

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 8th Ballon 6.00pm	Ann Fagan, (Nee Abbey) Lisgarvan
Sun 9th Rathoe 10.00am	Buddy & Joe Smithers, Rathrush
Sun 9th Ballon 11.30am	
Tues 11th Ballon 7.00	
Wed 12th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 13th Ballon 10.00am	

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fri 14th Rathoe 7.00pm	Vigil
Sat 15th Ballon 11.30am	
Sat 15th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sun 16th Rathoe 10.00am	Jim Esmonde, Ballintranee
Sun 16th Ballon 11.30am	

02/08/2026 Offertory €813.00 Envelopes €582.00

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.

Tel: 059-915-9447. Mob: 085-876-4743. ballonbts@gmail.com

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

K&L Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Day

"Peace I leave you; My peace I give you" John 14:27.

Find peace in a day of Prayer and Adoration. K&L Eucharistic Adoration Committee invites you to join us with Most Rev. Bishop Denis Nulty, Fr Ruairi O Domhnaill, Ms Margaret Brennan & Guest Speakers Ms Una Allen and Ms Mary Connolly. Location: Mount St. Anne's, Portarlinton. (R32 WN59) Date: Sat.29th Aug. 9.30am - 4.00pm. Concludes with Holy Mass 3pm Refreshments on arrival - Lunch 12.30-1.15. Cost €25.00 Booking Essential. Call or Text with name and number of companions Barbara Kinsella 0861637311

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.

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 09 - 17 - 21 - 22. No Winner: Lucky Dip Winners: €100: Mary B Farrell. €50. Willie Byrne. Next weeks Lotto €1,950. Draw Tues 7.30pm.

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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 **04- 10 -22 - 25. Match Three Winner €100** Patrick O'Byrne, Ballonvalley. Next Draw Mon 10th August 2026 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Jackpot €2,100. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

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

Graigecullen Bingo; Tuesday 11th August 2026. St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 40 numbers €830. Double number €530 Lotto €2,850. Bonus Ball €2,150.

Rainbows Peer Support Programme: Places available for September offering a nine week programme of weekly one hour sessions of peer support to children aged seven and older experiencing loss through bereavement or parental separation. Please contact the coordinator on 0871256199 or email rainbows.carlowtown@gmail.com This service is completely free of charge. Based in Askea, Carlow

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

August invites us into a season of quiet maturity and steady faith. In our Catholic tradition, this month is marked by the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, lifting our eyes toward heaven and reminding us of the promise of eternal life prepared for those who trust in God.

As the year continues to unfold, August encourages us to persevere - to remain faithful even when the excitement of beginnings has faded. Mary's Assumption assures us that God is faithful to His promises and that our earthly journey is always held within a greater hope.

This month also calls us to lift our hearts beyond the immediate and the visible. The Assumption reminds us that we are created not only for this world, but for communion with God. Our daily choices, prayers, and acts of love are all steps toward that heavenly promise.

August invites reflection on humility and trust. Mary's life, lived in quiet obedience, teaches us that surrender to God leads not to loss, but to fullness. In her, we see that faithfulness in small, unseen moments is precious in God's eyes.

As we journey through August, may we walk with renewed hope, trusting that God is leading us forward with purpose. May we remain steadfast in faith, patient in love, and confident that our lives are always held in God's loving plan

After the honeymoon I felt like a new man, the trouble was so did she.

Doctor: *I don't know what's wrong with me, but everything hurts. If I touch my shoulder just here, it hurts and if I touch my leg just here it hurts and if I touch my head just here it hurts and if I touch my foot just here it hurts.*

It sounds to me like you've broken your finger.