

Pentacost

Sat 4th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sun 5th Rathoe 10.00am	Maura Dempsey (nee Foley), formally Fighting Cocks. Months Mind. Josephine & John Clarke, Graigalug William & Theresa Aughey, Graigualug The Joyce Family, Graiguealug. John Doyle, Moyle Big Joe Kennedy, Gilbertstown
Sun 5th Ballon 11.30am	
Tues 7th Ballon 7.30pm	Note Change of time to 7.30pm
Wed 8th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 9th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 10th Rathoe 7.30pm	Note Change of time to 7.30pm William Byrne, Rathoe, 1st Anniversary Moore Family, Blind Road
Sat 11th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sun 12th Rathoe 10.00am	
Sun 12th Ballon 11.30am	

Readers for Ballon for June:

6.00pm Mark Parkinson. 11.30am Kathleen Fitzgerald

Graveyard Masses 2022.

Ballon Sunday 3rd July at 11.30am.

Rathoe Sunday 10th July at 1pm.

29/05/2022 Offertory €628.00. Envelopes €985.00 (incl online donations). Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity.

Annual Collection for Retired Priests will be held this weekend 5th June.

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

ballonbts@gmail.com.

Midterm Camps - Jewellery Camp. Tues 7th, Wed 8th & Thurs 9th June 10am to 11am. Suitable from 6yrs up

Saturday Pop Up Camp 10am to 12 pm Arts & Crafts Ages from 7 yrs up Chair Yoga Fridays 10am

Cupcake Decorating Workshops. Running throughout the summer.

Dates to be confirmed. Ballon Fairy Art/Craft Workshop Suitable from 4 years up July 13th & 14th Book direct on <https://www.carolineberginart.com/>

T-shirt Tie Dye & Printing Workshop Suitable from 8yr to 18 yrs July 13th & 14th Book direct on <https://www.carolineberginart.com/>

Ballon Summer Camp hosted by Caroline Bergin August 15th, 16th, 17th & 18th. Ages 4yrs to 8 yrs from 10am to 12.30pm Ages 8 yrs to 14 yrs from 1.30 pm to 4 pm

Book direct on <https://www.carolineberginart.com/>

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 03- 10 -13 - 20. Lucky Dip Winners: €50 each.: Pat Brennan, Ballon Hill. John Murphy, Laragh **Next weeks Jackpot €1,500** Next Draw. Tues 7th June 2022 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

Graiguecullen MONSTER Bingo on

Tuesday 7th JUNE St.Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 44 numbers €1220 Double number €740 Lotto €1550 Great prizes, bring a friend

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.

Ballon-Rathoe Parish Office

The Old School, Ballon. Phone No: 087 421 3030.

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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

Tullow Community School magazine can now be viewed online through the following link: <https://bit.ly/tullowcs>

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help begins at 7.30pm

in St Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, Carlow

GUEST SPEAKER this week 6th June is:

Fr Des McNaboe OFM Cap

Kind and reliable childminder needed to mind a baby and school going 5 year old in our home in the Tinryland area four days per week. A full clean drivers licence is required for a pick up from Tinryland NS. Good pay and conditions on offer. Please contact 0863394152 via text if interested.

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 3---5---10---25. No winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Ruby Byron, Laragh Beg. €20—Martin Byrne, Kildavin. €20—Helen Smithers, c/o Bingo. €20: Cormac Nolan, Connaberry. Next Wk's Jackpot: €10,000. Draw every Tues @ 8.30pm

Burren Rangers— St. Martins Fundraiser 30th July 2022.

Bags will be collected at training sessions or collection can be arranged.—clean clothes in any condition, towels, curtains, bed Linen. Shoes, books, bags. No duvets cushions or soft toys.

Contact: Martina— 087-2803116. Caroline: 086-8584282.

Niamh Nolan: 086-8723088, Niamh Doyle: 086-3137579

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Sunday 5th June. Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock. Ceremonies begin at 2.30 p.m. with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick followed by Mass at 3 p.m. and concluding with the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. A bus will leave Tullow Church Carpark on the above date at 7.30 a.m. Anyone interested please give your name to Brendan Dowling on 087 6537753, Ann O'Brien 069 9151466 or Josie Duffy.

"Lower your bucket-- taste and see": More than a century ago, a great sailing ship was stranded off the coast of South America. Day after day the ship lay there in the still waters with not a hint of a breeze. The captain was desperate; the crew was dying of thirst. And then, on the far horizon, a steamship appeared, headed directly toward them. As it drew near, the captain called out, "We need water! Give us water!" The steamship replied, "Lower your buckets where you are." The captain was furious at this cavalier response but called out again, "Please, give us water." But the steamer gave the same reply, "Lower your buckets where you are!" And with that they steamed away! The captain was beside himself with anger and despair, and he went below. But a little later, when no one was looking, a yeoman lowered a bucket into the sea and then tasted what he brought up: It was perfectly sweet, fresh water! For you see, the ship was just out of sight of the mouth of the Amazon. And for all those days they had been sitting right on top of all the fresh water they needed! -- What we are really seeking is already inside us, waiting to be discovered, waiting to be embraced: the Holy Spirit of God Who has been living within us from the moment of our Baptism. The Holy Spirit is saying to us at this very moment from deep in our heart, "Lower your buckets where you are. Taste and see!" Come, Holy Spirit! Fill our hearts and set us on fire! Amen.

The Two Ushers: Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in Church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church" "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're 'hushers.'