

R.I.P. Maura O'Byrne, Ballykealy, Ballon  
R.I.P Desmond O'Connell, Formally Moyle Big, Kellistown

### 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 27th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sun 28th Rathoe 10.00am	Gretta Dowling, Rathoe
Sun 28th Ballon 11.30am	
Wed 1st Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 2nd Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 3rd Rathoe 7.30pm	<b>Rathoe Graveyard Mass 7.30pm</b>
Sat 4th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sun 5th Rathoe 10.00am	Ann Hutton, Ardristan M.M
Sun 5th Ballon 11.30am	Heather McKane, Fenagh and her sister Alice, Ballon Hill

14/06/2026 Offertory €886.70. Envelopes €513.10

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.

**Templepeter Graveyard** Sunday 28th June at 3pm  
**Rathoe** Friday 3rd July at 7.30pm.

**The Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles** will be speaking at all Masses on the weekend of the 4th and 5th of July regarding their missionary endeavours. Founded in 1876, the Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles are dedicated to spreading the Good News through service and the witness of their lives. Empowering women and supporting the marginalised are central priorities of their apostolate.

The OLA Sisters are deeply grateful for your continuous support over the years and kindly encourage you to continue this partnership.

Sr. Mary Usifoh will be speaking during the Masses.

#### 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:

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#### Ballon GFC Lotto. . No's 04- 05 -13 - 22. Lucky Dip Winners €25

each: Cecilia & Myles Lawlor, c/o NGS, Frances Doyle, Ballon Hill, Seamus Dowling, Ballon Hill, Catherine Tracey, Ballintranee. Next Draw Mon 29th June 2026 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Jackpot €1,900. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

**Graiguecullen Bingo**; Tuesday 30th June 2026. St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers €6,290. Double number €2,2070. Lotto €2550. Bonus Ball €1,850

**The Fighting Cocks CLG** will host a fundraising Table Quiz on Friday July 3rd at 9pm in the Fighting Cocks Pub. Table of 4 costing €40. All proceeds will go towards our juvenile teams and the upgrades to the club grounds. Finger food, raffle, spot prizes and a great night guaranteed. All welcome

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

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Email: [ballonrathoeparish@gmail.com](mailto:ballonrathoeparish@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 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

**Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 11 - 14 - 22 - 29. No Winner: Lucky Dip Winners: €100: Barry Curry, Kildavin. €50. Jason & Sean Whelan, Ballon. Kilnock. Next weeks Lotto €1,650. Draw Tues 7.30pm.**

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### Love Call Us to Communion

Love calls us to union and union calls us to communion.

Why is this communion so often broken?

I had the opportunity to visit so many Gothic churches in Paris, Rheims, Chartres and Cologne. Everywhere I was told, "This building is slowly deteriorating and will have to be repaired, holes filled in, and stones replaced." The pollution in the atmosphere attacks even stone! Communion can be destroyed in the same way.

The atmosphere of communion is polluted when I egotistically seek my own interests and not those of my brothers and sisters, and those of the Lord; when I oblige others to follow my will and not God's; when I take back what I already offered with generosity; when I judge my brothers and sisters unjustly; and when I lock them into their deficiencies.

Lord Jesus, we are in communion when you are among us, because you bring life into ours. When we go away from you, we also abandon our brothers and sisters, and communion is broken. If I substitute your presence, Lord with selfishness, prejudice, self-love, Jealously, I put love to death and communion is broken.

The only true communion is with you, Lord.

*Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan (+2002) was imprisoned by the Vietnamese government for thirteen years, during which time he secretly sent prayers and spiritual writings to his flock.*

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Thought for the Day: We are rarely asked for a cup of water. But the rewards promised by Jesus extend beyond individual almsgiving to those who work for others in thousand hidden ways, for instance maintaining a city water system, or caring for public hygiene, as civil servants, plumbers, engineers, scientists, street-cleaners or parents of families. We live in a more complex society, but the same care and generosity are found in all walks of life, wherever people devote themselves to the service of others.

Thank you, Lord, for the opportunities I have to serve others.

I went to a tough school. I remember the teacher asking what comes at the end of a sentence and a kid says, 'An appeal'

My brother went to a very exclusive school. You had to be sent there by a judge!

What I wanted to know when I was at school was why did the teachers get paid when it was the kids did all the work.

I'm worried about you being at the bottom of the class. But, Mum, they teach the same things at both ends.