

Pray for Msg Tom Coonan who died recently

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 1st Ballon 6.00pm	Pat Byrne, Castlegrace & his parents William & Margaret P.J.O'Reilly, Sherwood
Sun 2nd Rathoe 10.00am	Roger Murray, Grangeford
Sun 2nd Ballon 11.30am	Rita Barry Maple Lawn. M.M Roger Barry, Cappagh
Tues 4th	No Mass
Wed 5th	No Mass
Thurs 6th Ballon 10-12	Exposition
Fri 7th Rathoe 7.00pm	Mass
Sat 8th Ballon 6.00pm	Ann Fagan, (Nee Abbey) Lisgarvan
Sun 9th Rathoe 10.00am	Buddy & Joe Smithers, Rathrush
Sun 9th Ballon 11.30am	

26/07/2026 Offertory €768.05. Envelopes €668.50

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

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

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kids pottery 1/08/25 & 8/08/26

Kids crafty camp 10/08/16 - 14/08/26 10.30am - 12.30pm

Deco dream studio workshop 16/08/26 1pm -3.30pm

Glass Art workshop 26/08/26 10am-1pm

Safe Pass 2/9/26 from 7.30am - 4.30 pm

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@kilkennycarlowetb.ie Web: www.fetchcourses.ie

Furniture Upcycling workshop starts 15th Aug, cost €50, bring along a small item of furniture, (no upholstery) and learn to transform it

Memorial Walk for Andrea All proceeds going to Waterford Hospice and Éist, Carlow. Saturday 1st August 10am—Start and Finish at Centre, Ballon. Family Friendly—all ages welcome. 5KM walk or run. Contributions can be made at Centra, Ballon. Raffle Tickets available Refreshments served afterwards.

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 02 - 11 - 18 - 29. No Winner: Lucky Dip Winners: €100: Cian Byrne, Ballon. **€50.** Dick Fitzgerald, Bingo. Next weeks Lotto €1,900. Draw Tues 7.30pm.

Graiguecullen Bingo; Tuesday 4th August 2026. St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 40 numbers €700. Double number €460 Lotto €2,800. Bonus Ball €2,100.

Delany Archive Heritage Week Lecture: The Delany Archive welcomes Dr Niamh NicGhabhann Coleman for a Heritage Week lecture on "Catholic Churches and Chapels Before and After Emancipation", including examples from churches in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin. The lecture will be held at Carlow College, St Patrick's (R93 A003) on 18 August at 7.00 pm. All are welcome. Admission is free of charge and no booking is required. Further event details are available at www.heritageweek.ie Dr NicGhabhann Coleman is an Associate Professor in the School of History and Geography at the University of Limerick and is currently researching a book on the development of Catholic architecture in Ireland between the 1820s and 1930s.

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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

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Open Tues, Wed, & Thurs 10am-1pm.

Large selection of Cards for all occasions. prayer books, rosary beads, gift sets and gift wallets in stock.

The annual Charity Carriage Drive in aid of the Éist Cancer Support Centre takes place on **Sat, Aug 29, 2026**. The event commences at 2:00 PM from Holy Trinity, Ardoyne (Eircode: R93 D658) and proceeds to Ardattin, continuing to All Saint's, Aghade for a picnic, and finishing in Tullow. All donations are welcome. Contact: **Rev. Dr. Lester Scott at 059 9197028** contribute to the Éist Cancer Support Centre, donations can be made directly via the [iDonate Éist Cancer Support Centre Profile](#)

Ballon GFC Lotto. No's 07– 19 –26 – 30. Match Three Winners €25 each: Eilish Minchin, Lisgarvan, Bernie, Mary & Eilsha Nolan, Fenagh. Next Draw Tues 4th August 2026 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Jackpot €2,100. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

All Saints, Aghade, R93XD79. A Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for Andrea Zerafa and for all our loved ones called Home. Sunday 2nd at 6pm. **Note Change of date.**

The Garreenleen Community Benefit Fund is now open for applications. Approximately €200,000 in funding is available to community groups in the Rathoe area. Apply here:

<https://perigusenergy.submit.com/show/4>

For more information, visit:

Community Benefit Fund - Perigus Energy

Your Sins Are Forgiven

I will never forget, a girl came from France, from the University of Paris. When she came, she was preparing to do her final Ph.D. She told her parents. "Before I do the final examination, I would like to spend two weeks with Mother Teresa in Calcutta." And when she came, she seemed preoccupied, and then after a few days she came to see me and put her [arms] around me and said, "I found Jesus" I said, "Where did you find Jesus?" And she said she found Him in Kalighat (Home for the dying destitute). And I said, "What did you do with Jesus when you found Him?" She said, "I went for Confession and Holy Communion after fifteen years".....

And Sisters, I can't tell you what radiant joy was in her face because she found Jesus in her heart-to be able to receive Jesus with real radiant joy. Then I said, "What else did you do when you found Jesus?" She said I sent a telegram to my parents to tell them I found Jesus" See Sisters she found Jesus in the humble work

There are so many young people who are going to confession and coming for adoration because they found Jesus in the humble work, and touched Jesus in the distressing disguise.

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

A doctor is explaining the idea of sensory compensation to an intern. "If a man becomes blind his sense of hearing improves to compensate says the doctor 'Yes, sir', says the intern. 'And I've noticed that if one of a man's legs is slightly short, then the other gets slightly longer'.

A woman is talking to her neighbour. 'Did you know the milkman has a glass eye?' 'No,' replies the neighbour. 'How did you discover that?' 'Oh' says the woman, 'It just cam out when we were chatting.'

Rathoe Church: [youtube@stpatricksrathoe](https://www.youtube.com/stpatricksrathoe).

Ballon Web Cam: YouTube · St Peter & Pauls Church Ballon