

## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 14th Ballon 6.00pm	Maureen Nolan, Ballykealy
Sun 15th Rathoe 10.00am	
Sun 15th Ballon 11.30am	
Wed 18th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 19th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 20th Rathoe 7.30pm	Patrick & Sarah Doyle, Ballinrane & sons Noel & John & daughter Marie
Sat 21st Ballon 6.00pm	Simon & Vera Kearney, Kilnock
Sun 22nd Rathoe 10.00am	Winifred Shepherd, Glenogue Dick & Kathleen Kavanagh, Grangeford.
Sun 22nd Ballon 11.30am	

08/09/2024 Offertory €620.70. Envelopes €1058.80

**Weekly Contribution Envelopes** The new envelopes for 2024/2025 (Beginning 6th October) are now available for collection in both churches. Any parishioner who is not registered for the weekly contribution envelopes, and would like to be, please contact the Parish Office. 087-4213030.

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

**Exhibition of the Blessed Sacrament** in Ballon Church every Thurs after 10am Mass to 12 noon and in Rathoe Church every Fri from 6.30 – 7.25pm

**Ballon Community & Sports Centre 10 year Anniversary.** Sunday 22nd September from 1.30pm – 6pm. Live Music, Entertainment, Face Painting, Food & Refreshments. **Everyone welcome.**

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

Tel: 059-915-9447. Mob: 085-876-4743. [ballonbts@gmail.com](mailto:ballonbts@gmail.com)  
[www.ballonbts.com](http://www.ballonbts.com): . **Mindfulness** - Tues 17th Sept, 10am to 11.30am X 6 Wks. **Crochet Beginners** - Tues 17th Sept, 2pm to 4pm X 6 Weeks

**Watercolour Art** - Wed 18th Sept, 7pm to 9pm 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

**Poetry & Image** - Sat 5th Oct, 10am to 12pm X 3 Weeks

**Pottery & Prosecco** - Sat 5th Oct, 7pm to 10pm X 1 Evening

**Sewing Intermediate** - Mon 14th Oct, 9.30am to 12.30pm X 4 Weeks

**Cooking Course** - Wed 23rd Oct, 10.30am to 12.30pm X 5 Weeks

**Watercolour Painting** - Wed 30th Oct, 2pm to 4pm X 6 Weeks

**Watercolour Painting** - Thurs 31st Oct, 2pm to 4pm X 6 Weeks

**CERTIFIED COURSES: Manual Handling Training** - 1st Wed of the month, 2pm or 4.30pm. **CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS : Halloween Kids**

**Pottery Workshop** - Sat 5th oct, 2pm to 5pm X 3 hrs. **Spooky Cupcake**

**Decorating, Suit 5yrs to 12yrs** - Tues 29th Oct, 10am to 12pm X 2hrs.

**Halloween Wet Felting Workshop, Suit 8yrs +** - Fri 1st Nov, 2pm to

4.30pm X 2.5hrs **Materials are supplied for these for workshops**

**Ballon Saturday Hall Bingo!** Weekly Shop Available and Tables Provided! We will maintain our Drive In Bingo Prize Money, €3000, which is an increase from our previous hall bingo plus our jackpot which is now over €2200. Book prices have been reviewed and are reduced from Drive In

**Bingo prices:** Double Books: €14. Single Books: €10. Double Sheets: €3

each. Single Sheets: €2 each. We look forward to welcoming you back to

our hall every Saturday

**Ballon I.C.A** have organised a Chair Yoga class starting on Thurs

10th Oct 10.30am – 12 in Ballon Business Centre with Renee

Buenting for 6 sessions. Cost €50. P: Mary Jordan 086-816 5531

**FCJ Secondary Open Day** Sunday 29th September, 2 to 4.30pm

Enrolment for 2025/2026 starts that day and runs till 29th Oct.

## Ballon-Rathoe Parish Office

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

Email: [ballonrathoeparish@gmail.com](mailto: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

**National Ploughing Championships 2024, 'Pledge your Pin for Peace' at the Ploughing Championships STAND 221 DIOCESE OF KILDARE ; LEIGHLIN SEPTEMBER 17-19**

**Visit of the Relics of St. Bernadette.** Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. Monday 7th October "The visit of the relics of St. Bernadette allows us all to experience the special gifts and charism of Lourdes". For further information visit [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) +Denis Nulty

### Congratulation to St. Martin's U16's on winning the County Final

**Graigucullen Bingo** on Tues 17th Sept in St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 50 numbers €3040. Double number €2350. Lotto €700

**Ballon GFC Lotto.** No Winner. No's 06 – 13 – 14 – 17. Match Three Winner Larry Doyle, Ballinrane. . **Next weeks Jackpot €7,350** Next Draw Mon 16th Sept. 2024 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

ü **Runners and Walkers wanted for Outrun Hunger 5k** Sat Oct 19th 10am— Carlow Rugby Club, Oak Park, Carlow R93 RX25.

**Registration opens 8.30am Refreshments & prize-giving afterwards in Carlow Rugby Club, T-shirts, medals & refreshments for all participants.** 1. **Early Bird Adult €15** - until 18th Sept, after this the cost is €20. 2. **U18 Entry: €5** - u18s must be accompanied by an adult. 3. **Corporate Team Challenge Cup €75** - any 4 adults from a business. *For every €2 raised, we can provide a meal to those in need in St Clare's food Kitchen, Graigucullen, Carlow. Book your place today by logging on to [www.popuraces.ie/race/outrun-hunger](http://www.popuraces.ie/race/outrun-hunger) or call Jacqui on 0868283637*

### From the Last Letter of Fr. Joseph Muller, executed by the Nazi's 1944

My very dear brothers and sister: Ewald, Oskar, Ida. My dear, good Bishop and all my dear parishioners: children, youths, men, women, and all other dear, kind people. Now my last earthly greeting comes to you from my cell. It is now eleven-thirty. In one hour I shall be at home; I shall have left you so far as this earth goes, but nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. Farewell, you little hut, my cell poor and faithful, you my silent friend— you were my last church and my last pupil. Farewell my home, my last place of work, and say to everyone that the priest who lived in you lies in his last chains and is now about to die on his last journey as all men die whom Christ's life and death have benefitted. I have just read the twenty—second Psalm. "Go Forth, my soul". Like St. John I go forth with the greeting of grace. Blessed be Jesus Christ in eternity. Amen.

*Servant of God Joseph Muller.*

**During his trip through Southeast Asia and Oceania, the pontiff also visited Indonesia and Papua New Guinea.**

During his [visit to Timor-Leste](#), the pontiff drew a crowd of 600,000 — nearly half the country's population — for a record-breaking mass on Tuesday. He wrapped up his visit with a rally Wednesday morning of the country's young people, who make up the majority of the population of 1.3 million. In final remarks, the pope warned the crowd to beware of "crocodiles" who come ashore and "want to change your culture, your history".

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Man: "My ideal woman has to have a great sense of humour."

Woman: "And that will be the only sense she does have!"

Man: "I've bought a couple of tickets for the theatre. Want to come?"

She: "Sure—but only if you give me both of them".