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| R.I.P: Seamus Connolly, Carrorea, Tobinstown & Kellistown | |
| THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | |
| Sat 16th Ballon 6.00pm | |
| Sun 17th Rathoe 10.00am | Peggy Boylan, Rathoe M.M. Harriet Brophy, Kellistown Stan & Joan Brophy, Castlemore Paddy Joyce, Peg Joyce & the Joyce Family |
| Sun 17th Ballon 11.30am | Margaret & Rex Barry, Ballinadrum |
| Tues 19th Ballon 7.30pm | |
| Wed 20th Rathoe 10.00am | |
| Thurs 21st Ballon 10.00am | |
| Fri 22nd Rathoe 7.30pm | |
| Sat 23rd Ballon 6.00pm | Séan Gahan, Kilbride |
| Sun 24th Rathoe 10.00am | Harry Corcoran & deceased members of the Corcoran Family, Kellistown. P.J. Keating, Rathoe Mary & Seamus Byrne, Kyleanora |
| Sun 24th Ballon 11.30am | Funeral Mass for Nuala Hemenstall (nee Nolan) |

10/11/2024 Offertory €789.05. Envelopes €1605. 60

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

Ballon Hall Committee Company CLG will hold their Annual General Meeting on Thursday Nov 21 at 8.00pm in Ballon Business Centre, The Old School. All welcome.

Farmers' and Community Support Workshop: Mental Health Awareness Night, Thurs 21st Nov 2024 @ 8.30pm in Myshall Community Centre. All Welcome. Refreshments served. contact Lester Scott 087 2504322.

St Columbanus Lecture: 'Columbanus, The Irish, And Rome', by Dr Damian Bracken, U.C.C. and the launch of *The International Columbanus Day 2025*, by the Most Reverend Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin, on Fri 22nd Nov at 7.30pm, Cathedral Parish Centre.. St Columbanus was born c543AD near Myshall, Co. Carlow. The International Columbanus Day 2025 which will be hosted in County Carlow in July 2025.

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

Advent / Christmas Retreat: Morning of prayer and reflection on the deeper meaning of Christmas at Teach Bhride, Tullow on Sat, Dec 7th -- beginning at 10:00a.m. and finishing with lunch at 1:00p.m. Facilitators: Brigidine Sisters—Sr. Teresa Phelan and Sr. Teresa Carter. 15.00 fee. R.S.V.P. by calling 0899705761/ 0833928708 no later than Tues, Dec 3rd.

Ballon GFC Dinner Dance: Ballon GFC are hosting their dinner dance on Saturday 7th December at 7pm sharp in Ballykealey House Hotel. Music by 'The Favours' followed by DJ till late. Guaranteed to be a fantastic night. Tickets are €50 each. Contact Eva 087-7955058 to secure your tickets

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 11– 15 –24 – 27. Match Three Winners: €35 each. Ger Blanche, Ballinadrum, Podge Lalor, Ballykealy, Paddy Byrne, Sandbrook. **Next weeks Jackpot €7,750.** Next Draw Mon 18th Nov 2024 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

Graiguecullen Bingo on Tues 19th Nov St Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30 p.m. Jackpot on 50 numbers € 4,340 Double Number €3,050 Lotto €1,200

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 Business & Training Service, The Old School, Ballon.
Tel: 059-915-9447. Mob: 085-876-4743. ballonbts@gmail.com
www.ballonbts.com: **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. **Christmas Willow Wreath Workshop*** - Tues 19th Nov, 2pm to 4pm 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. **Christmas Sock Snowmen Workshop** - Mon 4th dec, 10am to 12.30pm X 2.5hrs. **2 Day Festive Watercolour Workshops** - Wed 4th & 11th 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 Wednesday 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: Christmas Felting Workshop* - Sat 30th Nov, 2pm to 4pm X 2hrs. **All materials are supplied for these workshops!*
***Art pack provided for new registering participants on this ETB course.*

breedamcdonald46@gmail.com Closing date for articles is 6th Nov.
Cuchulainn Rounders Club will host its annual AGM on Thursday 21st November @8pm in Ballon GFC clubhouse. All welcome to attend
Well done to Theresa V Jackman this weeks winner of split the pot winning €58. Next weeks draw is on Wednesday 20th November and tickets €2 can be bought in McAsseys, Joe Doyle's or Siopa Glas.

Week of Witness

It was a remarkable witness, and one of the reasons that Aid to the Church in Need holds an annual 'Week of Witness' every November is precisely to pray for and pay tribute to these heroic witnesses. This year the week of Witness runs from Sunday 17th November to Sunday 24th November.

The *Week of Witness* is an invitation to Christians across the island of Ireland to stand in solidarity with and bear witness to the heroic example of our persecuted brothers and sisters in faith across the world.

The high point of the week of Witness is always **Red Wednesday**, which this year falls on November 20th. Sadly, the colour red is painfully apt to commemorate the blood of the contemporary Christian martyrs. Often we think of the martyrdom as a thing of the past, confined to Nero's Roman Empire or Elizabeth 1's cruel penal laws in Ireland but more Christians have been killed for their faith in the last 100 years than in the previous 1,900 years of Christianity.



“...If anyone can show just cause why they may not be lawfully wed, make yourself known.....”