

R.I.P: Paddy Butler, Kilbride	
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sat 10th Ballon 6.00pm	
Sun 11th Rathoe 10.00am	Colette Hickey, Ardristan, 1st Ann Conor Duffy, Kylemore Tommy & Winfred Sheppard, Glenogue Jim Kennedy, Tenneclash
Sun 11th Ballon 11.30am	
Tues 13th Ballon 7.00pm	Prayer Service
Wed 14th Rathoe 10.00am	Prayer Service
Thurs 15th Ballon 10.00am	Prayer Service
Fri 16th Rathoe 7.00pm	Prayer Service
Sat 17th Ballon 6.00pm	Billy Smyth, Ballon Hill
Sun 18th Rathoe 10.00am	Pauline Byrne, Kilcoole Marie Kennedy, Gilbertstown & deceased members of Kennedy Family. Mary Larkin, Ballynunnery & her son Pat, her mother & father Paddy & Margaret Larkin, her brothers Pat & Michael Larkin
Sun 18th Ballon 11.30am	Tom Nolan, Boggan, Patrick Doyle, Ballon Hill.

04/10/2026 Offertory €840.70 Envelopes €705.50
Harvest Collection: Please support the Harvest collection, you will find an envelope in your box of envelopes or there are spare ones in both churches.
PARISH ENVELOPES: A box of envelopes for 2026-27 is available for each household in the Parish. We have re-allocated the numbers so if you have a different number from last year, don't be surprised. The envelopes will be available in both Churches. If you are collecting your own box, you might be so good as to drop off your neighbours box. Thank you for your continued contributions over the past year. Spare envelopes are also available if you didn't get one.
To donate online: Ballon Rathoe Parish: IBAN: IE24 BOFI 906689 79838964. BIC: BOFIE2D.
B/R 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
October Courses: **Beginners Machine sewing** -Tues 6th Oct 10am -1pm
Beginners Crochet - Tues 13th Oct - 7pm - 8pm. **Flower Arranging** - Friday 16th Oct - 10.30 - 12.30. **Autumnal Wreath Making** - Wed 21st Oct - 10am - 1pm. **Watercolour Art** - Wed 28th Oct - 2pm -4pm
Intermediate Machine Sewing - Thurs 22nd Oct - 1pm-4pm
Art of Healing - Sat 10th Oct 10am - 1pm
Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 04 - 12 - 17 - 21. No Winner: Lucky Dip
Winners: €100: Jack French, Bingo. **€50.** Kevin Hutton, The Valley
 Next weeks Lotto €2,400. Draw Tues 7.30pm.
Graiguecullen Bingo; Tues 13th Oct St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.
 Jackpot on 48 numbers €2,000. Double number €670. Lotto €3,300.
 Bonus Ball €2,600.
Rathoe Active Retirement Group: A.G.M. on Wednesday 21st October at 3.30pm in Rathoe Hall. New members welcome.
Wanted: 2 Bedroom furnished apartment in Ballon Village for 2 adults and 2 children., no pets. Phone Filza on 083-3209244 or 083-1658955

Parish Office & Shop, Fenagh Road, Ballon. R93 FX93
Phone No: 059-9159959. Email: ballonrathoeaparish@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.
Annual Remembrance Mass: St. Luke's General Hospital for Carlow/ Kilkenny will take place on Wed 21st Oct 2026 at 7:30pm in St. Canice's Church, Kilkenny for families and loved ones of patients who have died in our hospital. For the patients who have died between 1st Sept 25 and 31st Aug, 26. The Mass can also be viewed via the following link: <https://www.stcanicesparish.ie/web-cam/>. All are welcome.
Ballon GFC Lotto. . No's 06– 13 –16 – 28. **Lucky Dip Winners €50**
 Liam Kelly, Bunclody, Leslie Anne Stephens, Kilbride. Next Draw Mon 12th Oct 2026 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Jackpot €2,650. Tickets €2.
 Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>
Connect Magazine: It is that time of the year again for articles for the 2026 edition. Anyone who promised Breeda an article, now is the time to fulfil your promise. Anyone who has anything to contribute– articles or photographs, please email them to breedamcdonald46@gmail.com before the middle of October.
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 County Council invites applications for the post of Temporary Relief/Substitute School Wardens in the Ballon and Tullow areas. Please contact the Human Resources Section at 059 9129766 for further details.
Fighting Cocks CLG AGM will take place on November 20th at 8pm in Rathoe Community Hall. Members are invited to submit nominations for election to the Executive Committee and motions for consideration at the AGM. Nominations and motions must be received no later than Nov 6th.
Sum of money found in Ballon Graveyard, owner can have same by contacting Ballon Rathoe Parish office. 059-9159959
Ardattin run walk 5 /10 km Sun 18th Oct Please register with just run events. Bespoke medals for all finishers. Excellent cash and spot prizes. Raffle also. 11.30 start All proceeds go towards Ardattin village

Called and Known by God
 In each person there is something that will never be understood by anybody. This thing is the precise cause of our solitude, of this solitude which is intrinsic to us. Our first task is to accept this "primordial" solitude.
 There are many ways of refusing to accept it. For some this takes the form of turning in on themselves, the whining silence– a malignant silence– of a "nobody– ever understands me" kind. Others take the opposite extreme. A relentless need to explain themselves or, more often, to bring people to understand every detailed nuance of their way of thinking.
 In both cases they can't get rid of their frustration whether in silence or in speech.... The day when we understand that this incurable rift between ourselves and others is the place God calls us– through all the loves we have experienced, the influences we have undergone, the honings we have suffered, the selves that we are-by our own unique name, we will have effected that great conversation that turns solitude from a curse to a blessing.
Venerable Madeline Delbrel (+1964) was a French laywoman and writer devoted to caring for the poor and to evangelizing culture.
