

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 27th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sun 28th Rathoe 10.00am	Paddy Egan, Rathoe. Months Mind.
Sun 28th Ballon 11.30am	Charlie Walsh. P.J.O'Reilly, Sherwood, Kilbride
Tues 30th Ballon 7.30pm	Exhibition of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday after 10am Mass until 12 noon.
Wed 31st Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 1st Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 2nd Rathoe 7.30pm	
Sat 3rd Ballon 6.00pm	Pat, William & Margaret Byrne, Castlegrace
Sun 4th Rathoe 10.00am	Maureen Brophy, Kilcoole
Sun 4th Ballon 11.30am	

14/07/2024 Offertory € 851.00

Envelopes €1123.70

To donate online: Account Ballon Rathoe Parish: IBAN: IE24 BOFI 906689 79838964. BIC: BOFIE2D.

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Stress Management Workshop - Sat 27th July, 2pm X 2. **Laptop Course for Older Adults** - Mon 12th Aug 10.30am to 12.30pm X 6 wks. **"Companioning another at the end of life" Workshop** - Sat 17th Aug, 10am to 12pm. **Flower Arranging** - Mon 2nd Sept, 2pm to 4pm X 6 Wks. **Creative Journaling** - Fri 6th Sept, 9.30am to 12.30pm X 4 Weeks

Pottery - Fri 6th Sept, 1.30pm to 4.30pm X 4 Weeks

Irish Classes - Fri 6th Sept, 7pm to 8pm X 12 Weeks

Spanish Beginners - Sat 14th Sept, 10am to 12pm X 9 Weeks

Spanish Improvers - Sat 14th Sept, 12.30pm to 2.30pm X 9 Weeks

Sewing Classes - Mon 16th Sept, 9.30am to 12.30pm X 4 Weeks

Mindfulness - Tues 17th Sept, 10am to 11.30am X 6 Weeks

Crochet Beginners - Tues 17th Sept, 2pm to 4pm X 6 Weeks

Cooking Classes - Wed 18th Sept, 10am to 12pm X 6 Weeks

Watercolour Art - Wed 18th Sept, 2pm to 4pm X 6 Weeks

Knitting Beginners - Thurs 19th Sept, 2pm to 4pm X 6 Weeks

Patchwork Beginners - Mon 23rd Sept, 7pm to 10pm X 6 Weeks

CERTIFIED COURSES

Manual Handling Training - 1st Wednesday of the month, 2pm or 4.30pm

QQI Level 5 Book-keeping - Mon 9th Sept 2024, 7pm to 10pm X 10 wks

QQI Level 5 Payroll - Thurs 12th Sept 2024, 7pm to 10pm X 10 weeks

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS

Teen Art Camp, Suit 13 to 18yrs - Fri 2nd August, 1pm to 4pm X 4 Weeks

Bricks 4 Kidz - Mon 19th August, 10am to 1.30pm X 5 days

Cupcake Decorating, Suit 5yrs to 12yrs - Wed 21st Aug, 10am to 12pm

Medjugorje Pilgrimages April – Oct 2024 Medjugorje Pilgrimages April – Oct 2024. 7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or website www.med-irishcentre.com

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Rambling House Sunday 28th July at 7.30pm at Ballon GAA House. Everyone welcome.

A person to do house weekly cleaning. Rathoe area, 3 or 4hrs a week, call / text 085 8721782.

Ballon-Rathoe Parish Office

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

Email: ballonrathoe-parish@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

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 07– 16 –22 – 27. Match Three Winners: €35 each: Dan Jordan, Killane, Sarah Fitzsimons, Connaberry, Pat Byrne, Bree. **Next weeks Jackpot €7,000** Next Draw Mon 29th July 2024 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

Cuchulainn Rounders: Well done to Pat "Cowboy" Doyle who is this weeks winner of split the pot winning €58. Next draw is Wednesday 31st July and envelopes €2 can be bought in McAsseys or Joe Doyle's.

Learning to Live a Mindful Life with Mary Fleming

Tues 17th Sept, 10am - 11.30am for 6 weeks. In Ballon Business An introduction to mindfulness and positive psychology. The benefits of the course are: Understand your thought process: Connect with your feelings Manage stress and anxiety: Navigate life's difficulties and challenges Develop a positive outlook on life: Enhance your wellbeing. For bookings, please contact Mary on 086-3293114.

Graigucullen Bingo on Tues 30th July St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 50 numbers €2130. Double number €1860. Lotto €1750

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 01 - 04 - 13 - 22 **Lucky Dip: €100** Harry Nolan, Connaberry: €50: Ann Kavanagh, c/o Bingo. Next wk's Jackpot: €1500. Draw Tues night at 8.30pm.

Blessed Carlo Acutis.

Inspiration:

It might seem odd that Jobs' words "Your time is limited" would have a profound impact on a teenager with his whole life ahead of him. Yet those words anticipated the length of Carlo's life. Soon after, Carlo shared with a friend a premonition that his life would indeed be short. Jobs' warning not to live the life of someone else or live another's expectations also impacted strongly on him. In fact, he re-phrased this wisdom in his own way using the memorable analogy of a photocopy, "All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies" Here Carlo warns against the slavery of conformity but not with the modern response of being radically individualistic. Rather he understood that God made us unique and that each of us need to discern the vocation he has entrusted to each of us within the family of the Church.

Celebrated runner Ciara Mageean who is set to represent Ireland in the Paris Olympics has been described as a "natural evangeliser" who is not afraid to speak of her Catholic Faith. She has courage in that way. And besides all that she is just a lovely person. Adding to an already trophy studded career Ms. Mageean clinched gold in the 1,500m final in Stadio Olimpico in Rome last month at the European Championships, but it is not her favourite medal according to her local priest Fr. McGrady who said: "When she was in one of our primary schools, one of the children asked her, what is your favourite medal? And she immediately took out the miraculous medal from around her neck and said "this is my most important and favourite medal".

“ a WOMAN needs a MAN like a FISH needs A BICYCLE”

A guy walked into a bar and said to the barman. "I've got this great Polish joke"

The barman glared at him and warned him: "Before you go telling that joke I think you ought to know that I'm Polish, the two bouncers on the door are Polish and most of my customers are Polish"

"OK" said the guy, "I'll tell it slowly."