

R.I.P: Betty Clarke, (Nee McGrath) who died during the week	
<u>THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u>	
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
Tues 7th Ballon 7.30pm	For dead list
Wed 8th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 9th Rathoe 10.00am	
Fri 10th Rathoe 7.30pm	For dead list
Sat 11th Ballon 6.00pm	Billy Smyth, Ballon Hill
Sun 12th Rathoe 10.00am	May Roche, Rathoe P.J. Keating, Rathoe Paddy, Mary & Shane Curry, Castlemore. and Paddy's sister Lily Burke,
Sun 12th Ballon 11.30am	

29/10/2023 Offertory €548.20. Envelopes €1156.50 (incl online donations). Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity.

If you didn't receive a box of envelopes and would wish to donate this way, they are available in each Poarch.

**HOUSEBOUND
will be attended during the coming week**

Pioneer Pledge for the month of the Holy Souls

A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Further information from the Pioneers on 01 80-5 4226 or via www.pioneers.ie/pray

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 03--04--05--10. **Lucky Dip:** €100 Kathleen Monahan, c/o Bingo: €20: Breda O'Brien, c/o M. McAssey €20 Mary Byrne, c/o Bingo. €20: Mary Byrne, Castleglace. Next wk's Jackpot: €5,900 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 wks
- Children's Camps: Children's Halloween Pottery Workshop** - Sat 4th Nov, 2pm to 5pm.
- Santa's Elves Bracelet Making Workshop** - Sat 18th Nov, 10.30am to 11.30am.
- Bricks for Kidz** Sat 6th Jan 24 at 2pm - 4pm x 5 weeks.
- Santa Letter Packs Available!** Drop in to us in the office to get yours.

Cuchulain Rounders: Winner of this weeks Split the Pot is Carmel Moloney winning €55 Next draw is on Wednesday 8th November

TULLOW RFC CHRISTMAS FAYRE: A Taste of Tullow. Friday 24th November, 2023. 8.00 p.m. At The Blackgates. Murphy Craft Butchers, Coolattin Cheddar, Chocolate Factory, Elannas Boutique and Gift Gallery. Food Tasting, Display of Goods and Lots of Spot Prizes on the night. Admission - €10.00 Tickets available from Mary O'Neill, 087 6237758. Robin Johnson 086 8134995 or any Committee Member.

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

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

Graiguecullen HALLOWEEN Bingo on Tuesday 7th November

St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 45 numbers €1,350

Double numbers €320. Lotto €2900.

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 03- 09 -10 - 24. Lucky Dip Winners €25 each: Ger Blanche, Ballon, Doyle Kids, Rathrush, Patrick Sullivan, Bennekerry, Patrick Jordan, The Forge. **Next weeks Jackpot €5,150** Next Draw Mon 6th Nov 2023 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

Ballon Rathoe Community Magazine: All articles for the sixth issue of "Connect", are due in immediately. The magazine will be ready in time for Christmas. Send them to Breeda McDonald 059-9148764.

Margaret Day—Convert to Catholicism

The beautiful flowers around (my mother's) bedside were like a gorgeous promise of the new life to come. In winter everything seems so dead- the ground, the trees, and all the shrubbery around the house, and then in a few short months things begin to stir, palpably, and life bursts forth again. Mother had seen seventy-five times has she seen those promises fulfilled.

"Life is changed, not taken away. Indeed for your faithful, Lord life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven."

These were comforting things to talk about and to think about, those all-too-short afternoon by mother's bedside.

And it was that evening that she died, so quietly, so gently, saying but a few moments before to my brother, "Kiss me goodnight and run along because I want to go to sleep."

A few weeks later, when I went to Poughkeepsie to visit my three aunts... and to go with them to offer up a Mass of thanksgiving for my mother's most peaceful death, we came out of St. Peter's Church that misty morning to be greeted by a brilliant rose in the garden next to the church. And when we arrived home for breakfast there was a bouquet telegraphed to us from Florida, and in the centre of the bouquet of the fall flowers were two lovely roses. The Little Flower was prompt and generous in her gift.

I wrote the account because I like to show my gratitude by telling others of such favours. Perhaps, too, it may comfort others who have sore and lonely hearts over the approaching death of a near one. Life is changed, not taken away, and what a glorious change in these sad times, after a long and valiant life.

Dorothy Day (+1980) was a convert to Catholicism and the co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement.

I once lived in a Priory and every month a lady would come and have a Mass offered for the longest priest in purgatory. I once asked her was she referring to the tallest priest or one who was suffering for the greatest length of time. This month as you offer your prayers for the dead please remember those who have no one to pray for them.

Doctor: Have you ever been troubled by appendicitis?

Patient: Only when I've tried to spell it.

Doctor, Can I have a second opinion?

Of course you can come back tomorrow