30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sat 24th Ballon 6.00pm	Hugh & Fiach O'Byrne, Ballykealy
Sun 25th Rathoe 10.00am	
Sun 25th Ballon 11.30am	Tom & Mary Curry, Milltown
Tues 27th Ballon 7.00pm	
Wed 28th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 29th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 30th Rathoe 7.00pm	
Sat 31st Ballon 6.00pm	Kathleen & Terry Duncan and deceased members of the Walsh Family, Kilnock
Sun 1st Rathoe 10.00am	Stan & Joan Brophy, Castlemore.
Sun 1st Ballon 11.30am	

18/10/2026 Offertory €852.30. Envelopes €778.55

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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.

October and World Mission Sunday is a time for the faithful of the world to show their appreciation towards the work of overseas missionaries. Envelopes for Mission Sunday in both Churches.

PARISH ENVELOPES: A box of envelopes for 2026-27 is available for each household in the Parish. . 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 need one.

Synodal Pathway Update: National Synodal Assembly: Saturday, 17 October, was a momentous and historic day in the life of the Irish Church in which over a dozen delegates from our diocese participated. Locally in our parishes there is much to receive from the prayer, listening and discernment of the past five years. The working document for the assembly is still a valuable document for parishes and a number of accounts and reports from the day can be viewed in the latest news section of www.synod.ie

Ballon Business & Training Service, The Old School, Ballon. Tel: 059-915-9447. Mob: 085-876-4743. ballonbts@gmail.com **Courses: Kiln fired pottery** - Thurs 5th Nov 10am -1pm. **Needle Felting** - Mon 2nd Nov 10am -12.30pm **5 steps to stress management**- Sat 11th Nov 10am -1pm. **Festive table centrepieces'** - Mon 14th Dec 2pm - 5pm .**Christmas Wreath workshop** Fri 11th Dec 2pm - 5pm .**Watercolour Art** - Wed 28th Oct - 2pm -4pm

Burrin Celtic Lotto: **No's 06 - 13 - 22 - 29. No Winner: Lucky Dip Winners: €100:** Betty Nolan, c/o Bingo. **€50.** Diana Stynes c/o Siopa Gla. Next weeks Lotto €2,500. Draw Tues 7.30pm.

Graiguecullen Bingo; Tues 27th Oct St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 40 no. €700. Double number €320. Lotto €3,400. Bonus Ball €2,700.

Pickleball continues every Monday evening in Ballon hall. New players always welcome, first session is free of charge. All equipment provided just come along and have some fun. Contact Anto on 085 7639533.

Living Well Expo running in Mount Wolseley on Wed 25th @ 9:30am - 1pm Contact 087 2145262 or agefriendlycarlow@carlowcoco.ie

Ballon Rambling House this Sunday in Ballon GFC at 7pm. All welcome.

Caint agus Caife an Forge Restaurant Déardaoin 29th Oct ag 10.30am R93PC64. Filte Roimh Gach Éinne. Bain sult as deoch te agus comhra!

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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.

Ballon GFC Lotto. . No's **07– 13 –18 – 21. Match Three Winner €100** TJ. O'Sullivan, Fenagh Road. Next Draw Mon 26th Oct 2026 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Jackpot €2,750. 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.

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.

Loop Resistance Class 45 minutes of full-body strength training. Thurs 5th, 12th, 19th &26th Nov. 8-8.45am. Cost €45. Ph: 0851406359 to book.

The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers. As a volunteer driver you would be bringing patients undergoing chemotherapy to the hospital and back home for their treatment. Gifting your time means that cancer patients will have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their lifesaving treatment. If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving licence, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. The Irish Cancer Society will provide you with training before you start as a driver for us. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most. For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie

Congratulations to Ballon GFC on winning the Intermediate County Final beating Tinryland. A great achievement for the team. Also congrats to the Junior C Team on their great win over Fenagh and to the Junior Ladies Football who had a fantastic win over Ballinkillen. Well done to the three teams and their mentors.

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Thoughts for the Day

'An evangeliser must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral' ***Pope Francis***

'Go forth and set the world on fire.' ***Saint Ignatius of Loyola***

'Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.' ***Pope Benedict XVI***

'It is no use walking somewhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching.' ***Saint Francis of Assisi.***

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They say children always brighten a home it is because they never turn off the lights.

Just when children get old enough so you can stand them, they can't stand you.!

I wrote that song myself, he announced, its nice of you to take the blame, they replied.

That is a nice suit you are wearing, I wonder if that style will ever come back.

Ballon Web Cam: YouTube · St Peter & Pauls Church Ballon