

<b>R.I.P: Pat (Patrick) Hogan, Rathnashannagh, Bennekerry</b>	
<b>25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
<b>Sat 21st Ballon 6.00pm</b>	Simon & Vera Kearney, Kilnock
<b>Sun 22nd Rathoe 10.00am</b>	Winifred Shepherd, Glenogue Dick & Kathleen Kavanagh, Grangeford.
<b>Sun 22nd Ballon 11.30am</b>	
Tues 24th Ballon 7.30pm	Prayer Service
Wed 25th Rathoe 10.00am	Prayer Service
Thurs 26th Ballon 10.00am	Prayer Service
Fri 27th Rathoe 7.30pm	
<b>Sat 28th Ballon 6.00pm</b>	
<b>Sun 29th Rathoe 10.00am</b>	
<b>Sun 29th Ballon 11.30am</b>	

**15/09/2024 Offertory €598.40. Envelopes €898.90**

**Weekly Contribution Envelopes** The new envelopes for 2024/2025 (Beginning 6th Oct) are now available for collection in both churches. Any parishioner who is not registered for the weekly contribution envelopes, and would like to be, 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): **Watercolour Art** - Wed 18th Sept, 7pm to 9pm X 6

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

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

**Autumnal Watercolour Workshop\*** - Sun 20th Oct, 10am to 5pm X 7Hrs

**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

**Xmas Cards Watercolour Workshop\*** Sun 3rd Nov, 10am to 4pm X 6 Hrs

**Festive Needle Felting Workshop\*** - Sat 16th Nov, 7pm to 9pm X 2 Hrs

**Pottery & Prosecco\*** - Sat 23rd Nov, 7pm to 9pm X 2 Hrs

**Festive Makeup Workshop\*** - Fri 29th Nov, 6.30 to 9pm, X 2.5Hrs

**Christmas Cookery Demo\*** - Wed 4th Dec, 7pm to 9pm X 2Hrs

**Paint, Sip & Be Merry\*** - Fri 6th Dec, 7pm to 9pm X 2Hrs

**Christmas Cake Decorating\*** Mon 9th & Wed 11th Dec, 7pm to 9pm X 2H

**Festive Floral Workshop\*** - Fri 13th Dec, 4pm to 6pm X 2Hrs

**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.

**FCJ Secondary Open Day** Sun 29th Sept, 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**

**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

**Graiguecullen Bingo** on Tues 24th Sept in St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 50 numbers €3170. Double number €2420. Lotto €750

**Table Quiz:** The Friends of the Sacred Heart Hospital Carlow Table Quiz will take place in Carpenter's Lounge, Barrack St. on Thurs 26th Sept at 8pm. A fun evening guaranteed. €40 per table of four.

**Free Paediatric First Aid Training for Childminders:** Are you a Childminder caring for children in your own home? If so, would you like to attend a FREE Paediatric First Aid Course for Childminders, taking place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September and 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 7-9pm at Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre. This training has been organised by Carlow County Childcare Committee. Spaces are limited. Booking is essential. Please contact Eilish/Jean on 059 9140244 to book your place

**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

### One true faith– But

To critics, Christ's vicar on earth is just not Catholic enough, not Christian enough. Instead of telling his audience—which would have included Muslims, Buddhists and Hindus—that Catholicism was the one true faith, the Holy Father said all religions are a path to God. “They are– to make a comparison—like different languages, different dialects, to get there. But God is God for everyone. Pope Francis also spoke of the different ways to God– and cautioned against aggressive arguments over religion. “If you start to fight, saying my religion is more important than yours, mine is true and yours isn't, where will this lead us ?”

### Indian Catholics geared up to revive Faith in Ireland

The head of Ireland's biggest Indian Catholic community has said they have “a responsibility to revive the Faith” in Ireland, particularly as the Irish were missionary pioneers in India. National co-ordinator of the Syro-Malabars in Ireland, Fr. Joseph Mathew Oliakkattil highlighted the impact of secularism on Faith practice in Ireland and how “Government policies and new ideologies” are one of the reasons for the decline. Fr. Joseph said that the 17,000 strong Syro-Malabar Catholics on the island of Ireland are a migrant community and as an Eastern Catholic Church, “we acknowledge our missionary responsibilities to revive the Faith in this country”.

### Like Father, Like Son:

A devout old man who had brought up his son to be Godfearing and resourceful was hugely disappointed by his lifestyle as an adult. Although the man was successful financially, his father could not come to terms with his living in Monte Carlo where he made his money gambling. ‘Don't give up,’ his elderly wife told him. ‘Stick to your principles and he'll come round– you'll see. So the old man sent an email to his son with the message, ‘Holy Week starts on Sunday’ When he next checked his emails , he was delighted to see that his son had replied straight away. The old man opened the message to see what he had said. ‘Thanks Dad,’ read the email. ‘ Put €50 on Holy Week to win.’