

R.I.P: Dick (Richard) Maher, Ballylean Ballon.

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

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| Sat 14th Ballon 11.00am   | First Holy Communion   |
| Sat 14th Ballon 6.00pm    |  |
| Sun 15th Rathoe 10.00am   | David Kennedy, Snr, Gilbertstown<br>James Byrne, Grangeford<br>Jim & Una Byrne, Rathoe |
| Sun 15th Ballon 11.30am   |  |
| Tues 17th Ballon 7.00pm   |  |
| Wed 18th Rathoe 10.00am   |  |
| Thurs 19th Ballon 10.00am |  |
| Fri 20th Rathoe 7.00pm    |  |
| Sat 21st Ballon 6.00pm    | Pat & Mary Kate Bermingham<br>Pat Bermingham Jnr., Ballynunnery                        |
| Sun 22nd Rathoe 10.00am   |  |
| Sun 22nd Ballon 11.30am   |  |

**08/05/2022 Offertory €634.45. Envelopes €545.80 incl online donations).** Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity.

**Burrin Celtic Lotto:** No's 4---6---14---27. No winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Lilly Brennan, Kilnock. €20—Cathal Cummins, Ballon. €20—The Twin Hickeys, Kilnock. €20: Lisa O'Leary, c/o P.J. O'Leary. 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). **Parental Online Safety Seminar** Friday 20th & 27th of May 10am to 12pm. Learn how to keep your child safe online

**Weekly Jewellery Program** Age 10-12 Dates to be confirmed  
**QQI Level 6 Supervisory Management** Wednesday 14th September 6.30pm to 9.30pm Blended Learning

**Cooking with Majella** - 15th June 10 am to 12 pm x 6 weeks  
Get lots of ideas to liven up your summer dishes!

**Pilates** 19th May 10am x 6 weeks

**QQI Level 5 Book-keeping Manual & Computerised** Mon 4th Sept X10 weeks 7pm to 10 pm FREE on certain social welfare payments

**QQI Level 5 Payroll Manual & Computerised** Thursday 15th September X10 weeks 7pm to 10pm. FREE on certain social welfare payments

**Chair Yoga New Term** Starting Friday 27th May 10am  
Beautifully locally handmade communion and confirmation cards.  
Personalised with name and date, Call to order yours.

Confirmation/Communion personalised labels made to order.  
Communion/ confirmation Thank You cards personalised made to order  
call 059 9159447 to order yours

**Daffodil Day 2022.** Valerie Nolan would like to thank everyone who donated so generously this year—€1850.00 was collected, I also donated €1420 during COVID (2020/2021).  
Lollipop Day 2022 €400 was collected. **Thank You.**

**St. Anne's College of Further Education**, Tullow Community School.  
Tel: 059-9151473. Email: [info@tullowcs.ie](mailto:info@tullowcs.ie). Enrolments are now taking place for the following QQI Level 5 One Year Office Administration Course (Full Time). for post leaving cert students and adults who wish to retrain or update their skills, are unemployed and want to return to the workforce or education. SUSI Grants, back to education grants and maintenance available to those who are eligible.

**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

### Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help begins at 7.30pm

in St Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, Carlow

GUEST SPEAKER this week Mon 16th May is:

### Bishop Paul Dempsey - Bishop of Achonry & Carlow Native

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**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – Buses travelling from various parishes around the diocese will arrive into Knock between 11am and 12.30pm depending on time of departure. Upon arrival: Pilgrims may use this time for lunch, shopping, availing of Confession, visiting the Chapel of Adoration or making the Way of the Cross. 2.30pm Ceremonies begin in the Basilica with the Anointing of the Sick. 3.00pm Pilgrimage Mass Followed by Rosary Procession and concluding with Benediction (outdoors – weather permitting). Ceremonies end by 5pm.

**Volunteer with ALONE.** If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> Contact [volunteer@alone.ie](mailto:volunteer@alone.ie) or on 086 1085965

**Graiguecullen Bingo Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> MAY** St.Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 41 numbers €830 Double number €530 Lotto €1400 Great prizes, bring a friend.

**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.

**De-cluttering your home?** Please think of us. We accept all types of clothing, furniture, books, toys, unwanted gifts, household and vintage. Proceeds go to enhancing Ballon village and surrounding local schools and special events. Open Tue to Fri 9.30am—4pm. Sat 10am to 3pm. Contact. Máire 087-2424934. Breda 087-7820211.

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### Blessed Hermann Lange (t 1943) was a German Catholic Priest who was beheaded by Nazis for his outspoken resistance.

*This is part of his farewell letter to his parents.*

When this letter comes to your hands, I shall no longer be among the living. If you ask me what state I am in, I can only answer: I am, first, I a joyous mood, and second, filled with great anticipation. As regards the first feeling, today means the end of all suffering and all earthly sorrow for me—and *God will wipe away every tear from your eyes.* What consolation, what marvellous strength emanates from faith in Christ, who has preceded us in death. What can befall a child of God? Of what, indeed, should I be afraid of? On the contrary, rejoice, once more I say to you rejoice. And as to the second feeling, this day brings the greatest hour of my life! Everything that I have till now done, struggled for, and whose barrier I shall penetrate today. *Things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him* (1 Co 2:9) What is it all going to be like? The thing that up to this time I have been permitted to preach about, I shall now see! There will be no more secrets nor tormenting puzzles. And then I shall see once more all those who have been near and dear to me here on earth! Until we meet again above in the presence of the Father of Light. *Your joyful Hermann.*

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### Desperate Business:

You'd like to apply for a business loan?

Yeah I need to buy some petrol to get into work.

*So you want to change your surname to Smith-Smith?  
Yeah we're both called Smith but neither of us wanted to give up our family name.*