

Feast of Christ The King

Sat 19th Ballon 6.00pm	Pat Doyle, Ballon Hill, M.M.
Sun 20th Rathoe 10.00am	Mary & Seamus Byrne, Kyleneora Patrick Joyce, his wife Margaret, his parents, sister & brother-in-law.
Sun 20th Ballon 11.30am	
Tues 22nd Ballon 7.30pm	
Wed 23rd Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 24th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 25th Rathoe 7.30pm	Joseph Brophy, Ballon
Sat 26th Ballon 6.00pm	Sean Gahan, formally Ballykeenan.
Sun 27th Rathoe 10.00am	P.J. Keating, Rathoe Harry Corcoran, Kellistown & deceased members of the Corcoran family.
Sun 27th Ballon 11.30am	Margaret Barry, Ballinadrum Joe Ellis, Barkers Road, Bunclody

13/11/2022: Offertory €555.30. Envelopes €783.70. incl online donations). Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity.

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 08---16---17---25. No Winner. Lucky Dip: €100.: Joe Doyle, Ballon. €20 Michelle Brophy, c/o Zerafa's: €20 Jimmy & Anne, c/o Mary Maher.: €20: Kennedy Ryan, c/o Café de Mode. Next wk's Jackpot: €3, 450. Draw every Tues night at 8.30pm.

SINGERS & MUSICIANS Join us for rehearsals in preparation for Christmas Carol Service, All Saints' Church Aghade, Sunday December 18th 7pm. Rehearsals (3) commence in **Ballon Church Thursday December 1st 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome at rehearsals.**

Ballon Rathoe Senior Citizens have decide to call it a day. Thanks to them for donating the balance of their funds to the Parish of Ballon & Rathoe. It much appreciated. Many thanks to their committee.

Graigucullen 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.

Ballon GFC and the ladies club are hosting their Dinner Dance in Ballykealey House on Friday 2nd December. Music by Fusion. Dinner will be served at 8pm. Tickets are €40. Contact Eva 087-7955058, Paddy 086-0481633 or any committee member.

Daniel O Donnell in concert Wednesday 23rd August 2023
Venue Mt Wolseley Hotel Tullow Co Carlow. Tickets now available from Carmel Dawson 0872221434

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

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.

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 09- 15 -19 - 30. Lucky Dip €25.00 each: Tilly Zerafa, Ballon, Terry Byron, Laraghbeg, Elma Long, Ballylean, Ann Fitzgerald. **Next weeks Jackpot €2,750.** Next Draw. Mon 21st Nov 2022 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

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

'ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE'

"ALL SAINTS' AGHADE: 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. 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.

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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. 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 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!

House to Rent Ballon /Myshall Area. Phone 0876750012 for more details

Parenthood and Prayer.

Eoghan Keogh with two children and living in Dublin, is a chaplain in Belvedere College. He writes about his journey with prayer as a parent.

For a long time, through study, retreats, pilgrimages, spiritual direction and many other experiences, I arrived at a place where prayer was regularly fruitful and, dare I say, easy to connect with. I found myself thinking I had gotten good at it, setting a space, wondering about a piece of scripture. Fast forward a couple of years, and we have two small children; one is three, the other just turned one. Gone are the days of long, quiet nature walks. Suddenly, I find prayer hard, difficult to connect with, quite a challenge, and time is scarce.

I realise is not a skill; it is a gift from God in each moment. A feeling of humility returns. It can be hard to feel like a prayer when you are cleaning up after your one year old launches her bowl of porridge off the table and smiles; it can be hard to get in touch with prayer when you are so tired. It felt easier when sipping coffee on a break on the Camino or glancing out the window of a retreat centre, but here I am locked in my house, immersed in the world of Thomas the Tank Engine with my little boy. At the end of the day, a quick glance back reveals that God is in all things, not some things.

Children can be a great comfort in your old age—and they can help you reach it faster. Too!

I used to the sort of child my parents told me not to play with.

Any child will run an errand for you, if you ask at bedtime.