

R.I.P; Kathleen Hosey, Castlemore

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 20th Ballon 6.00pm	Hannah Brennan, Killane
Sun 21st Rathoe 10.00am	Mary & Seamus Byrne, Kilanora Sarah Stynes, Grangeford
Sun 21st Ballon 11.30am	Teresa Kealy, Carrigslaney Rachel Brennan, Kilnock & her brother Michael
Tues 23rd June 7.00pm	<b>Ballon Old Graveyard Mass 7.00pm</b>
Wed 24th Rathoe 10.00am	Eileen Breen & deceased members of the Breen Family
Thurs 25th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 26th Ballon 7.30pm	
Sat 27th Ballon 6.00pm	Gretta Dowling, Rathoe
Sun 28th Rathoe 10.00am	
Sun 28th Ballon 11.30am	

14/06/2026 Offertory €932.05 Envelopes €630.90

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**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.

**National Synodal Pathway Update.** Preparations are continuing for the National Synodal Assembly, which will take place in October. Working groups from across the country are reflecting on the key priorities identified through the synodal process and helping to shape the next stage of the Church's journey in Ireland. To learn more and view the latest video update from Fr Declan Hurley, Chairperson of the National Synodal Pathway, and Patricia Carroll, member of the National Synodal Pathway and Pastoral Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Dublin, please visit <https://theway.ie/the-irish-synodal-pathway-progress-and-purpose/>

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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.

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**Ballon GFC Lotto.** . No's 12- 26 -28 - 30. **Lucky Dip Winners €25 each:** John Murphy, Laragh, Toss Byrne, Ballon, Michael Minchin, Myshall, Violet Jones, Ballon Hill. Next Draw Monday 22nd June 2026 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Jackpot €1,850. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

**Graiguecullen Bingo;** Tuesday 23rd June 2026. St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers €6,160. Double number €2,000. Lotto €2500. Bonus Ball €1,800

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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**

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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.

**ACCORD Carlow:** We offer counselling in Carlow at St Catherine's on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and we have two upcoming Marriage Preparation courses in September and November in Carlow. Please contact [carlow@accord.ie](mailto:carlow@accord.ie) or phone 086 4149034 for more details.

**'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 8. 00-9.30pm. **Note Change of Time**  
No experience necessary, just singing for joy! All welcome even if you feel you "can't sing" Limited spaces, €10, cash only. To reserve your place text or What's App to 087-6445588

**Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 10 - 23 - 28/ - 29. No Winner: Lucky Dip Winners: €100:** Ann & Kath, c/o Bingo. **€50.** Michael Hickey Snr., Kilnock. Next weeks Lotto €1,600. Draw Tues 7.30pm.

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**Love until it Hurts**

Jesus said again and again, *If you give a glass of water in my name, you give it to me. If you receive a little child in my name, you receive me....* One day I picked up a small child six years old in the street. And I could see from the face that that child was very, very hungry. So I gave her a piece of bread and the little one took the bread and started eating it crumb by crumb. So I said to the child, Eat the bread, you are hungry, eat the bread. And she looked at me and said, I am afraid when the bread will be finished, I will be hungry again. So she thought by eating it slowly, slowly, she will feel less hungry. The pain of hunger is terrible and that is where you and I must come and give until it hurts....

And this giving is love of God in action.

There are many, many people-old people, crippled people, [mentally ill] people, people who have no one, nobody to love them- they are hungry for love. And maybe that kind of hunger is in your own home, your own family. Maybe there is an old person in your family. Have you ever thought that you can show your love for God by maybe giving a smile, maybe just giving a glass of water, maybe just sitting there and talking for a little while? This is a beautiful way of showing your love, that you really love God, that you really love your neighbour.

*Saint Teresa of Calcutta (+1997) founded the Missionaries of Charity and won the Nobel Peace Prize.*

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*A Catholic couple trying for a baby, asked their priest to pray for them. "I'm going to Rome for a few months," says the priest, "while I'm there I'll light a candle for you at the altar of St. Peter. The priest comes back nine months later and finds the woman has given birth to quintuplets. "Praise be to God," says the priest, "but where has your husband gone? I heard he left the country," "So he did, Father," says the woman. "He flew to Rome to blow out the candle".*

**Congratulations Fr. O'Connell on 60 years a priest, although you would have got less for murder.**