

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>Sat 13th Ballon 6.00pm</b>	
<b>Sun 14th Rathoe 10.00am</b>	Mary Farrell, Dick Murphy & Jack Hutton. Michael Nolan, Grangeford
<b>Sun 14th Ballon 11.30am</b>	Elizabeth & Philip Martin, Ballykealy
Tues 16th Ballon 7.30pm	
Wed 17th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 18th Ballon 10.00am	William & Elizabeth Nolan, Ballon
Fri 19th Ballon 7.30pm	
<b>Sat 20th Ballon 6.00pm</b>	Willie Peters, Ballykealy Tom & Catherine Townsend
<b>Sun 21st Rathoe 10.00am</b>	Maurice Dowling, Kellistown
<b>Sun 21st Ballon 11.30am</b>	

**06 & 07/01/2024 Offertory €1004.70. Envelopes €463.80**

**To donate online: Account Ballon Rathoe Parish:**

**IBAN: IE24 BOFI 906689 79838964. BIC: BOFIE2D.**

**HOUSEBOUND will be attended during the coming week.**

**Ballon Business & Training Service, The Old School, Ballon.**

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**[www.ballonbts.com](http://www.ballonbts.com): 2024 Courses: Crochet (Beginners)** - Tues 16th Jan, 2pm to 4pm X 6 weeks. **Spring Flowers** - Wed 17th Jan, 2pm to 4pm, 6 weeks. **Tai Chi** - Thurs 18th Jan 7.30m - 9pm x 6 weeks. **Mindfulness** - Tues 13th Feb, 7.30pm to 8.30pm X 5 weeks. **Watercolour Painting Workshop** Sat 24th Feb, 10am to 4.30pm 1 day. **Pottery & Prosecco Evening** - Sat 2nd Mar, 7pm to 10pm X 1 evening. **CERTIFIED COURSES: QQI Level 5** Book-keeping Jan 2024, 7pm - 10pm x 10 weeks. **QQI Level 5** Payroll Jan 2024, 7pm - 10pm x 10 weeks. **QQI Level 3** Word Processing Jan 24, Mon 9.30am - 12.30pm 14 wks. **Spanish Lessons** 9-13 years Sat 20th Jan are 11.30am-12.30pm. **Easter pottery camp** - Sat 2nd Mar, 2pm to 5 pm X 1 afternoon. *Course timetable for 2024 available now! Drop in to the office to get yours.*

**Ballon players present 'Here Comes the Bride'**. A three-act comedy by Jimmy Keary. Saturday 20th, Sunday 21st, Friday 26th & Saturday 27th January in Joe Doyle's Pub Ballon. Doors open at 7:00pm with show starting at **8:00pm sharp**. Tickets available from Michael McAssey's Butcher Ballon or Catherine on 087-6506459 or Eva on 087-7955058.

**Ballon N.S. K.H.A Choir** would like to thank all those who donated to their Christmas carol singing collection. €1,340 was collected over the two Masses. This money will go to our local St. Vincent de Paul, ÉIST Cancer Service, St. Clare's hospitality kitchen and a mission in Kenya.

**2023 Community Magazine "CONNECTED"** is now available in Michael McAssey's, Centra, Nolan's, and all shops in Ballon, Joe O'Toole's, & Conor Wards, Tullow, outside Rathoe Church on Sunday, Anne Connors, Rathoe, and Breeda McDonald, for €5.

**Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 01---03---15---23. Lucky Dip:**

**€100** Lilly Brennan, Kilnock: €50: Caroline Cunningham, Ballon. Next wk's Jackpot: €6,300 Draw Tues night at 8.30pm.

**Learn to Jive/Waltz & more;** Adult Beginner Social Dance 5-week course commencing Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 8-9pm at 'The Academy of Dance Carlow', Carlow Youth Centre, Green Lane R93 V327. No partner required, registration and payment in full on first night @€50/person. Booking/Info - 087 27 27 315. Children's ballroom & Latin classes age 4+ every Thursday - 0872727315 for more information

**Director of Safeguarding in Diocese is Ailish Higgins, P: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 contact Ailish**

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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 GFC Lotto.** No Winner. No's **01- 11 -14 - 21.** Match Three. Winners €50 each John Kelly, 47 Mullaunmore, Michael Brophy, Tullow. **Next weeks Jackpot €5,550** Next Draw Mon 15th January 2024 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

**Graiguecullen NEW YEAR MONSTER Bingo** will return on Tues 16th January 2024. **St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm.** Jackpot on 46 numbers €1480. Double number €670. Lotto €3400

**All Saints, Aghade, Peace Concert** Fri 23rd February at 8pm with Carlow Cathedral Choir, Director Marion Gaynor. Adm €5 in aid of UNICEF Ireland. Enquiries; Rev. Lester Scott 087-2504322

**Scoil Phadraig Rathoe National School** is now open for enrolments for September, 2024. Enrolment Forms can be obtained online at [www.rathoens.com](http://www.rathoens.com) or in person from the school office between 9am-3.30pm, Mon-Fri. For info please contact the office on 059-9148786.

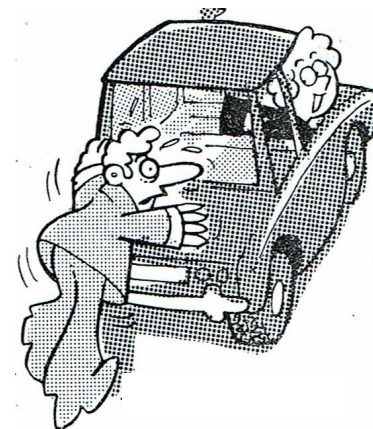
**A Day at the Theatre—Life of Pi. Wed 28th Feb 2024 at 2.30pm.**

Bus departing Rathoe at 10.45am and Ballon at 11.00am, Askea Car Park at 11.20am. Tickets €45 includes entry into show and bus fare. Bookings Sheila 0876549427 (Revolut accepted) or Ann 087-9159695. Tickets non refundable.

### "Helped Up" by Jesus.

Firmer resolution to maintain a deep inner stability and to accept the waves of difficulties, agitation, and confusions that, though caused by my health, do not touch the depths, as well as painful disappointments caused by some people. To love those who have betrayed my confidence and made me suffer, or at least to forgive them fully. Not to project onto others my own faults but to accept the humiliation of having given my confidence too quickly. For the future, without discouragement or bitterness, to be very prudent in regard to work and new connections, and in all things to observe the greatest moderation. To be loving to all, but not to let everyone enter into my heart too easily. To respond to an attraction only when I have solidly tested it, and yet to be kind to all. Never to compromise with ideas and principles and yet to be completely tolerant of those who differ most from me in their point of view. To maintain, by prayer and daily effort, integrity of will and moral energy in spite of the obsession and failure caused by poor health.....

*Elizabeth Leseur (1914) was a French laywoman whose atheist husband, upon reading her spiritual journey after her death, experienced a profound conversion and later became a Dominican priest,*



**"Tell me when I can release the hand brake, dear."**

A little boy was listening to a long and excessively boring sermon in Church. Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go home?"

Zsa Zsa Gabor was once asked, "How many husbands have you had?" She replied, "Do you mean apart from my own?"

She's been married so many times she has rice marks on her face.

Marriage is the triumph of hope over intelligence. A second marriage is the triumph of hope over experience