

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

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 Andy Murphy, Ballycurragh
Sun 24th Ballon 11.30am	Funeral Mass for Nuala Hemenstall (nee Nolan)
Tues 26th Ballon 7.30pm	
Wed 27th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 28th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 29th Rathoe 7.30pm	
Sat 30th Ballon 6.00pm	Frances, Loretto & John Kennedy, Cappagh
Sun 1st Rathoe 10.00am	Kitty & Bill Eustace, Castlemore Paddy & Mary Curry & their son John, Castlemore
Sun 1st Ballon 11.30am	Joe Ellis, Bunclody

17/11/2024 Offertory €893.20. Envelopes €1581.40

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

Site in Rathoe for Sale opposite Rathoe School
The parish are hoping to buy it for a playground for the school and also for the use of clubs in the area. We may need to borrow some money and hope to get some interest free loans. If you would be willing to give a loan/ donation, contact Parish Office or any of the Rathoe committee.

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 **10– 20 –20 – 30.** Lucky Dip Winners: €25 each. Ger Blanche, Ballinadrum, Roisin Stafford, Ferns, Heather Zerafa, Mullaunmore, Marion Kelly, Ballon Hill. **Next weeks Jackpot €7,850.** Next Draw Mon 25th Nov 2024 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

Graiguecullen Bingo on Tues 26th Nov St Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30 p.m. Jackpot on 50 numbers € 4,470. Double Number €3120. Lotto €1250 Coming soon **MONSTER** Christmas Bingo. Sunday 15th December @ 3pm
The Tenors Live Concert – Leighlinbridge Church, Carlow. Christmas O Holy Night live with The Three Tenors, Sunday 8th December 7.30 p.m. in Leighlinbridge Church. Tickets €30.00, now on sale from the Leighlinbridge Parish Centre 059 9722607 or online @ eventbrite.ie
 Special Guests: Ballinabranna N.S Choir.

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's **02---08---18---26.** **Lucky Dip: €100:** Mary Maher, c/o Burrin Celtic: €50: Michael Brophy, Laragh Beg. Next wk's Jackpot: €2,350. Draw Tues night at 8.30pm.

Tullow RFC Christmas Family Novelty Bingo at the Blackgates. Sunday 8th Dec, 2024 at 4.00 p.m. Great Prize Money and lots of Xmas Prizes

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

Ballon Business & Training Service, The Old School, Ballon.
Tel: 059-915-9447. Mob: 085-876-4743. ballonbts@gmail.com
www.ballonbts.com: 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

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**

The Children of Rathoe National School present Matilda the Musical in the Visual, Carlow, on Tuesday 3rd December at 1pm. Tickets for this event can be purchased online at www.visualcarlow.ie or by phoning the Box Office (059)9172400. Be sure not to miss this fantastic show put on by our school community!

Christmas Ballon Rambling House in Ballon GAA Centre, Fenagh Road, Ballon on Sunday 24th November at 7.30pm. Lots of Prizes. All musicians, storytellers, singers, dancers, listeners and more. Everybody Welcome. Refreshments and Raffle.

For more details contact Máire on 087-2424934

**Month of the Holy Souls
 From For Grief by John O'Donohue.**

When you lose someone you love, Your life becomes strange, The ground beneath you gets fragile, Your thoughts make your eyes unsure; And some dead echo drags your voice down Where words have no confidence Your heart has grown heavy with loss: And thought this loss has wounded others too, No one knows what has been taken from you When the silence of absence deepens.	There are days when you wake up happy; Again inside the fulness of life, Until the moment breaks And you are thrown back Onto the black tide of loss Gradually, you will learn acquaintance With the invisible form of your departed; And, when the work of grief is done, The wound of loss will heal And you will have learned To wean your eyes From that gap of air And be able to enter the hearth In your soul where your loved one Has waited your return All the time
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The best way to stay awake during an after dinner speech is to give it.

Does your husband get any exercise?

Well he was out last week four nights running

If your wife wants to drive, don't stand in her way.

Then there was the woman who said to her husband, 'Be an angel and let me drive.' So he did-- and now he is.