

**Sat 9th 6.00pm Ballon** Tommy Nolan, Ballon and his daughter Eileen

**Sun 10th 10.30am Rathoe** Eddie & Dilly O'Byrne, Rathoe  
Colette Hutton, Ballonvalley  
Margaret Shanahan, Ballymogue.  
Nancy & Ned Halligan,  
Ballinrane  
Margaret Nolan, Springmount

**Sun 10th 11.30am Ballon**

Wed 13th 10.00am Rathoe

Thurs 14th 10.00am Ballon

**Sat 16th 6.00pm Ballon**

**Sun 17th 10.30am Rathoe** Bridie Nolan, Bendenstown

**Sun 17th 11.30am Ballon**

**Collections 3rd February** : Offertory €511.20 Weekly Envelopes : €606.20. *Thank you for your generosity to the collections*  
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**Cuchulainn Rounders** Winner of this weeks Split the Pot draw Caroline Kelly winning €97. Next weeks draw will take place on Tuesday 12th Feb in Kavanaghs Pub. Envelopes now on sale, €2 in McAsseys Shop, Siopa Glas, Joe Doyle's & Kavanagh's Pub. Extra Prize next week - Valentines Day Hamper. **U13 Boys & Girls training commences Tuesday 26th Feb in Ballon Community Hall from 7.00-8.00pm**

**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 Sun 10th & Sat 16th February.

**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

**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.

**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](http://www.rathoens.com).

**Burrin Celtic Lotto:** No's 01--05--06--28. no winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Mary Nolan, c/o Terry.; €20 Ann O'Toole, c/o Bingo. €20 Jackie O'Leary, c/o P.J. O'Leary: €20: Jeffery Synoradski, c/o Burrin Celtic. Next week's Jackpot: €6450

**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**

**Burren Rangers Hurling & Camogie Club** Burren Rangers Hurling & Camogie Club Registrations for 2019 will take place on Saturday 16th, 5 to 6pm in Ballon Community Centre and Friday 22nd, 7 to 8pm in Rathoe Hall. Registration Fees; Adult Player €50, Student €30, Juveniles 1st Child €30, 2nd €20, 3 or more €60. Parent Membership (including voting rights at AGM and chance to enter draw for All-Ireland tickets) €20. All Players must be registered before taking part in Coaching or Playing.

**Ballon GFC Lotto.** No Winner. No's: 02- 04 -11 - 14. Match Three Winners. €50 each: Marion Kelly, Ballon Hill, John Doyle, Donard. Next week's Jackpot €1,450. Next Draw Mon 11th Feb 2019 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tks €2

**Graiguecullen Valentines Bingo** Tuesday 12th Feb '19 @ 8.30pm All loose sheets €2 Six panel books €4 Double books €8  
**FREE PINK SHEET WITH EVERY BOOK** Giving away €50 for 1 line, €50 for 2 lines & €150 for Full House.

## Ballon-Rathoe Parish Office

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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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### ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED FOR THE NATIONAL PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS: 17TH - 19TH SEPTEMBER 2019

In Sept 2019 up to 280,000 people will visit Ballinrane, Fenagh, Co. Carlow for the National Ploughing Championships. While local hotels, self-catering premises and B&B's will cater for many visitors, there is a definite requirement for additional accommodation in the County Carlow area. If you have a house or room available to rent at reasonable rates and would like to support the National Ploughing Championships, please register your interest on: [www.carlowtourism.com/submityourproperty](http://www.carlowtourism.com/submityourproperty) Alternatively contact Carlow Tourism 059-9130411 or [info@carlowtourism.com](mailto:info@carlowtourism.com) for details

**Juvenile football registration nights** are 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.

**The Three Tenors in Concert, Borris Church, Co Carlow.** Ireland's Greatest Voices, an evening of popular classic hits from Sinatra, The Dubliners, Pavarotti & Spiritual Favourites! Saturday 16th Feb 8.00pm, Tickets €25 Available from The Parish Centre, Borris, O'Sheas Centra Borris, Brophy's Shop Borris, The Little Shop Bagenalstown & Doran's Supervalu Graigueanagh. This is a Fundraiser for Borris Church.

**RATHOE TRAINING HUB:** February courses: Adult Yoga Thursdays in Feb, €50 for 6 weeks, 7pm-8pm. MakeUp Classes starting Wed 20th Feb 7pm-9pm, €60 for 6 weeks. Places limited, call 059-9148879 to book. Coming in September: QQI Level 5 courses in Healthcare, Childcare and Word Processing. Free to eligible participants on social welfare/medical card or early school leavers. Contact us on 059-9148879 for info. Check our Facebook page "Rathoe Training Hub".

**Ballon Improvement Group** will hold the AGM in Siopa Glas on Wed 27th Feb at 8pm. Everyone welcome. We welcome new members, so if you are interested in helping with the work of Ballon Tidy Towns come along and lets hear your ideas for a successful 2019.

### Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019

100 places for the Diocese from 1st August 2019—5 nights full board, staying at The Hotel Agena, cost €700. Booking form available from Parish Office, Ballon. Booking form and deposit €150 to Cathriona Kelly, Cathedral Parish Centre, College St., Carlow not later than Wed 27th Feb

**Walking on water:** Three ministers were out on a lake fishing one fine afternoon in a boat, a Protestant minister, an Episcopalian priest and a newly-arrived Catholic priest. They were sitting out in the middle of the lake and the Protestant minister said he had to relieve himself, so he got out of the boat and walked across the water to shore, relieved himself behind a tree. Then walked back to the boat. The Episcopalian priest did the same thing. The Catholic priest thought to himself, if they can do it, so can I. So he stepped out of the boat and started sinking. After saving him and bringing him back on the boat one minister commented: "We should have told him where the rocks are under the water!"

### Like to Help?

Each of us has a unique mission in the Church. This is why God has a different call for each of us. Each of us is unique, so each of us has a mission which no one else can fulfill. Let us accomplish this mission by radiating the love, mercy, and forgiveness of Jesus and by participating in the various ministries of our parish.