

## 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>Sat 13th Ballon 6.00pm</b>	John Lawler, Ballon & Dublin	
<b>Sun 14th Rathoe 10.00am</b>	Thomas Nolan, Thornhill William Byrne, Rathoe	
<b>Sun 14th Ballon 11.30am</b>	Tom Jordan, Killane. <b>M.M.</b>	
Wed 17th Rathoe 10.00am Thurs 18th Ballon 10.00am Fri 19th Rathoe 7.00pm,	<b>60th Anniversary Mass</b>	
<b>Sat 20th Ballon 6.00pm</b>		Hannah Brennan, Killane
<b>Sun 21st Rathoe 10.00am</b>		Mary & Seamus Byrne, Kilanora
<b>Sun 21st Ballon 11.30am</b>		Teresa Kealy, Carrigslaney Rachel Brennan, Kilnock & her brother Michael

07/06/2026 Offertory € 713.40 Envelopes €766.00

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 Old Graveyard Mass Tuesday 23rd June at 7.00pm

Ballon Friday 26th June at 7.30pm

Templepeter Graveyard Sunday 28th June at 3pm

Rathoe Friday 3rd July at 7.30pm.

**Parishes Alive** – Becoming Synodal Bishop Denis and the Diocesan Pastoral Council invites you to the third annual Parishes Alive Day on Saturday, June 20th from 10am to 4pm in Carlow College, St. Patrick's. The day will be facilitated by Dr Oonagh O'Brien, CEO of Mount St Anne's Retreat & Conference Centre & Janet Forbes, Youth Director in the Archdiocese of Armagh a Member of the National Synodal Team. To book or for further information email Pat Roche, Diocesan Director of Parish Development, on parishdevelopment@kandle.ie or phone (office hours) 083-8305681

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

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**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: [lteicarlow@kilkennycarlowetb.ie](mailto:lteicarlow@kilkennycarlowetb.ie) Web: [www.fetchcourses.ie](http://www.fetchcourses.ie)

**Ballon GFC Lotto.** . No's 02- 14 -16 - 29. **Match Three Winner €100** John Kelly, Ballon Hill. . Next Draw Monday 15th June 2026 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Jackpot €1,800. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

**Graiguecullen Bingo;** Tuesday 16th June 2026. St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers €6,030. Double number €1,930. Lotto €2450. Bonus Ball €1,750

**Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 20 - 22 - 29 - 30. No Winner: Lucky Dip Winners: €100:** Tommy Kirwan, Ballon. **€50.** John Murphy, Laragh Next weeks Lotto €1,550. Draw Tues 7.30pm.

## Jubilee Celebration

*On Friday 19th June 2026, we will join with Fr Jim O'Connell*

*to celebrate the*

*60th Anniversary*

*of his ordination to the priesthood.*

*Bishop Denis Nulty will celebrate*

*Mass of thanksgiving at 7pm*

*in St. Patrick's Church, Rathoe.*

*Everyone is invited to tea in*

*Ballon Community Centre*

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

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Email: [ballonrathoe parish@gmail.com](mailto: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

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Large selection of Diamond Jubilee Cards and cards for all occasions. prayer books, rosary beads, gift sets and gift wallets in stock. Call in and see our wide range of religious items.

**'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.

**Casual Choir Night** in Ballon Business & Training Centre Starting on Tuesday 23rd June from 7-8.30pm. No experience necessary, just singing for joy! All welcome even if you feel you "can't sing" Limited spaces, €10, cash only.

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### David's Lord

The New testament, from the Acts of the Apostles to the Letter to the Hebrews, describes the place to which the cloud took Jesus [at his Ascension], using the language of Psalm 110:1, as sitting (or standing) at God's right hand. What does this mean? It does not refer to some distant cosmic space, where God has, as it were, set up his throne and given Jesus a place beside the throne, God is not in one space alongside other spaces. God is God-he is the premise and the ground of all the space there is, but he himself is not part of it. God stands in relation to all spaces as Lord and Creator. His presence is not spatial, but diving. Sitting at God's right hand ,means participating in this divine dominion over space.... In a dispute with the Pharisees, Jesus...contrasts the idea of the Messiah as a new David ushering in a new Davidic kingdom...with a greater vision of the one who is to come: the true Messiah is not David's son, but David's Lord. He sits, not on David's throne, but on God's throne.....

He was so old that when I asked him to act his age, he died!  
I was always told to respect my elders, it's getting harder and harder To find one.