 2022 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

### Graiguecullen MONSTER Bingo on Tuesday 3rd MAY

St.Fiacs Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 50 numbers €4500. Double number €390

Lotto €1300. Great prizes, bring a friend

### The Women of Faith Conference 2022

is LIVE on Radio Maria Ireland on Saturday 7th May from 2pm. We are blessed to have the following speakers. Sister Consilio (Cuan Mhuire), Wendy Grace (Catholic Speaker) Fr. Freddy Warner, SMA, Sister Susan Evangelist (Sister of Mercy)Dr. Edward Sri (Scripture Scholar). Please join us for this blessed event sponsored by Totus Tuus Magazine. Radio Maria Ireland is accessible by:

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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

## Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

begins on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in St Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, Carlow

We invite people to place their petitions in the petition boxes in St Clare's or by emailing [gkparishpetitions@gmail.com](mailto:gkparishpetitions@gmail.com)

During our Novena, through the prayers of our Faith Community and the intercession of Our Lady we will ask Jesus to relieve the burdens we carry.

Rosary recited at 7.10pm and Novena begins at 7.30pm

**This year's Theme is: "We are not Alone"**

**GUEST SPEAKER this week 2<sup>nd</sup> May is:**

**Jessica Wade Tiglin Evening Service Manager & Outreach Worker recent guest on The Tommy Tiernan Show**

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**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June – details later.**

**Volunteer with ALONE.** Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> For more information, contact [volunteer@alone.ie](mailto:volunteer@alone.ie) or on 086 1085965

**Siopa Glas Upcycle Competition:** Win a €25 Siopa Glas Voucher. You can enter by purchasing anything from Siopa Glas, upcycle it, post a picture, tag @siopaglas and #siopaglasupcycle. We will pick one winner on the first of every month to win a €25 Siopa Glas Voucher.

## Blessed Solanus Casey

The "All American" blessed, Bernard Casey was born in Wisconsin in 1870. The son of faithful Irish Catholic parents, he was the sixth of sixteen children, three of whom became priests. Growing up, he worked on a farm, at a kiln, and even as a prison guard. He was also an eager (though mediocre) violinist whose favourite song was "mother Machree". At twenty-six, Bernard joined the Capuchin Friars in Detroit, following a directive he received from Our Lady while at prayer: "Go to Detroit." He was ordained a priest in 1904. However, due to difficulties encountered in his studies, Solanus was ordained a simplex (Latin: "simple") priest, that is, a priest who was not permitted to hear confessions or preach. Humbly, and with simple and abundant faith, he served as porter for the friars. He became the confidant of countless visitors, praying for them, blessing them, and enrolling them in Franciscan Masses. It was always to God's grace and to people's faith, never to himself, that he attributed the various miracles that began to be reported.

Father Casey's violin was always a favourite pastime; it was also part of his prayers. He would spend a half-hour every Sunday playing hymns before Our Lord in the Eucharist. He died in 1957. His last words were:

"I give my soul to Jesus Christ!"

**"Loving Father, help me to accept the humiliations and limitations of my life and transform them into gifts of love."**

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*They have increased the cost of postage again, why don't they just make the stamps smaller?*

*Postman: I had to walk five miles to deliver this letter to your farm.*

*Farmer: Why didn't you post it.*

*Poor! We were so poor, burglars used to break in and leave things.*

## REMINDER

If you still have not left in your contribution for Trócaire, please leave in as soon as you can.