

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 28th Ballon 6.00pm	Kathleen, Terry Duncan & deceased members of the Walsh Family Jim, Maria, Lily & Theresa Nolan, Altamount, Kilbride Butler Family, Ballinastraw. Sean Canavan, Killane & his sons Joe & Pat and deceased members of the Canavan family. Simon & Vera Kearney, Kilnock
Sun 29th Rathoe 10.00am	
Sun 29th Ballon 11.30am	
Tues 31st Ballon 7.30pm	
All Saints Day– Holy Day	
Wed 1st Rathoe 10.00am	Wed 1st Ballon 7.30pm
All Souls Day	
Thurs 2nd Rathoe 10.00am	Thurs 2nd Ballon 7.30pm
Fri 3rd Rathoe 7.30pm	
Sat 4th Ballon 6.00pm	Teresa Canavan, Ballon M. M
Sun 5th Rathoe 10.00am	Bill & Kitty Eustace, Castlemore
Sun 5th Ballon 11.30am	Martin Swayne, Closh

2210/2023 Offertory €1036.35 Envelopes €691.80 (incl online donations). Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity.

Reminder to send in your **Harvest Collection** money. This is one of the four collections in the year for the Priest of the Parish.

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's **09---23---28---30. Lucky Dip: €100** Mary Kinsella, Ballon: €20: Maura Bolger, Ballon €20 Mary Farrell, c/o Bingo. €20: Kim Deere, c/o Café de Mode
Next wk's Jackpot: €5 850 Draw Tues night at 8.30pm.

Ballon Business & Training: COURSES STARTING

Hobby Courses: Chess Social evenings - Tuesdays, 7.30pm to 9pm

Paint & Sip - Fri 1st Dec, 7.30pm to 9.30pm x 1 night

Tai Chi - Wed 15th Nov 7.30pm to 9pm x 4 weeks

Tai Chi Full Day Wellness Workshop - Sat 25th Nov 9am - 5pm

Christmas Make Up Workshop - Mon 27th Nov at 6pm - 9pm

MANUAL HANDLING TRAINING: Wednesday 6th Dec 2pm or 6pm

CERTIFIED COURSES

QQI Level 5 Book-keeping Jan 2024, 7pm - 10pm x 10 weeks

QQI Level 5 Payroll Jan 2024, 7pm - 10pm x 10 weeks

Children's Camps: Children's Halloween Pottery Workshop - Sat 4th Nov, 2pm to 5pm . Bricks for Kidz Sat 6th Jan 24 at 2pm - 4pm x 5 weeks

Cuchulain Rounders: Winner of this week's Split the Pot is Niamh Nolan winning €49. Next draw on Wednesday 1st November. "Date for the diary" Cuchulainn Rounders Club annual Christmas Party on Saturday 25th November kicking off at 9pm in Joe Doyle's Pub Ballon, music on the night by Brian Kennedy. Our annual Christmas draw will be held and draw tickets can be purchased from committee members, loads of prizes up for grabs! Prize for best Christmas outfit on the night also

Graigucullen HALLOWEEN Bingo on Tuesday 31st October

St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 44 numbers €1,220

Double number €1,160. Lotto €2850

Director of Safeguarding in Diocese is Kathleen Sherry, P: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 contact Kathleen

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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

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan: There are over 2 million domestic gardens in this country. Just imagine the difference it could make if 2 million gardens became biodiversity friendly! Gardening for Biodiversity also has advantages for human health and wellbeing. For gardens to be good for pollinators, they need to provide food in the form of flowers, shelter for nesting and safety from chemicals. pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

Chair Yoga with Renee Bunting. Ballon I.C.A are organising classes commencing on Friday November 10th for 5 weeks. Time: 10am to 11.30am. Venue: Ballon Business & Training Centre.

Contact Mary Jordan 086-8165531 or Rose Byrne 087-7634172 or Ballon Business 059-9159447. All welcome. Cost €50

Carlow County Museum: Visit Carlow County Museum and see our recently unveiled Carlow GAA trophy display featuring the famed Haughney Cup and the Conlon Cup. Also see objects of national and international importance. Open Monday to Saturday, Free Admission. Carlow County Museum & Carlow Tourist Office, College Street, Carlow Town. Tel: 059-9131554, www.carlowmuseum.ie.

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's **03– 07 –16 – 21.** Match Three Winners €50 each: Eoin Fanning, Laragh, Bridget McGrath, Laragh Beg
Next weeks Jackpot €5,100 Next Draw Tues 31st Oct 2023 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

How can I get through the day without a little

G-R-U-D-G-E B-E-A-R-I-N-G!!!

That is a good question! How can we go through life avoiding the bad things that Jesus wants us to avoid—and doing the good things that he wants us to do? How can we keep from saying bad things about our neighbour—especially when our neighbour deserves it? How can we control our feelings? How can we keep from hating a bad neighbour?

The answer is that we can't—at least not on our own. I can tell myself every day not to hate my neighbour and end up hating myself for hating my neighbour. I can try really hard not to engage in grudge bearing, but it probably isn't going to work.

If I am going to love my neighbour, I must first love God—and then be willing to let God help me to love my neighbour. The lawyer asked Jesus for one great commandment, but Jesus gave him two—love God—love your neighbour. The two go together. Each leans on the other and helps to support it. It is hard to show our love for God, because God isn't really needy—so God gave us a neighbour. The idea is that, when we help our neighbour, it is as if we are helping God.

We might find it impossible to love our neighbour, but it becomes possible when we first love God. God not only tells us to love our neighbour—God re-shapes our hearts to make it possible. So, these two loves go together—love of God and love of neighbour. We can't really love our neighbour unless we first love God, and we can't really demonstrate our love for God without our neighbour.

Spousal love: One Sunday the priest was finishing up a series on marriage. At the end of the service he was giving out small wooden crosses to each married couple. He said, "Place this cross in the room in which you fight the most and you will be reminded of God's commandment of love and you won't argue as much." One woman came up after the service and said, "You'd better give me five crosses."

"How much would you give me not to love my big sister?" A priest was speaking at Sunday Mass about the things money can't buy. "It can't buy laughter and it can't buy love" he told them. Driving his point home, he said, "What would you do if I offered you €1000 not to love your mother and father?" Stunned silence ensued. Finally, a small voice queried, "How much would you give me not to love my big sister?"