

<b>Sat 26th 6.00pm Ballon</b>	John & Loretto Kennedy, Cappagh
<b>Sun 27th 10.30am Rathoe</b>	James Doyle, Bendenstown Lal Nolan, Gilbertstown
<b>Sun 27th 11.30am Ballon</b>	Breda Blanche, Ballinadrum
Mon 28th 7.30pm Ballon	
Wed 30th 10.00am Rathoe	
Thurs 31st 10.00am Ballon	
Fri 1st 7.30pm Rathoe	Babs Cummins, Ballintranee
<b>Sat 2nd 6.00pm Ballon</b>	
<b>Sun 3rd 10.30am Rathoe</b>	Teresa Hutton, Rathoe 1st Anniversary
<b>Sun 3rd 11.30am Ballon</b>	

**Collections 20th January:** Offertory €584.20. Weekly Envelopes : €513.50. *Thank you for your generosity to the collections*  
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**Catholic Schools Week 27th January –3rd February 2019**  
the theme 'Catholic Schools:

**Celebrating the Work of Our Local Catholic Schools'.**

**Monday: Living Tradition;** Could you have a better motto than Mission statement for any Catholic school than to teach with authority, to act justly, to love tenderly and humbly with our God?

**Tuesday: Welcoming Diversity;** For Christ himself has brought us peace by making Jews and Gentiles one.

**Wednesday: Grandparents Day;** Just a moment to think of the contribution that older people make to our school communities. In the words of the prophet Job, 'Old(er) people have wisdom.'

**Thursday: In Service of our Community;** We have a responsibility to reach out and serve those experiencing social disadvantage, people with special needs, the Travelling community, migrant workers and people living with illness.

**Friday: Supporting Faith.** The biggest way of celebrating our faith is by participating in the sacraments. Our Catholic schools celebrate in times of joy and in times of sorrow, in times of happiness and in times of anxiety.  
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**Cuchulainn Rounders Club Club registration** will be held on Tues 5th Feb 7.00-8.30pm in Ballon Community Centre. Registration Fees €15 first child, €20 two children, € 25 three children or more & Seniors €25. Players must be 10 before 1st Jan 2019 and all players must be registered prior to training/playing matches. New members please bring copy of Birth Certificate. **Save the Date** - Last Chance Debs in Joe Doyles Pub on Bank Holiday Saturday 4th May, More information to follow.

**Altamont Plants** A Celebration of Corona North' To commemorate 20 years since the passing of Altamont Gardens former owner and accomplished plants person, Corona North, Altamont Plant Sales are hosting an evening of talks by Paul Cutler, Altamont Gardens Head Gardener & Assumpta Broomfield. Date: Fri 1st Feb at 7.30pm at Mount Wolseley Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort, Tullow, Co. Carlow. Tickets €10 for talks and light refreshments. Complimentary entry to the talks for Snowdrop Gala Ticket holders held on 2nd February at the same venue. Booking essential and are available from sales@altamontplants.com / 087 9822135

**Kildavin / Clonegal Drama Group** are busy rehearsing their forthcoming production of "The Two Loves of Gabriel Foley" by Jimmy Keary. This hilarious play will take to the stage on Saturday 9th, Sunday 10th and Saturday 16th February. So please make a note in your diary, this event is not to be missed. The group looks forward to seeing you all, so come along for a night of live comedy at its best.

**RATHOE COMMUNITY CHILDCARE** Outdoor preschool now enrolling for free ECCE years for children wishing to start in September 2019. After-school service also available. Contact Paula/Barbara on 059-9148879

**Ballon Rathoe AC** is starting a Fit4life couch to 5k on January 29th in Ballon GAA 7-8pm. Suitable for over 14 and adults. €20 registration for adults and €15 for young adults for insurance and €2 per week. Registration in the night. This is an 8 week programme and will finish with a Park Run at the end. Enquiries to 0879009421

## Ballon-Rathoe Parish Office The Old School, Ballon. Phone No: 087 421 3030

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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 / 059-9180641**

Fr. E. Whelan 059-9159329

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### Applications for Enrolment at RATHOE NATIONAL SCHOOL:

Applications for Enrolment for September 2019 are now being accepted. Please call in to the school for an application form. Alternatively, call the school office on 059-9148786 or download a copy of the application form, on our website www.rathoens.com

**Rathoe Song & Story;** The January session of Song & Story will be held in Rathoe Hall on Sunday 27th January at 8pm. Admission is FREE. Everyone welcome. Light Refreshments served

**Ballon GFC Lotto.** No Winner. No's 03– 04 –16 – 19. Lucky Dip Winners. €25 each Podge Lalor, Ballykealy, JP Carroll, Ardristan, Brendan Barry, Maple Lawn, Tommy Maher, Killane. Next week's Jackpot €1,350. Next Draw. Mon 28th January 2019 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tks €2

**Juvenile football registration nights** are Fri next 1st Feb, Fri 8th Feb, Fri 15th Feb and Fri 22nd from 8 to 9pm at Ballon GFC clubhouse, Fighting Cocks clubhouse and Kilbride clubhouse. Registration is for U-7,U-9,U-11,U-13,U-15 and U-17. Area teams of the three adult clubs combined will be entered in all of these age groups under the new name of St. Martin's as per Carlow Co Board regulations. All players need to be registered before. Training commences.

**Are you? Struggling with Anxiety or Depression? Finding Life Difficult? Isolated?** GROW is here to help you Our Mental Health Support groups are free and confidential and open to all, no referral or booking needed. Just come along. Weekly Meeting Time is: Tuesday @ 7.45pm. Venue: St Catherine's Social Services Centre Joseph's Road Carlow Town. Contact: Mary 087 2843424

**Tullow Community. School.** The Parents Association in conjunction with the Community School are offering supervised Saturday study for all students, this would be of great benefit to all exam year students. Application forms are available from the school office.

**Burrin Celtic Lotto:** No's 14---15---17---25. no winner . Lucky Dip: €100: Buddy Smithers, c/o Bingo: €20 –Lorraine Hutton, Rathoe. €20– Cara O'Byrne, Ballon. €20: Trevor & Fiona Hutton, Rathoe. Next week's Jackpot: €6350.

**Ballon National School 5th Class** are taking part in the Junior Entrepreneur Program 2019. Our product is an **International Cook Book**. We would be very appreciative of sponsorship from individuals or businesses however big or small to help print our book. Profit will go to various local charities. Many thanks.

**Ballon GAA Pitch Bookings.** From Fri next 1st Feb all bookings for Ballon pitch, sports field & clubhouse can only be made through John Kelly at 0863479446/0599159338. Bookings through any other source will not be verified or honoured. All clubs who intend to use the facilities please take note.

**Gentle Yoga** in Ballon Training Centre, The Old School every Thurs morning at 9.30am. Total beginners welcome. €10 per morning. Also **Chair Yoga** every Fri morning at 10.30am. P; 059-9159447.

**Liberation attempts in Parishes.** One average-sized church in Brooklyn, New York, decided that it would fight a popular clothing company and, in doing so, ended the sweatshops in El Salvador. It was just an average-sized Church that stood up and said, "We are against the exploitation of children." The Faith Network of Children decided that it would conduct a campaign and close the sweat shop in El Camino, California, where 72 people from Thailand, behind barbed wire, were being paid \$1.60 an hour and working eighteen hours a day because somebody stood up and said, "Wait a minute! We are against the exploitation of women."

I can live for two months on a good compliment.

Flattery is telling other people exactly what they think of themselves.

Divorces are arranged so that lawyers can live happily ever after.