

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Sat 16th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sun 17th Rathoe 10.00am	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.
Sun 17th Ballon 11.30am	
Tues 19th Ballon 7.00pm	
Wed 20th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 21st Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 22nd Rathoe 7.00pm,	
Sat 23rd Ballon 6.00pm	Pat Curran, Conaberry
Sun 24th Rathoe 10.00am	.
Sun 24th Ballon 11.30am	Seamus Quirke, Ballintrane

10/05/2026 Offertory €809.05. Envelopes €1020

Retired Priests Collection; This collection takes place at all Masses on the weekend of 24th May. The generosity of parishes and parishioners in supporting this collection is deeply appreciated

To donate online: Ballon Rathoe Parish: IBAN: IE24 BOFI 906689 79838964. BIC: BOFIE2D. **Ballon Rathoe Priests Fund:** IBAN: IE-07BOFI90668984337742. BIC: BOFIE2D

Graveyard Masses 2026.

Ballon Friday 26th June at 7.30pm

Templepeter Graveyard Sunday 28th June at 3pm

Rathoe Friday 3rd July at 7.30pm.

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 **04- 05 -09 - 22. No Winner.** Match Three

Winner €100: P.J. O'Leary, Ballykealy. Next Draw Monday 18th May

2026 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Jackpot €1,600 Tickets €2. Play on line

<https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

Graiguecullen Bingo; Tuesday 19th May 2026. St. Fiaccs Hall @

8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers €5,510. Double number €1,650. Lotto

€2,250. Bonus Ball €1, 550

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 04 - 11 - 18 - 27. No Winner: Lucky Dip

Winners: €100 Kay Scully, c/o Bingo. **€50.** Eden Stout, Ballon.

Next weeks Lotto €1,350 Draw Tues 7.30pm.

Volunteers Needed to help maintain the old Graveyard in Ballon. Contact

Gerry 087-6732329

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

APA, (a partnership with Africa) Charity Shop on Hacketstown Rd are

holding a Karaoke night in the Seven Oaks Hotel on Friday 22 May 2026 at

9pm. Tickets €15. All proceeds go towards project in Ethiopia & Tanzania

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

Phone No: 059-9159959.

Email: ballonrathoeeparish@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, Good Luck in exams cards, prayer books, rosary beads, gift sets and gift wallets in stock.

SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL 18th May Br. Richard Hendrick: Capuchin Franciscan priest-friar and mindfulness teacher

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 House

€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

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.

Chosen Out of the World

(There is a) false humility that has become so common today: man does not want to believe that God is concerned about him, knows him, loves him, watches over him, is close to him. Today there is a remarkable hatred among people for their own real greatness. Man sees himself as the enemy of life, of the balance of creation, as the great disturber of the peace of nature (which would be better off if he did not exist) as the creature that went wrong. His salvation and the salvation of the world would on this view consist of his disappearing, of his life and soul being taken back from him, of what is specifically human vanishing so that nature could return to its unconscious perfection in its own rhythm and with its own wisdom of dying and coming into being.....

People would sooner go back to Egypt to normality, and be like all the others. This rebellion by human sloth and inertia against the greatness of being chosen is an image of the revolt against God that continually recurs throughout history and that characterises our own epoch in a particular way. Man rebels not against this or that but in an attempt to shake off being chosen. If being loved by God makes to much of a claim on him, becomes a disturbance he does not want, then he revolts against his own nature. He does not want to be what he now is as this part of creation.... But the diagnosis also shows the way to healing: only the courage to rediscover and accept the divine dimension of our being can give our souls and society a new inner stability once again. *Pope Benedict XVI*

He comes from a family of criminals, now he is following in his fathers fingerprints.

My Uncle makes money the old fashion way, he steals it.

My Uncle was put in prison for doing his shopping early, they found him in the TV shop at 4am

Can you see a policeman around here? I'm afraid I can't.

Right then stick 'em up.