

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

<b>Sat 9th Ballon 6.00pm</b>	Alice Fagan, Myshall
<b>Sun 10th Rathoe 10.00am</b>	Mick Brophy, Kilcoole
<b>Sun 10th Ballon 11.30am</b>	
Tues 12th Ballon 7.00pm	
Thurs 14th Ballon 10.00am	Ann Fagan, (nee Abbey) Lisgarvan, Birthday Remembrance
Fri 15th Rathoe 7.00pm,	
Sat 16th Rathoe 11.00am	<b>First Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sat 16th Ballon 6.00pm</b>	
<b>Sun 17th Rathoe 10.00am</b>	Don Haskins, Loughmartin Thomas & Kathleen O'Halloran, Grangeford Julie O'Dwyer, Manchester David Kennedy, Snr, & members of the Kennedy Family, Gilbertstown Pat Bermingham, Jnr Ballynunnery & his grandparents Paddy & Mary Kate.
<b>Sun 17th Ballon 11.30am</b>	

03/05/2026 **Offertory €916.50 . Envelopes €662.30**  
**Trócaire to date €5549.25**

To donate online: **Ballon Rathoe Parish:** IBAN: IE24 BOFI 906689  
79838964. BIC: BOFIE2D. **Ballon Rathoe Priests Fund:** IBAN: IE-  
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### Graveyard Masses 2026.

Ballon Friday 26th June at 7.30pm

Rathoe Friday 3rd July at 7.30pm.

Templepeter Graveyard Sunday 28th May at 3pm

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

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

**Pottery** 18/5/26 1.30pm - 4.30pm. **Beginners Spanish** 20/05/26 7pm -  
8.30pm. **Beginners Sewing** 19/5/26 1pm-4pm. July Kids workshops; **Nutty Scientist** 06/07/26 10am - 1pm . **Nutty Scientist** 07/07/26 10am -  
1pm **Nutty Scientist** 08/07/26 10am - 1pm. **Nutty Scientist** 09/10/26  
10am - 1pm. **Nutty Scientist** 10/07/26 10am - 1pm. **Epoxy Resin crafts**  
**12+** 14/07/26 10am -12pm **Sewing** 28/05/2026 1pm-4pm 4 weeks. **3D**  
**needle felting** 5/05/2026 10am-1pm 3 weeks. **Cupcake decorating**  
**master class** 26/05/2026 10am- 3pm 1 day

**Ballon GFC Lotto** . No's 10- 17 -22 - 23. **No Winner**. Match Three  
Winner €100 each: Shane Byrne, Connaberry. Next Draw Monday 11th  
May 2026 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Jackpot €1,550 Tickets €2. Play on  
line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

### Graigucullen Monster Bingo; Tuesday 12th May 2026.

St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers €5,380

Double number €1,580. Lotto €2,150. Bonus Ball €1, 500

**Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 03 - 07 - 14 - 22. No Winner: Lucky Dip**

**Winners: €100** Paul Kavanagh, Ballon. **€50.** Breda Barrett, Dunroe

Next weeks Lotto €1,300 Draw Tues 7.30pm.

**Volunteers Needed** to help maintain the old Graveyard in Ballon. Contact  
Gerry 087-6732329

**Open Air Rosary:** You are invited to the 109th Anniversary of the Open Air  
Rosary on 16th May 2026 at 4.00pm outside Rathoe Hall.

Please try and attend, it is only for one hour.

**Rathoe Development Group** are holding their annual walkathon on Sat  
13th June starting at 9am finishing at 1. BBQ and fun activities throughout  
the morning. anyone interested in taking part contact Gina on 0876972742  
or Tom on 0858542297. All proceeds going towards the development of  
our new Community Field

## Parish Office & Shop, Fenagh Road, Ballon. R93 FX93

Phone No: 059-9159959.

Email: ballonrathoe@parish@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

### Ballon Rathoe Parish Shop. Fenagh Road, Ballon R93FX93

**Open Tues, Wed, & Thurs 10am-1pm.**

Large selection of First Holy Communion & Confirmation, cards, prayer  
books, rosary beads, gift sets and gift wallets in stock.

### SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP Mon11th

**May Davy Fitzgerald:** Hurling Manager, former player & winner of Two All-Irelands

**Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine** Bishop Denis  
Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese  
at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026, ceremonies  
begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica. Contact [aherngerard22@gmail.com](mailto:aherngerard22@gmail.com) for  
details of buses.

**Ballon Hall Bingo** - Saturdays - 7pm - Ballon Community & Sports Centre  
(R93 A9D0). **€3200** in prize money plus Jackpot now €3000. Single Lines  
€40, Double Lines €60, Full Houses €120. Specials: Single Lines €40,  
Double Lines €60, Full Houses €400. **Bingo Prices:** Double Books €14 |  
Single Books €10 | Double Specials €3 each | Single Specials €2 each.  
Weekly Split the Pot game and Lucky Number Game! Shop onsite & table  
& chairs provided. Many thanks for your support. **Ballon Online Bingo** -  
every Sunday @ 8pm -via Zoom & Facebook €9000 in prizes to be won  
including €5000 weekly jackpot. **Bingo Prices:** Double Books €15 | Single  
Books €10. **Bingo Prizes:** Single Line €75 | Double Line €125 | Full Hous-  
es €250 Jackpot Game: Single Line €100 | Double Line €150 | Full House  
€500/€1000/€5000! Printed Books available in McAssey's Shop, Ballon and  
via the link on our Facebook Ballon Community Bingo n [willwego.com](http://willwego.com)

**Cake Sale & Raffle in Aid of Vocations** Society of St. Joseph. (Young  
Priests Society). In Parish Centre, Tullow on Friday 29th May 2026 starting  
at 10am. Tea & Coffee Served.

*Blessed Karl Lampert (+1944), an Austrian priest and vicar general of the Diocese  
of Innsbruck, was killed by the Nazis in the Dachau concentration camp. These  
words from his diary are quoted by Father John Lenz in his account of the experi-  
ence of priests in Dachau.*

### On the Way to My Father's House

I am prepared to give my life here on earth for God whenever and where-  
ever he demands it of me. May he be a merciful judge of my immortal soul  
through the redemption won for us by his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. With  
my last breath I thank God from the bottom of my heart for all the gifts and  
goodness which I have received throughout my life from his fatherly hand,  
particularly for the inestimable gift of Catholic parents and a Catholic home,  
the right to be called a child of God, and the grace of my priestly vocation.

It was my greatest happiness on earth to be a Christian and a priest-and  
my greatest sorrow to have failed so often out of human weakness. May  
God have mercy on this miserable sinner. I trust in his mercy and in the  
promises of Christ and long with all my heart to enter his heavenly king-  
dom. This is my fervent hope and my humble prayer. I beg all those who in  
this life have in any way suffered injustice or pain at my hands to forgive  
me, as I forgive with all my heart every offense and humiliation committed  
against me!...

There are so many to whom I owe a debt of gratitude.... I was never rich  
enough to repay them here on earth. May God allow me to help them in  
eternity... I should repay them in good measure. I give my blessing in our  
Lord to all whom I was bound in this life by the ties of blood, of suffering, of  
work, and of religion.

If they saw any good in me, then I beg them to thank God with me; if they  
saw only human frailty, then may their strength atone for my weakness so  
that we may all rejoice together in the fulfilment of the promises of our Lord  
Jesus Christ to whom, with the father and the Holy Ghost, be all praise and  
thanks and honour and glory for ever and ever.

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*He is the only man I know who can spoil cornflakes, He boils them.*

*Hi honey, I'm home, what's thawing? mmmmmmm*