

### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 3rd Ballon 6.00pm	Michael & Attracta Kavanagh & deceased members of the Kavanagh Family. Teresa Grant, Ballymogue John (Jack) Cranny, Boggan
Sun 4th Rathoe 10.00am	
Sun 4th Ballon 11.30am	Tom Nolan, Ballour
Tues 6th Ballon 7.30pm	
Wed 7th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 8th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 9th Rathoe 7.30pm	
Sat 10th Ballon 6.00pm	Tommy O'Brien, Ballon
Sun 11th Rathoe 10.00am	Laurence, Kathleen & Andy Murphy, Kellistown.
Sun 11th Ballon 11.30am	John McHugh, Kilnock MM

### Housebound will be attended during the coming week.

**28/08/2022: Offertory €758.15. Envelopes €627.00 (incl online donations).** Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity.

**Tea/ Coffee Morning in Rathoe.** This Sunday after 10.00am Mass. It will be held on the First Sunday of each month and all are welcome.

**Ballon GFC Lotto.** No Winner. No's 02- 12 -17 - 28. Lucky Dip Winners €25 each: Dan O'Neill, Rathrush, Heather Zerafa, Mullaunmore, John Atkinson, Bunclody, John Gittens, Ballylean. **Next weeks Jackpot €2,200** Next Draw. Mon 29th 5th Sept. 2022 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

**Burrin Celtic Lotto:** No's 04---08---26---27. No Winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Margaret Dowling, c/o Bingo: €20 Betty Farrell, c/o Bingo. €20 Theresa Dowling, c/o Bingo, €20: Jim Breen, c/o NGS. Next wk's Jackpot: €2,900. Draw every Tues night at 8.30pm.

**Ballon Business & Training Service**—Tel: 059-915-9447 [ballonbts@gmail.com](mailto:ballonbts@gmail.com). **QQI Courses** Starting in **Sept Book-keeping Manual & Computerised QQI Level 5.** Starting Mon 5th Sept 7pm to 10 pm X 10 weeks

**Payroll Manual & Computerised QQI Level 5** Starting Thursday 15th September 7pm to 10 pm X 10 weeks

**Office Administration QQI Level 5** Starting Thursday 8th September 9.30am - 12.30pm x 2 years

**Healthy Lifestyles QQI Level 3** Starting Thurs 15th Sept 9.30am - 12.30pm x 13 weeks

**Pottery** Thursday 8th Sept 2pm - 4pm x 6 weeks

**Creative Writing** Friday 9th Sept 2pm - 4pm x 6 weeks

**Genealogy** Wednesday 14th Sept 10am - 12.30pm

**Photography - How to use your camera** Fri 16th Sept 2pm - 4pm

**Kids Pottery Workshop** Saturday 10th Sept 2pm - 4.30pm

**Pottery & Prosecco** Saturday 10th Sept 7pm - 10pm

All of our courses can be booked directly through our website <https://www.ballonbts.com/our-courses> Or call 059-9159447

**Kirwan Academy Of Irish Dance:** Classes begin: Wed 7th September: Rathoe Hall, 5:30pm Contact: Emily Kirwan A.D.C.R.G on 087 214 0324 @kirwanacademy, kirwanacademyofirishdance@gmail.com

**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.

## 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/ 059-910 7096

### Graiguecullen MONSTER Bingo on Tuesday 6th SEPTEMBER

St.Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 5 numbers €2910

Double number €670. Lotto €2250. Great prizes, bring a friend

Outing to **Sister Act The Musical** in Bord Gáis on Wednesday 28th September. Bus leaving Rathoe at 10.45 am & Ballon at 11.00am. Cost €45. Book with Ann 087-9159695 or Sheila 087-6549427

**Cuchulainn Rounders:** Congratulations to our Senior Mixed on their All Ireland semi final win against Adamstown, Wexford. They will now face Glynbarntown, Wexford in the Senior All Ireland Finals on Sunday 18th September in Abbottstown, Dublin.. Our 2nd Annual Road Run will be held on Sunday 4th September from Spar Ballon Texaco Service Station. Registration starting at 12.00 noon, leaving at 1.30pm.

Refreshments will be served after the run at Texaco Service Station. Donations on the day & all taking part will be entered into raffle for great prizes on the day. All vehicles welcome : Cars, Tractors, Motorcycles, Lorries Winner of this weeks Split the Pot draw was Jimmy Nolan winning €49. Next draw Wednesday 7th September, envelopes on sale in McAssey Shop & Nolan's Hardware.

**Volunteer with ALONE:** ALONE provide services to older people living at home. ALONE recruits, trains and supports Volunteers for two services: a Visitation and Befriending Service, and a Telephone Support and Befriending Service. Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> for more information, contact Fiona on [fiona.boyle@alone.ie](mailto:fiona.boyle@alone.ie) or on 086 1366539.

**Alzheimer's Memory Walk 2022** The Alzheimer Society of Ireland have launched **Alzheimer's Memory Walk 2022**, proudly supported by Irish Life, which is taking place nationwide on **Sunday, 18th September** to mark World Alzheimer's Month 2022. Alzheimer's Memory Walk is a **family-friendly** event suitable for all ages and abilities to unite together with their families and communities to raise awareness and funds for dementia supports. To register for the walk please visit <https://alzheimer.ie/register-below-for-memory-walk/>

**Congratulations** to Alice Bailey who won a Gold medal in U/10 Art and to Katie Shannon who won silver medal in U/12 Art and to the quiz team of Leah Morrissey, Ayton Power, Eoin Fanning, Brian Donald, Cathal Bailey who finished 5th in the National Community Finals. Thanks to Caroline Byrne who trained the quiz team.

### Would You Believe ?

This Sunday night RTE 1: Michael Martin talks to Joe Duffy on the Meaning of Life Programme.

Loosing two children one an infant death syndrome and his daughter Léana died shortly before her 8th birthday after suffering from a heart condition. Asked about his own faith and whether he is a Mass goer he answers immediately: "I do. I like getting a good message—a good sermon—just to reflect on. I think, the New Testament.. If we all try to live by the principles in there, we won't far wrong. Recalling his own experience as an altar boy he jokes with presenter: "I kind of enjoyed it. I loved the mannerisms and the ritual, and I could nearly say Mass for you, Joe!"

**Priest:** Why don't you come to church? Are you an atheist or agnostic **Parishioner:** No I'm a golfer.

*He plays a fair game of golf-if you watch him*

*His doctor told him to play 36 holes a day, so he went out and bought a harmonica.*