

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat 17th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sun 18th Rathoe 10.00am	Edward & Teresa Kennedy, Grangeford
Sun 18th Ballon 11.30am	Annie & Michael Nolan, late of Ardristan & Carrigslaney & their daughter Maureen.
Tues 20th Ballon 7.30pm	Prayer Service
Wed 21st Rathoe 10.00am	Prayer Service
Thurs 22nd Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 23rd Rathoe 7.30pm	Jack Hutton, daughter Mary Farrell and son-in-law Dick Murphy
Sat 24th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sun 25th Rathoe 10.00am	Dick Kavanagh, Grangeford Winifred Sheppard, Glenogue Michael Carroll Snr & Michael Carroll, Jnr. Bendenstown. Michael, Mary & Joan Carroll, Rathoe Marie Fallon,
Sun 25th Ballon 11.30am	

**11/09/2022: Offertory €631.25. Envelopes €600.00 (incl online donations).** Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity.

**Kildare & Leighlin at the Ploughing Championship 2022, Block 2: Row 18, Stand 291 'Ploughing a Prayerful Path' & Irelands Favourite Hymn.** The theme, 'Ploughing a Prayerful Path', echoes the recent synodal discussions throughout the world to advise Pope Francis on a way forward for the Catholic Church. 'Ireland's Favourite Hymn' is one of several initiatives being taken by the diocese during the Ploughing Championship. Visitors to the stand will also be invited to help create a woollen mural depicting the logo of the synod. **Stand 291** will highlight some ancient ritual customs such as the making of **St. Brigid's Crosses** and the distribution of **Blessed Salt**. There will be a **Prayer Wall** for petitions, as well as a quiet space for private prayer in the midst of the hectic Ploughing Championships. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Siopa Glas:** Siopa Glas are closing for Annual holidays from 20th- 23rd Reopening 24th Sept. We ask that you do not leave any items outside the shop during that week. We wish to thank everyone who has contributed in any way to Siopa Glas.

**Buy your Halloween Costumes from Siopa Glas** from €5 Halloween at Siopa glas Fancy Dress Competition Spot Prizes, Hamper for best costume Call in Mon 31st October at 3pm. Parade around the village, fun & games at Fairy/Halloween garden on Ballon Hill then Pumpkin carving!

**Cuchulainn Rounders:** Winner of this weeks Split the Pot was John Gunning winning €55. Next weeks draw on Wednesday 21st September envelopes on sale is Nolan's Hardware & McAssey Shop. Best of luck to our Mixed team who are playing in the All Ireland final against Glynn/Barntown, Wexford on Sunday 18th September in Abbottstown, Dublin.

**Burrin Celtic Lotto:** No's 04---05---07---17. No Winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Breeda McDonald, c/o Bingo: €20 Martina Kelly, c/o Bingo: €20 Elisha Nolan, c/o NGS: €20: Dick Fitzgerald, c/o Bingo. Next wk's Jackpot: €3,000. Draw every Tues night at 8.30pm.

**Graigecullen Bingo on Tuesday 20th September** St.Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 50 numbers €3170 Double number €320 Lotto €2350 Great prizes, bring a friend.

**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

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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.

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**Volunteer with ALONE:** ALONE provide services to older people living at home. ALONE recruits, trains and supports Volunteers for two services: a Visitation and Befriending Service, and a Telephone Support and Befriending Service. 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 Fiona on [fiona.boyle@alone.ie](mailto:fiona.boyle@alone.ie) or on 086 1366539.

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**Halloween party** Saturday 29th October 10am - 12pm

Ages 5 to 12 years Arts & crafts, fun and games, spooky treats

**Halloween Bracelet Workshop** Sat 29th Oct 12.30pm - 1.30pm Ages 5 to 12 years. Design and create your spooky bracelet and take it home!

**Bricks for Kids** Saturday 15th October x 5 weeks 2-4pm

**Personalised Halloween Labels** Ideal to add that extra seasonal touch to your little trick or treat bags for this years Halloween! 21 personalised spooky labels for only €3 or 2 sheets for €5!!

**Festive Labels!** Late Late Toy Show treat box labels. Xmas Eve box labels. Sender address labels! €3 per sheet or €5 for 2 sheets!

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**Smart Woman!!!:** Dan was a single guy living at home with his father and working in the family business. When he found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father died, he decided he needed a wife with whom to share his fortune. One evening at an investment meeting he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away. "I may look like just an ordinary man," he said to her, "but in just a few years, my father will die, and I'll inherit 20 million dollars." Impressed, the woman obtained his business card and three days later she became his stepmother. Are crooked women so much better at estate planning than crooked men?

**The Columban Korean Martyrs**

Seven Irish Priests gave their lives in 1950 during the Korean war. The seven were a group of eighty-one modern martyrs who died in the early 1950's during the Communists invasion of South Korea and whose cause was opened in 2013.

On 25th June 1950, North Korean force crossed the 38th parallel into South Korea, thus beginning a war that would last three years and claim almost five million lives. The Christian community in Korea at that time was severely persecuted. After the invasion, all seven Columbian Priests were encouraged and had the opportunity to leave. All, to a man they stayed at their watch and with their people knowing their fidelity would cost them their lives. Fr. Collier, aged 37 from Clogherhead, Co. Louth was the first to die, he was shot in the back. Fr. MaGinn, from Co. Down after starvation and torture was shot on the 4th July. Fr. Reilly from Westmeath was killed on 29th August. Mons Brennan and Fr. Cusack along with thirty two others, their bodies were tossed into an abandoned well, handcuffed to each other and burned. Fr. Francis Canavan from Galway was the last of the seven to die, he was forced to take part in a one hundred death march in the freezing cold.

*A lawyer is a man who helps you get what's coming to him.*

*Talk is cheap until you call a lawyer.*

*She is an uncomplicated girl, she likes him for what he is.-Rich.*