

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 12th Ballon 6.00pm	Billy Smyth, Ballon Hill
Sun 13th Rathoe 10.00am	
Sun 13th Ballon 11.30am	
Tues 15th Ballon 7.30pm	Dead List
Wed 16th Rathoe 10.00am	Dead List
Thurs 17th Ballon 10.00am	Dead List
Fri 18th Rathoe 7.30pm	Dead List
Sat 19th Ballon 6.00pm	Pat Doyle, Ballon Hill, M.M.
Sun 20th Rathoe 10.00am	Mary & Seamus Byrne, Kyleneora
Sun 20th Ballon 11.30am	

06/11/2022: Offertory €1871.15. Envelopes €1217.15. incl online donations). Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity.

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 03---05---18---28. No Winner. Lucky Dip: €100: Garry Murphy, Myshall: €20 Joe Kennedy, c/o Lily Brennan: €20 Breeda McDonald, c/o Bingo: €20: Ann Marie Roche, c/o Billy Nolan. Next wk's Jackpot: €3,400. Draw every Tues night at 8.30pm.

Graiguecullen Monster Christmas Bingo.

Sunday 20th November 2022 @ 3pm in St. Fiacc's Hall (R93PO30). Great prizes to be won. Chocolates left and right of the winner. In-house Lotto draw for 2 Turkeys, 2 Hams & 3 books. Great prizes, Bring a friend.

Graiguecullen Bingo on Tuesday 15th Nov. St.Fiaccs Hall (R93PO30) @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 50 numbers €4210 Double number €880 Lotto €2750

Ballon GFC and Ballon Ladies are hosting their annual awards ball in Ballykealey House on Friday 2nd December. Music by Fusion followed by a DJ till late Dinner will be served at 8pm. Tickets are €40. We are hosting a night for ticket sales in Ballon GFC Clubhouse on Wednesday 16th November from 7pm-8pm. Cash or Revolut accepted on the night.

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MANUAL HANDLING Wed 23rd Nov 10am - 12.30pm or 6pm - 8.30pm

INTERNET SKILLS Tues 22nd Nov 9.30am - 12.30pm X 4 weeks

CHRISTMAS SEWING COURSE Mon 21st Nov 9.30am to 12.30pm X 4 weeks.

CHRISTMAS POTTERY COURSE Thurs 10th Nov 2pm to 5pm X 4 weeks.

ART WITH BREDA Mon 7th Nov 1pm to 3pm or 3.30pm to 5.30pm X 6 weeks.

Bricks for Kids Saturday Weekly 2-4pm - drop in available

To Book call/text 087 - 9862869. Winter & Christmas Themed Mindfulness

& Yoga for Kids workshops, Sat 12th, 19th & 26th Nov & 10th Dec

10.30am to 12pm, 4yrs to 8yrs. To Book call/text 087-9647251

Build a Gingerbread House Workshop, Sat 17th Dec 10am to 12pm

Kids Christmas Party, Wed 22nd Dec 2pm to 3pm

Personalised Halloween Labels Ideal to add that extra seasonal touch to

your little trick or treat bags for this years Halloween! 21 personalised

spooky labels for only €3 or 2 sheets for €5!! Festive Labels! Late Late Toy

Show treat box labels. Xmas Eve box labels. Sender address labels!

€3 per sheet or €5 for 2 sheets!

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 01- 07 -18 - 30. Match three

Winners €100 each: Donna, Fiona, & Sarah, Kildavin Road. **Next weeks**

Jackpot €2,700. Next Draw. Mon 14 Nov 2022 in Fr. Flood House at

9pm. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

Ballon Christmas Rambling House, in The Old School, Ballon on Sunday 11th December 2022 from 3pm to 7pm. Story Telling and singing, dancing and listening. Refreshments served.

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

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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

Ballon ECO Christmas Fair 2022 on Sunday 27th November in Ballon National School from 12pm to 4pm. Tables €20. Limited availability, book early. Arts, Crafts & much more. Enquiries to Siopa Glas. Máire 087-2424934 or Marion 087-6373890.

"ALL SAINTS' AGHADE: ECUMENICAL/UKRAINIAN CAROL SERVICE 18 DECEMBER 7P.M.

Forthcoming is the ecumenical and Ukrainian Carol service at All Saints', Aghade on 18 December at 7 p.m. This will involve the participation of local musicians, bands and soloists along with the 'Ballon Singers'. 'The Four Hims' church band will lead the congregational singing. The service will be a miscellany of carols, Scripture readings, prayers and poetry with a unique contribution from local Ukrainian members of our One Body in the Lord Jesus Christ. As I have written extensively about previously through various media, the Ukrainian people have been coming to and moving on from Ballon Rest Centre during the year. As another mark of respect, support and welcome to a community whom we now love and cherish as an integral part of our own community, the Ukrainians will be participating at the service in their own language and the rector will welcome them to the service in their own language, (having learned a few phrases from his two mission trips to Ukraine). The collection from the carol service will be in support of our local rest centre at Ballon Community Centre. At the end of this most special gathering, the only of its kind in our part of 'God's Vineyard' this Christmas, Fr. Jim O'Connell and the Rev. Lester will convey a joint blessing. The Carol Service will be followed by a reception/tea in Aghade Hall afterwards.

Bearing Witness

Christoph Probst (+ 1943) was a university student in Munich and a member of the White Rose movement, an underground resistance movement to Nazi regime. Before being put to death he was received into the Catholic Church.

My dearest sister: Saturday, as I was going to pick up my pass to go to Tegernsee, I was arrested and taken to Munich. Now for the first time in my life I'm sitting in a cell and do not know what tomorrow will bring. But being in prison isn't as bad as I thought, and I'm glad that I haven't lost my piece of mind; in fact, I'm often in very good spirits. Don't worry my dear, and have no anxiety for me. My little sister, you dear half of my life and being don't be distressed—it isn't worthwhile. Don't be sad or despairing. One does not fashion one's own fate, and can do nothing but bear it. I see your warm brown eyes (which had better not be wet with tears), I see your lovely face, from which so much love always shines out to me. And I see your whole image before me, I feel much more than words can tell, and then my heart runs over.

[Dear Mother:] I thank you for having given me life. When I really think it through, it has all being a single road to God. Do not grieve that I must now skip the last part of it. Soon I shall be closer to you than before. In the meantime I'll prepare a glorious reception for you all.

I never knew that dying is so easy. I die without any feeling of hatred. Never forget that life is nothing but a growing in love and a preparation for eternity.

End time humor: Humorist Lewis Grizzard writes about a man in his hometown named Luther Gilroy. Luther claimed he was out plowing his field and saw a sign in the sky that said THE END IS NEAR. So, Luther let his mule and his cow out of their pens, gave all his chickens away, and climbed on top of his house to await the end. When it didn't come, he pouted and refused to come down from the roof. Finally, his wife called the deputy sheriff, who came over and said, "Luther, you idiot, I saw that same sign. It didn't say, 'The end is near.' It said, 'Go drink a beer.' Now come down off that roof before you fall off and break your neck."