

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 18th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sun 19th Rathoe 10.00am	Mary & Seamus Byrne, Kyleneora Tom & Mary Doyle, Kellistown Paddy Joyce, Graiguealug
Sun 19th Ballon 11.30am	
Tues 21st Ballon 7.30pm	
Wed 22nd Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 23rd Ballon 10.00am	Prayer Service
Fri 24th Rathoe 7.30pm	Prayer Service
Sat 25th Ballon 6.00pm	Archie & Mai Mullins, Ballykealy Sean Gahan, formally Ballykeenan
Sun 26th Rathoe 10.00am	Jim Kennedy, Tenneclash M.M. Harry Corcoran, Kellistown & deceased members of the Corcoran family.
Sun 26th Ballon 11.30am	Joe Ellis, Bunclody.

12/11/2023 Offertory €836.5. Envelopes €1387.70 (incl online donations). Thanks to everyone for your continued generosity.

Ballon Rathoe Parish Council: A meeting will be held in the Parochial House on Tuesday 21st November at 8pm. All members are requested to attend.

Ballon Business & Training Service, The Old School, Ballon. Tel: 059-915-9447. Mob: 085-876-4743. ballonbts@gmail.com. www.ballonbts.com

Hobby Courses: Chess Social Evenings - Tuesdays, 7.30pm to 9pm

Tai Chi Full Day Wellness Workshop - Sat 25th Nov 9am - 5pm

Christmas Make Up Workshop - Mon 27th Nov at 6pm - 9pm

Paint & Sip - Fri 1st Dec, 7.30pm to 9.30pm x 1 night (No painting experience needed). Christmas Card Watercolour Workshop - Sat 9th Dec, 10am to 5pm. (No painting experience needed)

MANUAL HANDLING TRAINING: Wednesday 6th Dec 2pm or 6pm

Children's Camps: Santa's Elves Bracelet Making Workshop - Sat 18th Nov, 10.30am to 11.30am. Bricks for Kidz Sat 6th Jan 24 at 2pm - 4pm x 5 weeks

CERTIFIED COURSES: QQI Level 5 Book-keeping Jan 2024, 7pm - 10pm x 10 wks: QQI Level 5 Payroll Jan 2024, 7pm - 10pm x 10 wks
Santa Letter Packs Available now ! Drop in to us

Cuchulain Rounders: Winner of this weeks split the pot is Evie Doyle winning €61. Next draw is Wednesday 22nd November. Envelopes €2 can be bought in McAssey's shop or Joe Doyle's. **Reminder- Christmas party** night on 25th November at 9pm in Joe Doyle's Ballon. Music on the night along with annual draw. Draw lines can be bought in McAssey's shop or from committee members

TULLOW RFC CHRISTMAS FAYRE: A Taste of Tullow. Friday 24th November, 2023. 8.00 p.m. At The Blackgates. Murphy Craft Butchers, Coolattin Cheddar, Chocolate Factory, Elanna's Boutique and Gift Gallery. Food Tasting, Display of Goods and Lots of Spot Prizes on the night. Admission - €10.00 Tickets available from Mary O'Neill, 087 6237758. Robin Johnson 086 8134995 or any Committee Member.

Director of Safeguarding in Diocese is Kathleen Sherry, P: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 contact Kathleen

Ballon-Rathoe Parish Office

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

Email: ballonrathoeparish@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

Graiguecullen MONSTER CHRISTMAS Bingo.

Sunday 19th November 2023 @ 3pm in St. Fiacc's Hall (R93PO30). Jackpot on 47 numbers €1610. Double number €460. Lotto €3000. Great prizes to be won. Chocolates left and right of the winner. In-house Lotto draw for Turkey & Ham, plus 3 books. Great prizes, Bring a friend. Bingo as normal Tuesday 21st November @ 8.30pm

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's **02- 06 -09 - 25.** Match Three Winners €50 each: Donnacha Murphy, Connaberry, Michael Dawson, Maple Lawn. **Next weeks Jackpot €5,200** Next Draw Tues 21st Nov 2023 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

Carlow County Museum: Visit Carlow County Museum and see our recently unveiled Carlow GAA trophy display featuring the famed Haughney Cup and the Conlon Cup. Also see objects of national and international importance. Open Monday to Saturday, Free Admission. Carlow County Museum & Carlow Tourist Office, College Street, Carlow Town. Tel: 059-9131554, www.carlowmuseum.ie.

Ballon Rathoe Community Magazine: All articles for the sixth issue of "Connect", are due in immediately. The magazine will be ready in time for Christmas. Send them to Breeda McDonald 059-9148764. email to breedamcdonald46@gmail.com

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's **17---24---29---30.** **Lucky Dip: €100** Miriam Lloyd, Café de Mode: €20: P.J. Judge, c/o Bingo €20 Anita Dowling, Ballon. €20: Catherine Tracey, Fenagh Next wk's Jackpot: €6,000 Draw Tues night at 8.30pm.

A homily of a second-century author

My name is blasphemed among the Gentiles. Because we do not practice what we preach. The pagans hear us proclaiming the words of God and they marvel at their beauty and nobility, but when they realize that we Christians do not live up to our principles, they begin to blaspheme and say that our religion is an old wives tale.

For instance they hear us telling them that God says: 'It is no thanks to you if you love those who love you but it is thanks to you if you love your enemies and those who hate you'. They are amazed by the goodness and sublimity of what they hear, but when they watch us not only loving our enemies but hating our friends into the bargain, they deride us and blaspheme God's name.

Teacher: 'When George Washington was your age, he was head of his class.

Pupil: Yes Sir. And when he was your age, he was President of America.

One day, Michelangelo saw a block of marble which the owner said was of no value. "It is valuable to me, said Michelangelo. There is and angel imprisoned in it and I must set it free.

Sunday is the day all of us bow our heads. Some are praying and some are playing golf.

Her motto is, 'Everyman for myself

She earned her Mercedes the hard way, she bought it.