

R.I.P: **John Tracey**, Ballinrane, Fenagh, Carlow

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 23rd Ballon 6.00pm	Peter, Dan & Hannah Jordan, Killane
Sun 24th Rathoe 10.00am	
Sun 24th Ballon 11.30am	P.J. O'Reilly, Sherwood, Kilbride James Maher, Killane.
Tues 26th Ballon 7.30pm	
Wed 27th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 28th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 29th Rathoe 7.30pm	
Sat 30th Ballon 6.00pm	Charlie Walshe, Ardristan also Michael, Margaret, Ursula, Bridget, Lil & John
Sun 31st Rathoe 10.00am	
Sun 31st Ballon 11.30am	

17/07/2022 Offertory €618.10. Envelopes €469.00 (incl online donations). Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity.

Purchase of site and bungalow for Parking and the Parish Office.

This is an essential asset for everyone in Ballon, it is opposite the Community Centre and within walking distance of the church, school and the village. The purchase cost is €250,000. We have secured between €150,000 to €200,000 in support already from groups within the area. We are appealing to your generosity to make available a €1,000 interest free loan which will be fully repaid within 5 years. The Parish is extremely grateful for your assistance in this hugely significant purchase. Should you wish to give a loan of €1000, contact Fr. Jim O'Connell or the parish office in confidence. Or online Bank of Ireland. IBAN: IE24 BOFI 90668979838964 BIF: BOFIE2D.

Ballon Rathoe Parish can claim tax back that you have paid on your earnings. This applies to PAYE Income and Self Employed Income, including Farmers. You must have paid €250 or more in a year – this includes all contributions to priests collections and parish fund. This is of great benefit to the Parish finances and it does not affect the tax payer in anyway except that it is great if some of your tax goes towards a good cause. The Parish is now looking for people to complete forms for 2021. All you have to do is, please, sign a CHY 3 enduring cert and put in your Name and PPS No and return to the Parish Office. Forms are available in the church porches – If you feel that you have donated over €250 to the Church in 2021 and a taxpayer please complete and return the form as soon as possible so that the Parish can submit a claim for 2021. **Thank you very much.**

Nancy Maher; When Nancy Maher was asked by her family, Renee, Joe & Theresa what she would like for her 95th Birthday, she immediately replied that she would love to go to St. Columba's, Iona Road, Glasnevin, Dublin where she got married in 1959. So this Sunday Nancy (nee Cahill) will travel to Iona Road for 11am Mass and a tour of the Parish Priests House where Nancy works has been arranged. Afterwards lunch in the Goat Grill in Goatstown is booked.

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's **04- 17 -20 - 24.** Match Three Winner: €100: Stephen Rooney, Laragh. **Next weeks Jackpot €1,900** Next Draw. Mon 25th July 2022 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

Reek Sunday 2022 The annual Reek Sunday pilgrimage takes place on Sunday July 31st at Croagh Patrick. Confessions on the summit 7:30am - 2:00pm. Mass hourly from 8:00am - 2.00pm

Director of Safeguarding in Diocese is Kathleen Sherry Ph: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 do not hesitate to contact me.

Ballon-Rathoe Parish Office

The Old School, Ballon. Phone No: 087 421 3030.

Email: ballonrathoe-parish@gmail.com

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

Ballon Business & Training Service—Tel: 059-915-9447

ballonbts@gmail.com. **Pop up Pilates** Thurs 21st July 10am to 11am

Ballon Summer Camp hosted by Caroline Bergin Aug 15th, 16th, 17th & 18th. Ages 4yrs to 8 yrs from 10am to 12.30pm Ages 8 yrs to 14 yrs from 1.30 pm to 4 pm. Book direct on <https://www.carolineberginart.com/>

Register your interest for these 4/6 week craft courses starting in Sept. Creative writing, Pottery, Sewing, Art, Pilates, Cooking, Photography - Using your Camera, Jewellery

QQI Courses Starting in September: Book-keeping Manual & Computerised QQI Level 5 Starting Mon 5th September 7pm to 10 pm X 10 wks

Supervisory Management QQI Level 6. Blended learning Course

Starting Wednesday 14th Sept 6.30pm to 9.30pm X 10 weeks

Payroll Manual & Computerised QQI Level 5. Starting Thursday 15th

September 7pm to 10 pm X 10 weeks.

Register your interest for Back to Education Initiative courses running

this September in Ballon—**QQI Level 3 Healthy Lifestyle X 14 Weeks**

QQI Level 5 Office Administration X 2 Years

Book direct online at <https://www.ballonbts.com/our-courses>

Call: 059-9159447 Email: ballonbts@gmail.com

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 09---11---14---15. No Winner. Lucky Dip:

€100: Kathleen Kirwan, c/o Bingo. €20 Jane Llyod, Café de Mode., €20:

Padraic Lalor, Ballykealy. €20: Kathleen Smithers, c/o Lily Brennan. Next wk's Jackpot: €2,600. Draw every Tues night at 8.30pm.

Moving On Programme For Mothers. St. Catherine's Community Ser-

vices Centre, Carlow Achieve an Employment Skills Level 4 Major Award

Places available on our 1 year programme starting in September 2022

Limited free childcare spaces available Contact: 059 9138700 /

0851628570. Email: tonyd@catherines.ie Web: www.catherines.ie

Relationship Counselling; Accord Carlow are now back open for

face-to-face Relationship Counselling at St. Catherine's Community

Service, Carlow. For further information please phone Mary 086-4149034

or email accordcarlow@gmail.com

Mariupol City of Mary

Mariupol has become well known to us since the invasion of Ukraine.

The name 'Mariu,' the first part of the city's name, refers to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. 'Pol' means 'city' as in metropolis.

The icon of Mary and her Child to which people of Mariupol were devoted has a long history. Its kind is called *Hodegetria*, meaning 'she who points the way,' as Mary gestures to the child she hold.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. On Sunday, July

24, 2022, the *Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*

will be celebrated throughout the universal Church. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for the occasion is "*In old age they will still bear fruit*" (Psalm 92:15) and intends to emphasize how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for ecclesial communities.

What motivated you to become a millionaire? I was trying to reach an income my wife and kids couldn't live beyond!

Abroad on holiday, the billionaire came across a wishing well. Not having a coin handy, he threw in a cheque.

He was so rich, he even got a boy for his dog.

I don't knock the rich. I've never got a job from a poor person