

### First Sunday of Advent

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. Andy Murphy, Ballycurragh.
Sun 27th Ballon 11.30am	Margaret & Rex Barry, Ballinadrum Joe Ellis, Barkers Road, Bunclody
Tues 29th Ballon 7.30pm	
Wed 30th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 1st Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 2nd Rathoe 7.30pm	Harriet Brophy, Kellistown. M.M
Sat 3rd Ballon 6.00pm	Frankie Kennedy, Cappagh. 1st Ann
Sun 4th Rathoe 10.00am	
Sun 4th Ballon 11.30am	

**20/11/2022: Offertory €965.00. Envelopes €802.50 incl online donations.** Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity. **If you haven't got a box of envelopes and would like one, they are available in the church porches or parish office.**

**Burrin Celtic Lotto:** No's 06---08---11---29. No Winner. Lucky Dip: €100.: Margaret O'Neill, c/o NGS Ballon. €20 Ann Donoghue, c/o Bingu: €20 Shane Raleigh, c/o NGS: €20: Michelle Brophy, c/o Zerafa's. Next wk's Jackpot: €3,500. Draw every Tues night at 8.30pm.

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

**Rathoe Active Retirement** wish to thank most sincerely the Ballon Rathoe Senior Citizens committee for the generous donation to them.

**Graigucullen Bingo on Tuesday 29th Nov. St.Fiaccs Hall (R93PO30) @ 8.30pm.** Jackpot on 50 numbers €4600. Double number €1090. Lotto €2900 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.

**Carlow Choral Society** is back in full voice with a gala performance of Handel's Messiah in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, on 3rd December 2022 at 8.00pm.

**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 this 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 **02- 12 -16 - 19.** Match Three Winners €35 each: Paddy Byrne, Sandbrook, Ken Deacon, Ballon Hill, Helena Hollick, Forge Meadow. **Next weeks Jackpot €2,800.** Next Draw. Mon 28th Nov 2022 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

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

**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

## 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

### 'ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE'

**"ALL SAINTS' AGHADE: 18 DECEMBER 7P.M.** Ecumenical Carol Service will be held in All Saints, Aghade (Eircode R93XD79) on Sunday 18th December at 7 p.m. featuring The Four Hims, The Ballon Singers with local Soloists and Musicians. A special welcome is extended to our Ukrainian neighbours at Ballon Rest Centre (for whom the Collection is in support of). All welcome to a Reception & Tea in Aghade Hall afterwards.

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**Looking for something to do for Christmas for your work friends or friends? Join Breda for Vino & Van Gogh Friday 16th December from**

**7pm - 9pm** and take some creative time out Step by step painting so you don't need to have experience to come along. All materials are included and you will leave with your completed masterpiece on the night Glass of wine & nibbles on arrival, it's the perfect evening out! BYOB

**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!

**" The Youth 2000 Christmas retreat** will be taking place in Newbridge College, Newbridge between 9th-11th December. This retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. Great CRAIC!!, Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! Donation only. Free buses leaving from all over Ireland. Register now on [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)"

**Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi 2023** Led by Fr Liam Merrigan and Mgr John McEvoy. Visiting Assisi 25th - 27th May 2023, visiting Rome 27th - 31st May 2023. **Total Price: €1265 per person/ Deposit: €150.** Return air ticket including 10kg luggage and taxes, Sharing twin rooms with private facilities for 2 nights in Assisi on half board basis, Sharing twin rooms with private facilities for 4 nights in Rome on B&B basis, Entrance tickets to the Vatican, Sistine chapel, Catacombs & the Colosseum. Single Supplement subject to availability for €195.00. For reservations phone Tullys Travel on 059 9136100

**Would you like to read the Catechism in a year?** We are a friendly group that reads and discusses a section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church each week. In 2023, we will follow The Catechism in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz. <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear> Join us on Mondays at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre, Prosperous. Contact Alice 087 6505803

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Q: What do you call Pope Benedict XVI after his last day?

A: Ex Benedict.

Q: Why was Noah the best businessman in the Bible?

A: He floated his stock while everybody else was being liquidated.

Q: Did you hear about all the drama down at the convent?

A: Well, it's nun of your business.