

R.I.P: Peggy Boylan, Rathoe	
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Sat 26th Ballon 6.00pm	Kathleen & Terry Duncan & deceased members of Walsh Family, Kilnock. Sean Canavan, Killane, sons Joe & Pat & deceased members of the Canavan Family.
Sun 27th Rathoe 10.00am	
Sun 27th Ballon 11.30am	Martin Swayne, Closh
Tues 29th Ballon 7.30pm	Augustine Rawson Coombes
Wed 23rd Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 24th Ballon 10.00am	
All Saints Day—Holy Day	
Fri 1st Rathoe 10.00am	
Fri 1st Ballon 7.30pm	
All Souls	
Sat 2nd Rathoe 10.0am	(All Souls) Madge Aughney, Roscatt. M.M
Sat 2nd Ballon 6.00pm	
Sun 3rd Rathoe 10.00am	
Sun 3rd Ballon 11.30am	

20/10/2024 Offertory €872.55. Envelopes €580.00

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

Trees in Rathoe Cemetery— AUCTION this Sunday

On October 27th at 3pm a public auction will be held to sell the six trees. The trees are numbered 1 to 6 and can be viewed daily. Anybody interested can then place a bid on any of the trees. The trees will be taken down one at a time and cut into meter lengths. They will be taken to a temporary compound in Rathoe car park where the buyer will then take it away on that day. All proceed from the auction will go towards the cost of the tree removal.

Graiguecullen Bingo on Tues 29th Oct in St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 50 numbers €3820. Double number €2770 Lotto €1000

Ballon Rathoe Community Magazine: It is time to gather articles for the seventh issue of "Connect", which will be published before Christmas. If you have a story to share—fact or fiction an interesting photograph that tells its own tale or a school, club or sport success that you think should be highlighted, get in touch with Breeda McDonald 059-9148764 or email breedamcdonald46@gmail.com

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 03---10---14---23. **Lucky Dip:** €100: Cian Byrne, Kilnock: €50: John Dowling, Ballon Hill. Next wk's Jackpot: €2,150 Draw Tues night at 8.30pm.

Drugs & Mental Health Awareness in Sports Talk on October 30th at 7pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Panel is Davy Fitzgerald (Antrim Manager), Richie Power (Former Kilkenny Hurler), Bernard Horohan and Ray McKenna. MC is Brendan Hennessy Admission is Free

Ballon Rambling Halloween House. Ballon GAA Centre on Sun 27th Oct at 7.30pm. Fancy Dress optional, Lots of Prizes. Singers, Storytellers, Musicians & Dancers. Refreshments & Raffle. Everyone welcome. Contact Máire on 0872424934

Thanks to Tom McDermott-Walsh & Family for re-gifting the hut used for the Ukrainians to the Parish for their us. It is much appreciated.

Ballon-Rathoe Parish Office

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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 02– 10 –18 – 30. Match Three Winner: €100. Seamus Dowling, Ballon Hill. **Next weeks Jackpot €7,650.** Next Draw Tues 29th Oct 2024 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

The 4th exhibition of Old Carlow Photos will be held in the Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow from Sat Nov 09th (10am-6pm) and Sunday Nov 10th (11am-5pm). This exhibition will feature photographs supplied by the community from all over the county. More info Dermot 0876431386 course.

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

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www.ballonbts.com: Watercolour Art Course** - Wed 30th Oct, 2pm to 4pm X 6 Weeks **Watercolour Art Course**** - Thurs 31st Oct, 2pm to 4pm X 6 Weeks. **Felted Christmas Tree Decoration Workshop*** - Mon 4th Nov, 2pm to 5pm X 3 Hrs. **Jive Gym** - Thurs 7th Nov, 7pm to 8pm X 6 Weeks. **Christmas Watercolour Xmas Card Workshop*** - Fri 8th Nov, 7pm to 9pm X 2Hrs. **Festive Needle Felting Workshop*** - Sat 16th Nov, 7pm to 9pm X 2 Hrs. **Sewing Course** - Mon 18th Nov, 9.30am to 12.30pm X 4 weeks. **Drama Workshop** - Mon 18th Nov, 2.30pm to 5pm x 2.5 Hrs **Christmas Willow Wreath Workshop*** Tues 19th Nov, 2pm to 4pm x 2 H **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 Willow Star Workshop*** - Tues 3rd Dec, 2pm to 4pm X 2Hrs **2 Day Festive Watercolour Workshops** - Wed 4th & 11th Dec, 2pm to 4pm X 4 Hrs. **2 Day Festive Watercolour Workshops** -Thurs 5th & 15th Dec, 2pm to 4pm X 4 Hrs. **Christmas Cake Decorating*** - Mon 9th & Wed 11th Dec, 7pm to 9pm X 2 Hrs. **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 20th Jan 2025, 7pm to 10pm X 10 Weeks. **QQI Level 5 Payroll** - Thurs 23rd Jan 2025, 7pm to 10pm X 10 Weeks.

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS: 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. **Xmas Pottery 2 Day Workshop*** - Sat 2nd & 23rd Nov, 2pm to 5pm X 6 hrs. ***All materials are supplied for these workshops! **Art pack provided for new registering participants on this ETB course**

Kindness & Grief

After officiating at a burial, I was chatting with one of the relatives. We were looking at epitaphs on headstones, and I asked her what she would like written on her headstone. After a few thoughtful moments, she enthusiastically replied: 'I would like this written on my headstone: "She radiated kindness"

Kindness is the language the deaf can hear and the blind can see. If you must choose between being kind and being right, choose being kind and you will always be right.

Be kind to unkind people: they need it most.

For anyone serious about living the Christian life radically three steps are required.

Step 1: Be kind to the person you are with

Step 2: Be kind

Step 3: Be kind.

I know I'm drunk when I feel sophisticated but can't pronounce it. Me drunk? But I've only had tee martoonies

Is there a God? God only knows.

What do you say when you meet God and he sneezes?