

R.I.P: **Michael Bermingham, Rathcrogue & Maura Dempsey (Nee Foley).**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sat 7th Ballon 6.00pm	Michael Byrne, Connaberry. M. M.
Sun 8th Rathoe 10.00am	
Sun 8th Ballon 11.30am	Maureen Owens, Sherwood Park, M M
Tue 10th Ballon 7.00pm	
Wed 11th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 12th Ballon 10.00am	Martin & Bridget Byrne, Ballour
Fri 13th Rathoe 7.00pm	Michael Brophy, Kilcool, 1st. Anniversary Mass
Sat 14th Ballon 11.00am	First Holy Communion
Sat 14th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sun 15th Rathoe 10.00am	David Kennedy, Snr, Gilbertstown James Byrne, Grangeford Jim & Una Byrne, Rathoe
Sun 15th Ballon 11.30am	

HOUSEBOUND will be attended during the coming week.

Meeting of Ballon Church Readers on Wed 11th May in the Parochial House at 8pm. New readers needed.

01/05/2022 Offertory €639.30 Envelopes €392.50 incl online donations). Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity.

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 01---09---22---29. No winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Rebecca Doran, Tullow. €20—Eddie Kelly, c/o Billy Nolan. €20—Lillian Fernandez, Ballon Hill. €20: Grace Nolan, Tullow. Next Wk's Jackpot: €10,000. Draw every Tues @ 8.30pm

Ballon Business & Training Service—Tel: 059-915-9447
ballonbts@gmail.com. **Chair Yoga** Friday 27th May x 5 weeks

Parental Safety online Friday 20th May x 2 weeks

Drawing for beginners Wed 25th May x 2 weeks

Register your Interest **QQI level 6 Supervisory Management**

Starting September x 10 weeks

QQI Level 5 Manual and Computerised Book keeping

Starting September x 10 weeks **QQI Level 5 Manual and computerised Payroll** Starting September x 10 weeks. Personalised Communion Cards and stickers ordered here.

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's **07– 08 –11 – 23.** Match three Winner: €100.: Joe Carroll, Coolroe Rd. **Next weeks Jackpot €1,350** Next Draw. Mon 9th May 2022 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

Graigucullen Bingo Tuesday 10th MAY St.Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 40 numbers €700 Double number €460 Lotto €1350 Great prizes, bring a friend.

Rathoe Retirement Group will recommence their meetings in Rathoe Hall on Wednesday next 11th May at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

St Leo's College Parents' Association are holding a Table Quiz next Thursday May 12th @8pm in The Seven Oaks Hotel. Tables of 4 @ 40 Euro a table. Tickets at the door. Monster Raffle on the night. All proceeds towards the purchase of a school bus. Looking forward to seeing you all on the night

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

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help begins at 7.30pm in St Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, Carlow

GUEST SPEAKER this week Mon 9th May is:

Andrea Hayes - TV & Radio Broadcaster & Writer!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Sunday 5th 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 are usually concluded by 5pm.

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 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.

'Ireland Needs Fatima Group'

Asking the whole of Ireland to recite the Rosary on Saturday 14th May at 4pm in a public place.

Vocations Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday, and is dedicated as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Church sets aside this day each year to fulfil Jesus' instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38).

While every person has a vocation in life, we focus at this time to pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life. The opening line from the Gospel passage for this year is: "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me." We pray that those whom the Lord is calling, may be able to lower the noise of distraction in their lives in order that they may hear the whisper of the Lord's voice in their hearts calling them to follow him.

A holiday is something that turns someone who is tired into someone who is exhausted.

I've no problem deciding about holidays—the boss tells me when, the kids tell me where!

I met my husband at a travel agent's. I was looking for a holiday and he was the last resort.