

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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| Sat 30th Ballon 6.00pm | |
| Sun 31st Rathoe 10.00am | |
| Sun 31st Ballon 11.30am | |
| Tues 2nd Ballon 7.00pm | |
| Wed 3rd Rathoe 10.00am | |
| Thurs 4th Ballon 10.00am | |
| Fri 5th Rathoe 7.00pm, | |
| Sat 6th Ballon 6.00pm | Seamus Cummins, Ballon |
| Sun 7th Rathoe 10.00am | John & Josephine Clarke & son Dan John McDonald, his parents Jack & Elizabeth, sister Mai, brother-in-law Jimmy & Maura Dempsey. John Doyle, Moyle Big |
| Sun 7th Ballon 11.30am | |

24/05/2026 Offertory €759.95 Envelopes €616.75

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

Mass for Junior & Leaving Certificate students on Monday 1st June at 7.00pm in Rathoe Church. All students, families and community are especially invited.

Letter from Trocaire: Thank you so much, Fr. O'Connell, and the people of Ballon Rathoe Parish for your generous donation of €5549.25. We'd be lost without your love. Soon Uwamaboro's home will have four sturdy walls and a secure watertight roof. These are the changes that your love this Lent is sparking And one change at a time, her family and many other families like hers are stepping into a brighter, more just future. Thank you..

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

Nutty Scientist 06/07/26 10am - 1pm. **Nutty Scientist** 07/07/26 10am - 1pm **Nutty Scientist** 08/07/26 10am - 1pm. **Nutty Scientist** 09/07/26 10am - 1pm. **Nutty Scientist** 10/07/26 10am - 1pm. **Epoxy Resin crafts** 12+ 14/07/26 10am -12pm.

Want to learn Office Administration skills & work towards a QQI level 5 certificate? Starting September 2026 in Ballon Business & Training Centre, Co. Carlow. BTEI Carlow are offering modules in: Payroll, Information & Administration, Word Processing, Text Production, Spreadsheets, "Only cost to you is your time and Commitment" Eligibility criteria apply. For more information or how to apply, contact: BTEI Carlow 1b Meadow Court Burrin Street Carlow. R93W227. Tel No: 059 9139532. Email: bteicarlow@kilkenny-carlowetb.ie Web: www.fetchcourses.ie

Ballon GFC Lotto. . No's 14- 21 -26 - 29. **No Winner.** Lucky Dip Winners €25 each Fiadh, Donagh & Maeve, Aghade, Mary Jordan, Milltown, Marion Kelly, Ballon Hill, Noel Hutton, Kilnock. . Next Draw Monday 2nd June 2026 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Jackpot €1,700 Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

Graiguecullen Bingo; Tuesday 2nd June 2026. St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers €5770. Double number €1790. Lotto €2350. Bonus Ball €1,1650

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 07 - 14 - 22 - 29. No Winner: Lucky Dip

Winners: €100: Dick Fitzgerald. **€50.** Larry O'Connor

Next weeks Lotto €1,400. Draw Tues 7.30pm.

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

Kildare & Leighlin Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Sunday June 7th.

Bus leaving Tullow Church Car Park at 7.00am. Pilgrimage led by Bishop Denis Nulty. For further details contact: 087-254 3235

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

GK PARISH NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP Our Novena continues on Monday 1st of June. The rosary will be recited at 7.10pm and Mass begins at 7.30pm. **OUR EIGHT GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE: KATELYN CUMMINS: ROSE OF TRALEE 2025**

The Mill Wheel Reflexology Clinic in Tullow offers personalised reflexology treatments designed to support your individual needs and wellbeing. ITEC qualified practitioner with professional registration and insurance. Open Monday to Saturday by appointment. Contact Sharon Maxwell: 089 4006600 millwheelclinic@gmail.com

Ballon Village Tidy Towns Work night. Meet outside Siopa Glas next Tues 2nd June at 7pm. Rubbish bags etc provided.

'Rathoe Community Hall now has a Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) located to the outside of the Hall Building for 24 hour access. Box code is acquired by calling National Ambulance Service on 999 /112. Contact Miriam on 085 1228909 with any queries.

SAINT WHO?

John de Yepes, now known as John of the Cross, is one of the greatest mystics in the history of the Church. He faced many hardships during his forty-nine years of life. His father died when he was a child, he grew up in desperate poverty, he was physically beaten by other Carmelites for his attempts to reform the order, and he was the victim of slander in his final years of life. Yet he patiently accepted these painful crosses with the peace of Christ.

John was a master of mystical life. He wrote profound spiritual poetry as well as letter to carefully explaining its meaning. Although his canonization process was delayed because of the lies spread by his enemies, he was eventually declared both a saint and a Doctor of the Church.

As a Carmelite priest, John spend a great deal of time praying in church. But people also noticed his great love of nature. He loved to pray in the countryside and feel the earth beneath his feet as he worked in the convent garden. He often spoke eloquently to others about the beauty of the nighttime sky, the trees of the forest, or a simple flower. For John, nature is constantly telling us about God and his love for us.

*God of love, give us eyes to see your love for us
in all the works you have created.*

Every Little Helps!!

A divorce court judge said to the husband, "Mr. Geraghty, I have reviewed this case very carefully and I've decided to give your wife €800 a week" " that's very fair, your honour," he replied. "And every now and then I'll try to send her a few euros myself.