

PENTECOST

Sat 27th Ballon 6.00pm	Pat Curran, Connaberry
Sun 28th Rathoe 10.00am	
Sun 28th Ballon 11.30am	Brigit Brennan, Raheen. M.M.
Tues 30 Ballon 7.30pm	
Wed 31st Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 1st Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 2nd Rathoe 7.30pm	Prayer Service
Sat 3rd Ballon 6.00pm	Seamus Cummins, Ballon
Sun 4th Rathoe 10.00am	Joe Kennedy, Gilbertstown
Sun 4th Ballon 11.30am	

Collections 21/05/2023: Offertory €645.75 Envelopes €410.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Donation to Trócaire of €4505, thanks to all who contributed.

HOUSEBOUND WILL BE ATTENDED DURING THE COMING WEEK

Graveyard Masses 2023

Ballon July 2nd at 11.30am Rathoe July 9th at 1pm

Thanks: We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who participated in the **Public Rosary Rally** held on 13th May in our parish. Thanks to all who helped in any way. It was an enormous success.

Ballon Business & Training Service P: 059 9159447 / email ballonbts@gmail.com . . **CRAFT/HOBBY COURSES. Yoga Course - 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 & Prose, Fri 8th Sept, 10am to 12.30pm x 5 weeks (**Calligraphy set provided for new participants*) **CERTIFIED COURSES QQI Level 5** Book-keeping Wed 4th Sept 7pm - 10pm x 10 weeks . **QQI Level 5** Payroll Thurs 7th Sept, 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.

Tullow Day Care Centre Golf Classic: on Wednesday 21st June 2023 in Mount Wolseley Golf Course. Team entry €200 (meal incl). Team of any 4 combination. Prizes for G1 and non G1 handicaps. Timesheet 9am—4pm. For Timesheet contact Pdraig Murphy 087-639 9363. If you would like to make a donation please contact Lorraine or Dolores at Tullow Day Care Centre 059-9151833.

Give blood, save a life! 1 in 4 of us will need a blood transfusion in our lifetime... ..and 1 blood donation can save 3 lives. Tullow Community School, Sunday 28th May 2023, 12:00pm-15:30pm Check your eligibility at giveblood.ie

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 01- 10 -16 - 26

Lucky Dip Winners €25 each: Danny Lewis, Laragh Beg, Tom Dawson, Ballon Hill, Theresa Curran, Rathvilly, Richard Fitzgerald, Craanpurshen. Next week's Jackpot €4,000. Next Draw Mon 29th May 2023 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2.

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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

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

in St Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, Carlow

GUEST SPEAKER Monday 29th May at 7.30pm is:

Fr Liam Lawton - Parish Priest of Edenderry, Co Offaly & Irish Singer-Songwriter

Graiguecullen Bingo on Tuesday 30th May St.Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 41 numbers €830 Double number €950 Lotto €1750

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 01---17---19---25. no winner:

€100-- Tom Nolan, Kilbride: €20-Over 35's, Burrin Celtic: €20-Johnny Nolan, Laragh: €20: Olive O'Byrne, Ballinvalley. Next week's Jackpot: €4,750

Carlow Choral Society presents an uplifting and memorable performance of Brahms Requiem on Friday June 9th at 8pm in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. Conducted by Blánaid Murphy and accompanied by the RTÉ Concert Orchestra and Yvonne Collier on piano.

Soloists include internationally acclaimed Ailish Tynan, Soprano and Benjamin Russell, Baritone. Tickets are €25.00 each and accompanied under 16's are free. Tickets are available online www.eventbrite.ie and from Staplestown Road Post Office Carlow, and choir members. For further information please contact carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com or Miriam Kelly, Secretary of Carlow Choral Society, on 087-9422608

Changing the Narrative

A Statement of the Catholic Bishops. Five years on from the May 2018 referendum which removed the constitutional guarantee of the equal right to life of unborn children and their mothers, the Bishops of Ireland have issued a statement which also takes into account the recent review by Government of the abortion legislation introduced following the referendum. At that time the bishops said, "a new situation now exists in Ireland. It is essential for us as a Church, which cares passionately about the gift of life, and wants to support both mothers and their unborn children, to seek better ways of responding to this new and very challenging reality". Today, bishops reaffirm the deep conviction of our faith, namely, that the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death, is a value for the whole of society, rooted in reason as well as in faith. No matter what legislation is passed, the fundamental right to life for all human beings at every stage of development still prevails. The bishops remain convinced that the relevant law, the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 will, in due course, be repealed. In the meantime, the Church will continue to seek loving and supportive protection for every mother and for every child in the womb, including babies diagnosed with a disability or a life-limiting condition. The bishops will continue to do their best to change the narrative through dialogue and by testifying, in season and out of season, to the Gospel of Life. How can People of Faith help? Read the full statement (which is available in the church and also

I am reminded of a story of a Reverend Mother who was dying. She asked for a glass of milk and a young sister went to the kitchen to get it, she noticed a bottle of whiskey in the cupboard and added a little to the milk. Returning to the room, she gave it to the Reverend Mother who sipped and then drank it down in one go. She asked for another. The young sister repeated the journey and the 'mix'. This was repeated a few times during the night. When asked is she had any advice for the community before her death, the Reverend Mother said: "Whatever you do, sisters, do not ever sell that cow."