

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sat 27th 6.00pm Ballon	John Barry, Ballykealy
Sun 28th 10.30am Rathoe	
Sun 28th 11.30am Ballon	Patsy Nolan, Laragh. MM
Mon 29th Ballon 7.30pm	
Wed 1st 10.00am Rathoe	
Thurs 2nd 10.00am Ballon	
Fri 3rd 7.30pm Rathoe	
Sat 4th 6.00pm Ballon	
Sun 5th 10.30am Rathoe	Mary Cummins, Ballytarsna MM John & Doreen Aughney, Roscatt
Sun 5th 11.30am Ballon	

Easter Collection for the Priests of the Parish is being taken up over the next few weeks. Envelopes in your box or available in the back of the church.

Housebound will be attended during the coming week.

Collections Easter : Offertory €2143.00. Weekly Envelopes €755.00. Easter Collection to date €3305.00. Thank you for your continued support

Trócaire

To date €3546.05, thanks on behalf of all who will benefit.
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### Graveyard Masses 2019

**Ballon: Sunday 9th June at 7.00pm**

**Rathoe Sunday 7th July at 7.00pm**

**Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 02- 04 -18 - 22.** Match 3 Winners David Mullins, Ballon Hill, Pauline Nolan, Mark, Sophie & Kate. Next week's Jackpot €2,000. Next Draw. Mon 29th April 2019 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2.

**The Apostolic Work Society** are holding their Annual Retreat in St. Patrick's College, Kiltegan on Sunday 12th May 2019, commencing at 10 o'clock. Cost €20 (includes lunch & tea). If interested please phone: 087-1248958

**Alzheimer's Tea Day in Rathoe:** Rathoe Retirement Group are holding their Annual Alzheimer's Tea Day in Rathoe Hall on Wed 1st May 2019. from 2.30- 4.30pm. All welcome. Please support this worthy cause.

**Ballon Bull Tree Bowls—Open Morning** in Ballon Community Hall on Thursday 2nd May 2019 from 11.00am to 1.00pm. All most welcome. Tuition will be given. Come along and enjoy the Craic. For more info phone: Tome Kealy 087-7636719 or nay committee member.

**Cuchulainn Rounders:** Winner of this week's Split the Pot was Eddie Kelly, Rathvilly winning €68. Next weeks draw will take place on Tuesday 30th April in Joe Doyles Pub. Envelopes on sale, €2 in McAsseys Shop, Siopa Glas, Joe Doyle's & Kavanagh's Pub. Extra Prize : Family Admission to Irish National Stud & Gardens Thanks to everyone for their continued support. U13 Boys & Girls Rounders training Tuesday 7.00-8.30pm in Ballon GAA Field. Training for ages 14-18 every Wednesday 7.00-8.30pm in Ballon GAA Field. U13 Boys & Girls Community Games Competition on Saturday May 18th. Anyone who wishes to register for 2019 season can contact Vanessa Dowling on 087 6973498. All children must be registered in order to train.

**Rathoe Annual Tea Party** on Sunday 19th May 2019 in Rathoe Hall at 5pm. Tickets €10 each. Proceeds in aid of Car Park.

**Rathoe Community Car Park.** Blessing and Official Opening on Sunday 5th May 2019 after 10.30am Mass. Refreshments in the Hall.

### Ballon-Rathoe Parish Office

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Items for the newsletter must be in by 5 pm each Wed, they can be phoned in, emailed or put through the letter box.

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Fr. E. Whelan 059-9159329  
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### ANNUAL PARISH DRAW

Instead of Silver Circle this year we are holding an once off Draw. Tickets €20 each. Total Prize Fund €3000. Prizes: 1st €1000, 2nd & 3rd.€500. 4th, 5th & 6th €200. 7th €150, 8th €100, 9th & 10th €50, 11th & 12th €25. Tickets on sale from Parish Council members, McAssey's & Siopa Glas, Connors Shop, Rathoe & Parish Office. Draw will be held on Tues 28th May in Rathoe Hall 8.30pm.  
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Rathoe Song & Story; The April session of Song & Story will be held in Rathoe Hall on Sun 28th April at 8pm. Admission is FREE. Everyone welcome. Light Refreshments served.

Ballon Business & Training Service, The Old School. New Courses
First Aid Responder course 26th, 30th April & 7th May. 10.00 - 4.00pm €250. **Information Technology Skills** - learn the basics of Microsoft Word, Excel & Email. Mon 29th April for 6 weeks. 10am -12pm €50
Beginners Digital Photography 5th & 6th June 7-9.30pm €60.

Beyond Beginners Digital Photography Workshop 12th & 13th June 7pm - 9.30pm €60. To book your place Phone: 059-9159447

Recreation Mixed Basketball every Monday night at 9pm in Ballon Community Centre for aged sixteen and over. Please contact Paul 086-316 4563 or Josie 086 404 0509

THE VHI Mini Marathon will take place on Sunday 2nd June. If you are interested in taking part (running or walking) and getting sponsored to raise funds for Éist, can you please contact the Centre on 059 91399684

Bealtaine Festival 'DAWN CHORUS' Sunday morning 5th May 6am beside the River Barrow in Carlow Town Park with Aspiro, the 2019 national 'Flagship Choir'. Aspiro will perform a selection of songs across all age groups 8 - 80+ including audience participation. Gather from 5.30am, bring a stool or chair for what promises to be an exciting, entertaining and memorable Carlow (Early!) Rising for all the family.

Rathoe Community Childcare Outdoor preschool now enrolling for Sept 2019. Afterschool places also available for free and reduced rates

DIVINE MERCY IN ACTION:

Baseball player experiences Divine Mercy: During Babe Ruth's baseball career, he drifted away from his Faith. One night he was very ill in a New York hospital, and a friend suggested he makes his peace with God. As a result, Babe Ruth asked to see a priest. After celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation, Babe Ruth wrote: "As I lay in bed that evening, I thought to myself - what a comfortable feeling to be free from fear and worries. I could simply turn them over to God." Wow! What an expression of Trust in God's Love and Mercy.

Traffic cop's mercy: A priest was forced by a police officer to pull over for speeding. As the officer was about to write the ticket, the priest said to him, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." The police officer handed the priest the ticket, and said, "Go, and sin no more."

A politician who, after receiving the proofs of a picture, was very angry with the photographer. He stormed back to the man's studio and screamed at him: "This picture does not do me justice!" The photographer replied, "Sir, with a face like yours, what you need is mercy, not justice!"