

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 6th Ballon 6.00pm	Pat, William & Margaret Byrne, Castlegrace
Sun 7th Rathoe 10.00am	Buddy Smithers, Rathrush. Paddy Tobin, Grangeford
Sun 7th Ballon 11.30am	
Tues 9th Ballon 7.30pm	
Wed 10th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 11th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 12th Rathoe 7.30pm	
Sat 13th Ballon 6.00pm	John F. Kennedy, Cappagh. Kathleen & Terry Duncan & deceased members of the Walsh Family, Kilnock.
Sun 14th Rathoe 10.00am	Roger Murray, Grangeford Jim Esmonde, Ballintrain John & Robert Deane & baby Jack McDonagh.
Sun 14th Ballon 11.30am	

31/07/2022 Offertory €524.35. Envelopes €409.30 (incl online donations). Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity.

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, we are delighted with the response.**

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 03--23--24--29. Match Three Winner €100: Mick Murphy, Ballinadrum, **Next weeks Jackpot €2,000** Next Draw. Mon 8th 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 & 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_-HMTUaER4ucqWwX1exhUQ

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

Graigucullen MONSTER Bingo on Tuesday 9th AUGUST St.Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 50 numbers €2390 Double number €390. Lotto €2050 Great prizes, bring a friend.

Three Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg on Saturday 13th August to Sunday 15th August. Bus leaves all towns in Kildare. Contact; Joe 087-381 5887

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

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

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/>

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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

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 01---02---03---04. No Winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Karen Curry, Kildavin. €20 Beth Farrell, c/o Bingo. €20 Elizabeth Brennan, c/o Lilly Brennan, €20: Jessica O'Shea, c/o Bongo Next wk's Jackpot: €2,700. 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 Sept 2022 Limited free childcare spaces available Contact: 059 9138700 / 0851628570. Email: tonyd@catherines.ie Web: www.catherines.ie

A Baby's Trust

Our fifth child arrived just before my 47th birthday. My husband and I now have a quiet confidence as parents that we didn't with the first few. It struck me recently how difficult it would be to nurture and care for a baby if he didn't trust me. Of course children have their own wills, so there are times when he rebels, but it isn't because of an absence of trust. Parenting offers a tiny glimpse into what it looks like when someone who is completely dependent also completely trusts.

That confidence a baby has in his mother and father, that surrender to a trusted parent, is precisely the model of the Christian life. We are all completely dependent upon God for our existence. What challenges we bring about when we bristle against his will, push away his goodness, and resist his efforts to meet our needs! Like a trusting baby, we are called to collapse into our Father's quiet, confident embrace and allow ourselves to be carried, cared for, protected, and loved.

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When I asked her father for her hand, he said, 'You take the whole girl or nothing!

Can I have your daughter for my wife?

Well, bring your wife around and we will see.