

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 28th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sun 29th Rathoe 10.00am	Jack Hutton, daughter Mary, son David & son-in-law Dick Murphy
Sun 29th Ballon 11.30am	
Tues 1st Ballon 7.30pm	
Wed 2nd Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 3rd Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 4th Rathoe 7.30pm	
Sat 5th Ballon 6.00pm	Teresa Canavan, Church St. John & Kitty Dawson, Maple Lawn
Sun 6th Rathoe 10.00am	Conor Duffy, Kylemore, 1st Ann
Sun 6th Ballon 11.30am	

22/09/2024 Offertory €601.90. Envelopes €789.30

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.

Exploring a Vocation to Priesthood Information Day An information day for those interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood will take place in University College Dublin on the 12th October. vocations.ie/explore

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 Business & Training Service, The Old School, Ballon.

Tel: 059-915-9447. Mob: 085-876-4743. ballonbts@gmail.com

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 H

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 2

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. **QQI Level 5 Book-keeping** - Mon Jan 2025, 7pm

to 10pm X 10 weeks. **QQI Level 5 Payroll** - Thurs Jan 2025, 7pm to 10pm

X 10 weeks **CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS: Halloween Kids Pottery**

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

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

een Wet Felting Workshop*, Suit 8yrs + - Fri 1st Nov, 2pm to 4.30pm X

2.5hrs. **Xmas Pottery 2 Day Workshop*** - Sat 2nd & 23rd Nov, 2pm to

5pm X 6 h. *All materials are supplied for these workshops!

FCJ Secondary Open Day Sun 29th Sept, 2 to 4.30pm.

Tullow Community School, Parents' Association AGM, On Tuesday,

22nd October at 7.30 p.m. We are delighted to welcome all parents/

guardians who have students in Tullow Community School

Ballon Rambling Sessions in Ballon GAA Centre, Fenagh Road. R93

F792. Sun 29th Sept at 7.30pm. All musician, storytellers, singers,

dancers, listeners and more. Everyone welcome. Refreshments and Raffle.

For info contact Máire 087-2424934

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

The Relics of St. Bernadette will visit the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Monday 7th October. The Relics will be received by Bishop Denis at the 10am Mass. A water ritual, with water from the Grotto, is scheduled for 12 noon, Mass for the Sick and the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated at 3pm. The visit of the Relics will conclude with a torch light procession at 8pm. The torch light procession will commence at both Holy Family Church Askea and St. Claire's Church Graiguecullen. The Relics may be visited throughout the day in the Cathedral. The Cathedral will remain open on the evening until 10pm.

Graiguecullen Bingo on Tues 1st Oct in St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.
Jackpot on 50 numbers €3300. Double number €2490. Lotto €800

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

Ballon GFC's Gaelic4Mothers&Others are hosting a table quiz in Joe Doyle's Pub, Ballon on Fri 11th Oct 2024. The quiz will start at 8pm sharp. Table of 4 €40 or come along and we'll find a team for you. Raffle also on the night. A guaranteed night of fun and great prizes to be won.

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 09---15---29---27. Lucky Dip: €100 Giles Mulligan, Newbridge. €50: Cian Byrne, Kilnock
Next wk's Jackpot: €1,950. Draw Tues night at 8.30pm.

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 09– 18 –19 – 30. Lucky Dip
Winners: €25 each. Mable Brennan, Ballon Hill, T. J O'Sullivan, Ballon, Lucy Ryan, Gorge Meadow, Doyle Kids, Rathrush. **Next weeks Jackpot €7,450** Next Draw Mon 30th Sept. 2024 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm.
Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

Runners and Walkers wanted for Outrun Hunger 5k Whether you run, jog, or walk you can help St Clare's Hospitality Food Kitchen, Carlow 'Outrun Hunger.' 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. Adult Entry €20. 2. U18 Entry: €5 - u18s must be accompanied by an adult. 3. Team of 4 - Corporate Team Challenge Cup: €200 - any 4 adults from a business. So, lace up your runners and let's help those in our community who are experiencing food insecurity! For every €2 raised, we can provide a meal to those in need in St Clare's food Kitchen, Graiguecullen, Carlow. Book your place today by logging on to www.popupraces.ie/race/outrun-hunger or call Jacqui on 0868283637

Remarkable interest in faith at ploughing

Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need, Ireland has described as "remarkable" the interest that young people expressed in faith and especially prayer at the recent ploughing championships. For the first time ever, Aid to the Church in Need – which supports over 6,000 struggling communities in 140 countries – had a stand at the National Ploughing Championships in Co. Laois. Drawing more than 300,000 people, it is Europe's largest outdoor event Michael Kelly, Director of Public Affairs for ACN Ireland said the organisation was "delighted" by the reaction to the stand, particularly from younger people: "We were there with a simple message: we were asking people to pray for those in need throughout the world, and many of the young people shared with us about how they do pray for people who are suffering. We were giving our rosary beads from Bethlehem, and many people were touched by this. The young people often asked for a second pair for a sibling at home, or an elderly relative who is sick and we also assured them of our prayers," he said.

Doctor; And how is your new hearing-aid working, Father
Father: Half-past four.

You know you're getting old when you're on holiday and your energy runs out before your money.