

R.I.P: John McHugh, Kilnock, Ballon.

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat 30th Ballon 6.00pm	Charlie Walshe, Ardristan also Michael, Margaret, Ursula, Bridget, Lil & John
Sun 31st Rathoe 10.00am	
Sun 31st Ballon 11.30am	
Tues 2nd Ballon 7.30pm	Maureen Brophy, Kilcool
Wed 3rd Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 4th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 5th Rathoe 7.30pm	
Sat 6th Ballon 6.00pm	Pat, William & Margaret Byrne, Castlegrace
Sun 7th Rathoe 10.00am	Buddy Smithers, Rathrush.
Sun 7th Ballon 11.30am	

**24/07/2022 Offertory €681.35. Envelopes €495.00 (incl online donations).** Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity.

**HOUSEBOUND will be attended during the coming week.**

**Purchase of site and bungalow for Parking and the Parish Office.**

The purchase cost is €250,000. We have secured between €150,000 to €200,000 in support already from groups within the area. The Parish is extremely grateful for your assistance in this hugely significant purchase. Should you wish to give a loan or donation of any amount contact Fr. Jim O'Connell or the parish office in confidence. Or online Bank of Ireland. IBAN: IE24 BOFI 90668979838964 BIF: BOFIE2D. Thanks to all those who have already contributed.

**Ballon GFC Lotto.** No Winner. No's 04- 07 -23 - 26. Lucky Dip: Dave Barry, Kilnock, Jackie O'Leary, Ballon, Martina Foley, Clonmore, Paddy Byrne, Sandbrook. **Next weeks Jackpot €2,000** Next Draw. Tues 2nd Aug 2022 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

Outing to **Sister Act The Musical** in Bord Gáis on Wednesday 28th September. Bus leaving Rathoe at 10.45 am and Ballon at 11.00am. Cost €45. Book with Ann 087-9159695 or Sheila 087-6549427

**The Delany Archive** is delighted to hold an online lecture on the topic of education during the episcopate of Dr James Doyle, Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin (1819-1834). This lecture is part of Heritage Week and will take place on Thursday, 18 August 2022, between 7-8.30pm. Registration is available at the following link:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_-HM-TUaER4ucqWwX1exhUQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-HM-TUaER4ucqWwX1exhUQ)

More information can be found at <https://www.heritageweek.ie/event-listings/bishop-james-doyle-and-education-2>

**Graigecullen MONSTER Bingo** on Tuesday 2nd AUGUST St.Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 50 numbers €2260 Double number €320 Lotto €2000 Great prizes, bring a friend.

The monthly **Matt Talbot, Freedom** from addiction Mass takes place on Monday 1st August at 10:00am in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow.

**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.

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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 Business & Training Service**—Tel: 059-915-9447 [ballonbts@gmail.com](mailto:ballonbts@gmail.com). **Ballon Summer Camp hosted by Caroline Bergin** Aug 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/>

**Register your interest for these 4/6 week craft courses starting in Sept.** Creative writing, Pottery, Sewing, Art, Pilates, Cooking, Photography - Using your Camera, Jewellery

**QQI Courses Starting in September: Book-keeping Manual & Computerised QQI Level 5** Starting Mon 5th September 7pm to 10 pm X 10 wks **Supervisory Management QQI Level 6.** Blended learning Course Starting Wednesday 14th Sept 6.30pm to 9.30pm X 10 weeks **Payroll Manual & Computerised QQI Level 5.** Starting Thursday 15th September 7pm to 10 pm X 10 weeks.

**Register your interest for Back to Education Initiative** courses running this September in Ballon—**QQI Level 3 Healthy Lifestyle X 14 Weeks QQI Level 5 Office Administration X 2 Years**

**Book direct online at <https://www.ballonbts.com/our-courses> Call: 059-9159447 Email: [ballonbts@gmail.com](mailto:ballonbts@gmail.com)**

**Burrin Celtic Lotto:** No's 05---16---24---27. No Winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Diane & Julie Dowling, Ballon Hill €20 Dave Llyod, Café de Mode., €20: Marion Hand, c/o Bingo. €20: Jack French, c/o Bongo Next wk's Jackpot: €2,650. Draw every Tues night at 8.30pm.

**Moving On Programme For Mothers.** St. Catherine's Community Services Centre, Carlow Achieve an Employment Skills Level 4 Major Award Places available on our 1 year programme starting in September 2022 Limited free childcare spaces available Contact: 059 9138700 / 0851628570. Email: [tonyd@catherines.ie](mailto:tonyd@catherines.ie) Web: [www.catherines.ie](http://www.catherines.ie)

**Rattled By Challenge**

Brendan O'Connor has been wrestling with religion after a Harvard scientist told him that the best way to be happy is to have faith. Professor Arthur Brooks', advice to "go back" to Catholicism if he wanted to be happy. Everything that all science shows us, that the one thing that people who are truly happy have is faith/religion. There's a lot of research on the main happiness habits but faith and life philosophy are the first factors to be considered. "I was rattled by it to be honest", Mr. O'Connor said. "I've been wrestling since with it, but anyway, that was his, as a scientist, that was his one big thing."

*We need science to help us solve all the problems we wouldn't have if there was no science.*

**Singer Gilbert O'Sullivan—Prayer**

Irish born singer songwriter Gilbert O'Sullivan has revealed that his Catholic faith has been a constant support in his life. Because I like going to Mass, I'm Catholic and regular churchgoer. It's the only place you can go where there is no first class or business class.

**Teacher:** One of the first laws of physics is this: for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. As an example, can anyone tell me what happens when you get into the bathtub?

**Student]:** Yes, the phone rings!