

R.I.P: David Lyons, Rathoe. who died during the week.

### Second Sunday of Christmas

Sat 1st Jan Ballon 6pm	Michael Canavan, Church St. Ballon
Sun 2nd Rathoe 10.30am	Mary Walsh & Family, Kyleneora Áine Connolly, Kellistown
Sun 2nd Ballon 11.30am	Joe Ellis, Barkers Rd, Bunclody MM

Tues 4th 7.00 pm Ballon  
Wed 5th 10.00am Rathoe

### The Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord

Thurs 6th 10.00am Rathoe	
Thurs 6th 7.00pm Ballon	Frankie Kennedy, Cappagh MM
Fri 7th Rathoe 7.00pm	
Sat 8th Jan Ballon 6pm	Willie Peters & Thomas Townsend
Sun 9th Rathoe 10.30am	
Sun 9th Ballon 11.30am	

**Collections Christmas Masses Offertory €1075.45**  
**26/12/2021 Offertory € 261.45. Envelopes €2029.20 (incl online donations).** Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity to the Parish.

**Siopa Glas** Thank you all for such fantastic support during 2021. Special thanks to all our volunteers without whom it would not be possible to run. Closing for Christmas on Wednesday 22nd. Open for 2022 7th January.

**Ballon Climate Change Calendar** sponsored by Ballon Improvement Group & Siopa Glas and designed and printed by Ballon in aid of School KHA for sale at local shops.

**2021 Community Magazine "CONNECTED"** is now available in Michael McAssey's, Centra, Nolan's, Shop & Deli, Joe O'Toole's, & Conor Wards, Tullow, outside Rathoe Church on Sunday, Anne Connors, Rathoe, and from Breeda McDonald, Graiguenaspodogue. for €5. Ideal Christmas present. Congratulations to Breeda McDonald & Fidelma Joyce on another wonderful magazine. It has articles covering many aspects of the community bound into a booklet of high standard.

**St. Vincent De Paul Collection.** Ballon ICA wish to thank people for the very generous collection to VDP, Ballon €1833 Rathoe € 940. Tullow Branch have gratefully acknowledge the donation. VDP contact no is 083 3478914

**Q: What is a New Year's resolution?**

**A: Something that goes in one year and out the other**

*An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in.  
A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.*

**Director of Safeguarding** in Diocese is Kathleen Sherry Ph:085 8021633. Email: [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto: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 do not hesitate to contact me.

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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.

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**Ballon Business & Training Service**—Tel: 059-915-9447  
[ballonbts@gmail.com](mailto:ballonbts@gmail.com) .

**Manual and Computerised Payroll** Monday 17th January 7-10pm x 10 weeks €300, funding available if you are on certain social welfare payments

**Art with Breda** Tuesday 18th January 11.30am - 1.30pm x 6 weeks €50

**Relax and Paint** Wednesday 19th January 2pm - 4pm x 6 weeks €50

**Manual and computerised Book-keeping** Thursday 20th January 7-10pm x 10 weeks €300, funding available if you are on certain social welfare payments

**Get you garden Spring Ready** Mon 24th Jan 2pm - 4pm x 6 weeks €50

**Cooking with Majella** Wed 2nd February 10am - 12pm x 6 weeks €75

**Sewing classes Beginners & Advanced** Monday 7th February 9.30am - 12.30pm x 6 weeks €50

*Thanks to all who helped the Parish celebrate Christmas, it made it a very joyful & happy occasion for all. Best wish for a Happy and Healthy New Year to all.*

