

R.I.P: James (Jimmy) O'Reilly, Rathrush, Rathoe

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 19th Ballon 6.00pm

Sun 20th Rathoe 10.00am

Patrick Shaw, Rathoe. M.M.
Billy Kirwan, Bendenstown
Dick & Kathleen Kavanagh,
Grangeford

Sun 20th Ballon 11.30am

Simon & Vera Kearney, Kilnock.

Tues 22nd Ballon 7.00pm

**Enrolment for Confirmation
Speaker: Dr. Robert McNamara**

Wed 23rd Rathoe 10.00am

Thurs 24th Ballon 10.00am

Fri 25th Rathoe 7.00pm

Sat 26th Ballon 6.00pm

Tim Kelly, Milltown, Kilbride

Sun 27th Rathoe 10.00am

Michael Carroll, Snr. and
Michael Carroll, Jnr, Bendenstown.
Pat Hogan & his parents
Kathleen & James, Rathnashannagh
& Matty Kelly.
Jack Hutton his wife Ann &
son-in-law Dick Murphy & deceased
members of the Hutton Family.

Sun 27th Ballon 11.30am

13/09/2026 Offertory €791.90. Envelopes €892.00

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

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Manual & Computerised Payroll starting on Mon 28th Sept 10am –1pm for 10 weeks. Manual & Computerised Bookkeeping starting Mon 28th Sept from 2-5pm. **Conversational Spanish**, Wed 30th Sept at 7pm. For 5 wks, cost €50. . **Stained Glass Christmas Decoration** Tues 13th Oct 4 wks €80. **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 info or how to apply, contact: BTEI Carlow. R93W227. Tel No: 059 9139532. Email: bteicarlow@kilkennycarlowetb.ie Web: www.fetchcourses.ie

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 03 - 11 - 19 - 27. No Winner: Lucky Dip Winners: €100: Pat Ryan, c/o Bingo. **€50.** Rose & John Whelan, Ballon Next weeks Lotto €2,250. Draw Tues 7.30pm.

Graiguecullen Bingo; Tues 22nd Sept St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 47 numbers €1,610. Double number €460. Lotto €3,150. Bonus Ball €2,450.

Ballon GFC Lotto. . No's 05– 21 –23 – 25. **Lucky Dip Winners €25** Eoin, Aidan & Rian Fanning, Laragh. Kathleen Fitzgerald, Craanpursheen, Tracy Murphy, Laragh, Fiona O'Donoghue, Graigueaspigogue. Next Draw Mon 21st Sept 2026 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Jackpot €2,500. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

Tai Chi for Health and Vitality, 5 week course of Tai Chi classes commencing on Fri morning 25/9/26 from 11 am to 12.30 am in An Gairdin Beo Community Centre, Next to St Leos Convent. info: Rosaleen Fadden 0860789241

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

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

Phone No: 059-9159959.

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

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.

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

Imitating Our Compassionate Master

I'll bet if you were asked at this moment to make up a list of your neighbours' sins, weaknesses, and faults, without blinking an eyelash you'd have a long list. But if I were to have you tell me something beautiful about your neighbour, even your family, you have to admit that the list of faults comes much more quickly. We need to focus on the beautiful qualities that the Father and the Son have planted in [our neighbours'] souls. Compassion heals. Compassion makes things grow. It makes a flower grow out of a garbage heap. It makes things that are desolate bloom. What are we afraid of? We're afraid of the demands of compassion. To be compassionate is to forget yourself. To be compassionate is to think more of your neighbour. It is to say to your neighbour, "Look, I know you have weaknesses; I know you have faults...but I, too, am a sinner. I have done other things that nobody has ever seen or knows about."...

Compassion frees you. Compassion transforms you into the image of the Father.... How divine it is to forgive. How divine not to judge. How divine to rejoice, like the father at the prodigal son. How divine to say, "Oh, I'm so glad you're back. I'm so glad you're repentant." Look through the eyes of the Father. Look with the heart of Jesus. Look with the power of the Spirit. The Spirit in you can purify you. The Spirit in you can make you love your brother, though you hate his sin. That is compassionate. Lord, make us all compassionate as the Father is compassionate.

Mother Angelica of the Annunciation, p.c.p.a. Mother Angelica († 2016) was a Poor Clare nun and founder of the Eternal Word Television Network.

Harry is in the VIP lounge of a transatlantic airline when he sees Richard Branson. Harry goes up to him and asks him a favour. 'I'm meeting an important client in a few minutes,' says Harry. Would you mind just passing by and say Hello? It would really impress my client if he thought I knew you.' Mr. Branson agrees to this harmless request and a few minutes later he spots Harry deep in conversation with his client. He walks up, taps Harry on the shoulder and says, 'Hi Harry. How are you doing? Harry turns around and says, 'Sod off, Branson, I'm busy.'

A celebrity is somebody who spends the first half of his life trying to become famous, and the second wearing dark glasses so no one will recognise them.