

R.I.P: Joann (Josie) Ippolito (née O'Neill), California & Kilmurry, Ballon

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 12th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sun 13th Rathoe 10.00am	Margaret Walshe, (Nee Egan), Rathoe Tessie & Hugh Doyle, & son Paul Ballintrane Teresa & Edward Kennedy, Grangeford. Bernie Kennedy, Graiguecullen, formally Grangeford. Michael Carroll, Rathoe
Sun 13th Ballon 11.30am	Tom Nolan, Balour
Tues 15th Ballon 7.00pm	Enrolment for Confirmation Patrick & Sarah Doyle, Ballintrane, their sons Noel & John & daughter Marie
Wed 16th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 17th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 18th Rathoe 7.00pm	
Sat 19th Ballon 6.00pm	Dick & Kathleen Kavanagh, Grangeford Billy Kirwan, Bendenstown.
Sun 20th Rathoe 10.00am	
Sun 20th Ballon 11.30am	

06/09/2026 Offertory €850.60. Envelopes €998.00

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

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Watercolour Art 16th Sept €60. **Intermediate Sewing** 17th Sept 4 by 3 hours €60. **Jewellery Making** 16th Sept 3 hrs 4 wks €80. **Conversational Spanish**, Wed 30th Sept at 7pm. For 5 wks, cost €50. **Knitting & Crochet** classes, Mon 14th at 1.30pm – 3.30pm. 6 weeks. €60. **Stained Glass Christmas Decoration** Tues 13th Oct 4 wks €80.

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Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 07 - 14 - 23 - 29. No Winner: Lucky Dip Winners: €100: Breda Wray, c/o Siopa Glas. **€50.** Mary Flynn c/o, McAsseys. Next weeks Lotto €2,200. Draw Tues 7.30pm.

Graiguecullen Bingo; Tues 15th Sept St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 46 numbers €1,480. Double number €390. Lotto €3,100. Bonus Ball €2,400.

Carlow Alzheimer's Annual Memory Walk for Bethany House Carlow will take place on: **Sun 20th Sept, 2026** in: **Oak Park Forest Park** at: **11 a.m.** Register at www.memorywalk.ie

Ballon GFC Lotto. No's 03– 09 –13 – 28. **Lucky Dip Winners €25** Laurence Lennon, Kildavin, Ken Deacon, Ballykealy, Monica Percy, Forge Meadow, Toss Byrne, Bull Tree Bar Next Draw Mon 14th Sept 2026 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Jackpot €2,450. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

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

Outrun Hunger 2026: Runners and walkers wanted for Outrun Hunger 5k & 10k. Sat Oct 17th 10am Carlow Rugby Club Reg open at 8.30am. Medals, t-shirts and prizes. Whether you run, jog, or walk- you can help St Clare's food Kitchen Carlow "Outrun Hunger For full details or to book your place today by logging on to www.popupraces.ie/race/outrun-hunger-2026

Carlow Pioneers will present 10, 25, 50 and 60 Year Pins and Certificates to eligible members in Askea Parish Centre at 8:00 p.m. on Sat, 26 Sept Eligible members wishing to receive an award should register by contacting Anne (087 763 8695) between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, before Frid, 18th Sept 2026.

Music Classes for ages five up will be held in Ballon Community Centre on Fridays 3-4pm. Tutor Helen Dunbar, qualified tutor. For more info contact helendunbar76@gmail.com.

Kirwan Academy of Irish Dance classes every Wed in Ballon Community Centre at 5.30pm. Contact Emily Kirwan, 087-214 0324.

Clay connections- A community ceramics experience with Carlow Artist Michelle Eustace . in Ballon Community Hall, Fri 18th @ 8pm – 9.30. To book email. michelleeustace21@gmail.com

He Ain't Heavy

Gerard Condon is parish priest of Killavullen, Cork and director of mission and ministry in the Diocese of Cloyne

A nineteenth century parable from Scotland tells the story of a young girl carrying her infant brother along the road. The plump little boy seemed almost as big as the child herself. A passer-by, noticing her plight, asked if she was okay. Instantly came the reply. 'He ain't heavy. He's my brother' Her love for her younger sibling had given her a determination and a surprising strength. In 1940's, the slogan was adopted by Fr. Edward Flanagan for the community of children helping children that he founded at Boys Town, Nebraska. In 1960's Bobby Scott and Bob Russell composed a ballad around the idea. In 1969, the song became a worldwide hit for the Mancunian band the Hollies and, one year later, for Neil Diamond.

The support powerfully conveyed through the song find a parallel in the words of Jesus to 'come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest' (Mt11:28). The Good News is that Jesus shares the burdens that are carried by his disciples. Anxiety, stress and the sufferings we endure are alleviated when we turn to God. With that trust comes the responsibility to make the Gospel our guiding truth. However Jesus adds, 'my yoke is easy and my burden light' (Mt 11:30).

I love my cat. My cat doesn't care.

The more people I meet, the more I like my cat.

Thousands of years ago cats were worshiped as Gods. Cats have never forgotten this.

A man runs over a cat. The cat's address is on its collar so the man goes to apologise to the owner. He knocks on the door and a little old lady answers. The man says, "I'm so sorry, I've just run over your cat. Can I replace it? 'I don't know,' replies the old lady. 'How are you at catching mice?'