

R.I.P: Tom Brophy, formally Kilnock.	
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
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— in—law Alice, Ballon Hill
Tues 7th Ballon 7.00pm	
Wed 8th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 9th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 10th Rathoe 7.00pm	John Doyle, Moyle
Sat 11th Ballon 6.00pm	Maura O'Byrne, Ballykealy. M.M
Sun 12th Rathoe 10.00am	
Sun 12th Ballon 11.30am	Mary Kenny, Mullaunmore John & Mary Lawler, Shraugh

28/06/2026 Offertory €566.30. Envelopes €646.00

Ballon Graveyard Mass; €1213.80

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The Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles will be speaking at all Masses this weekend 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.

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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.

Crafting Retreat Starts 13 July €150 a full week dedicated to unleashing your creativity! Enjoy a new craft each day with all materials provided, perfect for beginners and seasoned crafters alike. Experience a supportive environment that fosters skill development and artistic expression while connecting with fellow crafters. :13 Jul 2026 10.30am – 1.30pm. 3 hrs

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

"Youth 2000 Summer Festival | 13th–16th August Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Youth Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

Graiguecullen Bingo; Tuesday 7th July 2026. St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers €6,420. Double number €2,140. Lotto €2600. Bonus Ball €1,900

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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**

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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 or phone 086 4149034 for more details

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 04 - 14 - 18 - 27. No Winner: Lucky Dip Winners: €100: Maureen Jordan, Siopa Glas. **€50.** Johnny Nolan, Ballon. Next weeks Lotto €1,700. Draw Tues 7.30pm.

Ballon GFC Lotto. . No's 04– 12 –16 – 22. **Lucky Dip Winners €25 each:** Richard Fitzgerald, Craanpursheen, Joe Cummins, Nurney, Ken Deacon, Ballykealy, Tommy Kirwan, Ballon. Next Draw Mon 6th July 2026 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Jackpot €1,950. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

Jesus the Joyful Giver

"You cannot serve both God and Mammon" sounds like a harsh ultimatum, but it articulates what we already know by experience. Money can tempt us to ulterior motives, so that rather than seeking another's true good, we use someone for selfish gain. This is the antithesis of God's love.

My mother lost her own mother when she was sixteen, and a man at the funeral home told her father that choosing an expensive casket, beyond their means, would be a sign of love for his late wife. My mother was deeply offended and assured her father that the man was wrong. That "advisor" was not concerned for their good but for their profit.

It's similarly offensive to think of someone "marrying for money." Or for anyone to feign altruism for personal gain at anyone's expense. Jesus' joy is to bring about our true joy. This is the true love offered by the Sacred heart of Jesus, well beyond any worldly gain.

Father Richard Veras is director of pastoral formation at Saint Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, New York.

Holy See declares SSPX bishops excommunicated after illicit consecrations

The Holy See has declared that all six of the Society of Saint Pius X's bishops are excommunicated, following the consecration ceremony held on 1 July, which took place against the wishes of Pope Leo XIV.

As anticipated, and as the Vatican warned on 13 May, the Holy See has ruled that the episcopal consecrations carried out by the SSPX on 1 July constituted a "schismatic act", and declared all of the bishops involved to have incurred *latae sententiae* excommunication.

The decree formally announcing the excommunications was published by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (DDF) at 9am Rome time, whilst newly consecrated SSPX Bishop Paschal Schrieber was beginning his first pontifical Mass.

A consultant is someone who takes the watch off your wrist and tell you what time it is.

A consultant is someone who saves his client almost enough to pay his fee

I have got this wonderful idea for left overs, throw them out

If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Unless you are a consultant.