

R.I.P: Albert Glynn, Kilcoole & Patrick Shaw, England & Grangeford

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sun 6th Rathoe 10.00am	
Sun 6th Ballon 11.30am	Teresa Grant, Ballymogue, & deceased members of the Grant Family.
Tues 8th Ballon 7.00pm	
Wed 9th Rathoe 10.00	
Thurs 10th Rathoe 11.00am	Funeral Mass for Patrick Shaw
Fri 11th Rathoe 7.00pm	
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.
Sun 13th Ballon 11.30am	Tom Nolan, Balour

30/08/2026 Offertory €1019.30. Envelopes €816.80

To donate online: Ballon Rathoe Parish:

IBAN: IE24 BOFI 906689 79838964. BIC: BOFIE2D.

Ballon Rathoe Priests Fund: IBAN: IE07BOFI90668984337742. BIC: BOFIE2D

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

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

Watercolour Art starts 16th Sept €60. **Intermediate Sewing** starts 17th Sept 4 by 3 hours €60. **Jewellery Making** 16th Sept 3 hrs by 4 weeks €80. **3D Needle Felting** 7th Sept 6 sessions €60

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 01 - 07 - 11 - 24. No Winner: Lucky Dip Winners: €100: Patricia Kilbride, Bingo. **€50.** Bridget & Lar Kinsella, Bingo. Next weeks Lotto €2,150. Draw Tues 7.30pm.

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://periguseenergy.submit.com/show/4> For more information, visit: Community Benefit Fund - Perigus Energy

Graiguecullen Bingo; Tuesday 8th September 2026. St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 44 numbers €1350. Double number €320. Lotto €3,050. Bonus Ball €2,350.

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

Ballon GFC Lotto. No's 03-08-09-16. **Match 3 Winner 100:** Eilish Minchin, Lisgarvan. Next Draw Mon 7th Sept 2026 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Jackpot €2,400. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

Leighlin Dementia Friendly Community: We would like to welcome people living with Dementia and their carers to join us on Friday, Sept 11th in Leighlin Parish Centre (R93KR83) for a cuppa and a chat, 11.00 am - 12.30 p.m

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

Phone No: 059-9159959.

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**

Ballon Rathoe Parish Shop

Fenagh Road, Ballon R93FX93

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.

Harvest Thanksgiving—All Sanits,' Aghade Sunday 13th Sept, 7pm Speaker: The Rev. Maria Carlsson, Rector of Tullow Group of Parishes. Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Lester Scott, Rector and Mr. Eric Driver, Diocesan Reader. Organist. Mr. Stephen Adams. Collections in support of parish funds. Ballon parish choir will perform three special pieces.

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 Saturday, 26 September 2026. 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 Friday, 11 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.

Pre-Registration Training Course for Childminders: Are you a Childminder caring for children in your own home? Are you considering becoming a Childminder and wondering what steps to take next? Carlow CCC are delivering a FREE Pre-Registration Training Course for Childminders/potential Childminders, taking place on Wed, 30th Sept and 7th Oct, from 6.30pm-10pm, at Enterprise House, Carlow. Spaces are limited. Booking is essential. Please contact Eilish/Jean on 059 9140244 or email info@carlowccc.ie for further information or to book your place.

The Ecology of Peace in the Season of Creation

On September 17, 2010, I was at Westminster Abbey when Pope Benedict XVI and Archbishop Rowan Williams knelt together in prayer, marking the first time a Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury had done so publicly. An ecology is a network of relationships in which the flourishing of one part affects the flourishing of the whole. Peace is like this. It exists not only between nations but also between neighbours, communities, peoples, and generations. It extends into our relationship with the natural world and, ultimately, into the human heart. My family history has taught me about the cost of division. My grandfather was a Protestant officer in the Welsh Guards; my grandmother was a devout Roman Catholic. Their love was not easily accepted, so they had to relocate to England to marry. Decades later, their grandson found himself seated in St. Peter's Basilica at a Papal Mass, having been formed in part by Protestant clergy who had nurtured his musical and spiritual life. I cannot separate that experience from what I witnessed in Westminster Abbey and in Rome. History does change. Divisions that once seemed immovable can become relationships of friendship, prayer, and communion. The Season of Creation is ecumenical by design, and this matters. The Christian answer to division is not uniformity. It is communion. The Abbey and Sistine choirs did not become identical.

James Gordon Jones

I took my old car in for a service today—the mechanic advised me to keep the oil and change the car.

The reported says to the racing driver would you say it's very dangerous taking a corner at that speed. The driver says "it's very dangerous taking a corner at that speed".