

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESSURECTION

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| Sat 4th Ballon 6.00pm | |
| Sun 5th Rathoe 10.00am | Seamus Esmonde, Ballinrane |
| Sun 5th Ballon 11.30am | Kathleen McGrath, Ballon Hill Donal Mullins, Carlow |
| Thurs 9th Ballon 10.00am Fri 10th Rathoe 7.00pm, | |
| Sat 11th Ballon 6.00pm | Martin Cummins, Ballon |
| Sun 12th Rathoe 10.00am | Walter & May Roche, Rathoe Kyran O'Byrne, Rathoe. |
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29 /03/2026 Offertory € 648.65 . Envelopes €871.30

To donate online: Ballon Rathoe Parish: IBAN: IE24 BOFI 906689 79838964. BIC: BOFIE2D. Ballon Rathoe Priests Fund: IBAN: IE07BOFI90668984337742. BIC: BOFIE2D

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The marriage preparation programmes are fun and interactive and very popular with couples. Working as part of an enthusiastic, friendly and experienced team, facilitators typically provide four marriage preparation programmes per annum. Each team works from Accord

Ballon Business & Training Service, The Old School, Ballon.
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www.ballonbts.com. **2026. Courses. Self Esteem with Sandra Kelly: How's the Head Life skills**, 23/ 03/2026, 7.30-9.30 , 2 h , €50.00. **HART of healing** , 28/ 03/2026, 10 – 1, 3 Hours, **How to use your smartphone** 27/3/26 1pm-3pm . **Payroll** 13/4/26 10am-1pm QQI level 5. **Book-keeping** 13/4/26 2pm-5pm QQI level 5 **Children's workshops:** Mad hatter tea party 30/03/26 2pm-4pm. **Cupcake decorating** 31/3/26 1pm-4pm

Ballon GFC Lotto . No's **04– 12 –21 – 22. No Winner.** Lucky Dip Winners €25 each: Lauren Byrne, Connaberry, Joe Cummins, Nurney, John McGrath, Shraugh, Donnacha Murphy, Connaberry. Next Draw Tues 7th April in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Jackpot €1,300 Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

Graigucullen MONSTER Bingo; Tuesday 7th April 2026. St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers €4,730. Double number €1,230. Lotto €1,950. Bonus Ball €1,250

Noel O'Connor Memorial 5km & 10Km Run in aid of Beaumont Hospital in Rathoe on Saturday 4th April at 10.30am
Entry Fee €20 per adult. €10 under 16. Refreshments in Rathoe Hall after the race. Bespoke medals for all.
Book on Pop Up Races or donate on the day. Please support.

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 02 - 08 - 21 - 29. No Lucky Winner: Lucky Dip Winners: €100 Cathal Cummins. **€50.** Jeffrey Synoradzki. Next weeks Lotto €1,100 Draw Tues 7.30pm.

Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators: Manage and plant native hedgerows for biodiversity. The more blossom your hedgerow has in spring, the better it is for biodiversity. Allow hedges to grow into a natural A-shape profile rather than a neat box shape. Why: Native hedgerow plants such as Hawthorn (also called White-thorn), and Blackthorn flower early in spring, providing vital food for wild bees when they emerge from hibernation. Birds and mammals eat their berries later in autumn.
www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

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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

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Large selection of First Holy Communion & Confirmation, cards, prayer books, rosary beads, gift sets and gift wallets in stock. Also Easter Mass Bouquets and cards. St Patrick's Blessing gifts.

History Talk in Kilbride: A talk on the history of Kilbride and surrounding area and a storytelling evening will be held in the clubhouse on Easter Monday at 7.30pm. Donations from the evening will go towards the upkeep of the hall.

Many Young Men of Twenty an award winning play by John B. Keane will be staged for one further performance on April 15th at 8pm in Ardattin Hall. All proceeds will be in aid of Éist.

SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

The 21st Annual Solemn Novena will take place in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen commencing on Monday 13th April and will run for nine consecutive Monday nights until 8th June. Each night we begin by praying the Rosary at 7pm led by our beloved Poor Clare sisters followed by Mass at 7.30pm celebrated by our Parish Priest Fr. John Dunphy. All are welcome. Each night a guest speaker will share their own faith story.

13th April Mary Hulgraine: Two-time All-Ireland Football Champion & Woman of Deep Faith

LIFE IS TRIUMPHANT

Again, for us death is not the end of the roadway. It is only a turn in the road. We hold it not as though it were the journey's end. The journey ends not in death, but in life. Indeed the journey has no ending.....

Thus did Christ the Lord vanquish death. He taught us how to vanquish it by being afraid to die. And death being vanquished, what other evil can we ever really fear? Death, the long undefeated foe of man, God made Man has conquered for himself and all the world. It is because of that because death has been met and answered, that every Christian soul should know that there is nothing that cannot be firmly and properly dealt with. There is a remedy for all things. To all things there is an end.

Men talk and rightly, I suppose, of the problems of our time, and wonder how they are to be solved and dealt with. In consequence, people looking out into the future are a little afraid. How is this problem to be solved, they ask? What is to be the end of that? Now it is part of the spirit of the followers of Christ never to be afraid of the future, or of whatever the future may bring. There are dark clouds and difficulties beyond us always. Yet there must always be victory for good, for the good is God. God is triumphant. Life is triumphant. Ever lesser things shall fail.

Father Bede Jarrett O.P. A Dominican friar from England widely esteemed for his preaching, his lectures, and his many books on theology and spirituality.