

R.I.P.: Don Haskins, Loughmartin, Tullow

**The Ascension of Our Lord  
World Day of Communications**

Sat 20th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sun 21st Rathoe 10.00am	Thomas & Kathleen O'Halloran, Grangeford & Julie O'Dwyer, Manchester Pat Bermingham, Jnr, Ballynunnery & Grandparents Paddy & Mary Kate, Bendenstown
Sun 21st Ballon 11.30am	Richard & Elizabeth Maher, Ballylean Tom & Kathleen O'Toole, Ballykeenan & John Gaffney
Tues 23rd Ballon 7.30pm	
Wed 24th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 25th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 26th Rathoe 7.30pm	
Sat 27th Ballon 6.00pm	Pat Curran, Connaberry
Sun 28th Rathoe 10.00am	
Sun 28th Ballon 11.30am	

**Collections 14/05/2023:** Offertory €1060.75 Envelopes €590.75  
Thank you for your continued support .

**Graveyard Masses 2023  
Ballon July 2nd at 11.30am  
Rathoe July 9th at 1pm**

**Laudato Si Day "Caring for our Common Home "**  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May, An Gairdin Beo. (Beside St. Leo's Convent, Carlow ). Time ; 11.00 am to 3.30 pm, Parking available in An Gairdin Beo. Lunch 1.00 to 2.00 pm. Presented by Jane Mellett (Trocaire). A day together; to nourish our spirit, to be inspired by the words of Pope Francis and to share practical suggestions for parishes. Please book by Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> by phoning or emailing Aisling at Bishop's House, 059-9176725 or [aisling@kandle.ie](mailto:aisling@kandle.ie) Open to all clergy and interested lay people from our parishes.

**Ballon Business & Training Service** P: 059 9159447 / email [ballonbts@gmail.com](mailto:ballonbts@gmail.com) . . **CRAFT/HOBBY COURSES. Yoga Course - Sewing Course** - Monday 22nd May, 9.30am to 12.30pm x 4 weeks  
**Pottery & Prosecco** - Saturday 27th May, 7pm to 10pm x 1 evening  
**Perimenopause/Menopause 1 Day Workshops** - Sat 17th June, 2pm to 5pm  
**Pilates** - Monday 26th June, 6.15pm to 7.15pm X 3 weeks  
**Manual Handling Training** - 7th June, 2pm & 6pm  
**Creative Writing** - Poetry & Proses, Fri 8th September, 10am to 12.30pm x 5 weeks (\**Calligraphy set provided for new participants*)  
**CERTIFIED COURSES QQI Level 5** Book-keeping Wed 4th September, 7pm - 10pm x 10 weeks . **QQI Level 5** Payroll Thurs 7th September, 7pm - 10pm x 10 weeks. **PHECC First Aid Responder & 1st Aid Training** - 3 Day course contact office for dates  
\*TSG finding available for these certified courses on some department of social protection payments. **Children's Workshops**  
**Children's Creative Pottery Workshop** - Sat 27th May, 2pm to 5pm  
**Polly's Mini Creative Moments & Kids Yoga** - Mon 10th & Tues 11th July, 10.30am to 12.30pm. **Bricks for Kidz** - Camp 8th to 11th August, 10am to 1pm. **Personalised Labels**—15 personalised round labels per sheet. Ideal for communion, confirmation, baptism, weddings, birthdays & more. **Children's Activity Packs**—Personalised 13 page activity booklet with colouring pencils.

**Mass on Radio from Ballon is now back on air. 107.6fm**

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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**

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**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
in St Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, Carlow**  
**GUEST SPEAKER for this Monday 22nd May at 7.30pm is:  
Kathleen Chada-Mother of Eoghan and Ruairi Chada**

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**Rathoe Retirement Group:** will recommence their meetings on **Wed 24th May at 2.30pm** in Rathoe Hall. New members welcome.  
**Altamont Trad Session** on Wed 17th May at 2pm. Located in the new orchard Garden.. Everyone welcome.

**Graiguecullen Bingo** on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May St.Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 40 numbers €700 Double number €880 Lotto €1700

**Burrin Celtic Lotto:** No's **04---05---09---20**, no winner: €100-- Mary Whitmore, c/o Bingo: €20-Katie Lalor, c/o Bingo: €20---Anita Dowling, Ballon Hill: €20: Larry Doyle, Ballintrane. Next week's Jackpot: €4,700

**Tullow Day Care Centre Annual Golf Classic Wednesday 21st June, 2023 Mount Wolseley Hotel, Golf & Country Club** Tee times available from 9am – 4pm If you would like to enter a team of 4 for €200 including meal please contact Pdraig Murphy on 087 6399363. Alternatively, if you prefer to make a donation directly to Tullow Day Care Centre please contact either Lorraine or Dolores on 059 9151833. The team at Tullow Day Care Centre are grateful for your continued support

**Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 01- 08 -10 - 13**  
Match Three Winners -€50 each: Paddy Byrne, Grange, Pat Brennan, Ballon Hill Next week's Jackpot €3,950. Next Draw Mon 22nd May 2023 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2.

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**World Day of Social Communications.**

This Sunday, Ascension Sunday, is also 'World Day of Social Communications'. All of us would like to communicate better and more effectively; to find the language and the confidence to say exactly what we want to say. How do we do it? Here's one example from the natural world that might help. Why does a bird sing? Why do we speak? Because we have something to say. So, to all parents, priests, teachers and those for whom communication is vitally important– be clear about what you want to say. Saying it then because easier.

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A man took his dog to the vet and asked the vet to cut off its tail. The vet wanted to know why.

"Because", said the man, "my mother-in-law is arriving tomorrow and I don't want anything to make her think she's welcome".

I just got back from a pleasure trip. I took my mother-in-law to the airport.

What is the penalty for bigamy? - Two mothers-in-law.

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