

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 3rd Ballon 6.00pm	John & Kitty Dawson, Maple Lawn Teresa Canavan, Church Street
Sun 4th Rathoe 10.00am	Barbara Gahan, Rathoe M.M. Billy & Kitty Eustace, Castlemore. Margaret (Madge) & Thomas Aughney, Roscatt. Timothy & Mary O'Neill, Kellistown Kathleen & Michael Doyle, Rathoe
Sun 4th Ballon 11.30am	
Tues 6th Ballon 7.00pm Wed 7th Rathoe 10.00am Thurs 8th Ballon 10.00am Fri 9th Rathoe 7.00pm	Joann (Josie) Ippolito, Kilmurray
Sat 10th Ballon 6.00pm Sun 11th Rathoe 10.00am	Colette Hickey, Ardristan, 1st Ann Conor Duffy, Kylemore Tommy & Winfred Sheppard, Glenogue
Sun 11th Ballon 11.30am	

27/09/2026 Offertory €855.75. Envelopes €823.55

PARISH ENVELOPES: A box of envelopes for 2027-27 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

Flower arranging 16/10/2026 10.30am -12.30pm. **Pilates** 12/10/2026

6pm - 7pm . **Beginners Machine Sewing** 06/10/2026 10am - 1pm

Intermediate sewing 22/10/2026 1pm - 4pm. **Watercolour art** 28/10/2026 2pm-4pm

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 05 - 18 - 22 - 27. No Winner: Lucky Dip

Winners: €100: Martin Doyle, Bingo. **€50.** Cian Byrne, Kilnock

Next weeks Lotto €2,350. Draw Tues 7.30pm.

Graiguecullen Bingo; Tues 6th Oct St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers €1,870. Double number €600. Lotto €3,250. Bonus Ball €2,550.

Ballon GFC Lotto. . No's 02- 16 -19 - 29. **Lucky Dip Winners €35**

John Kelly, Ballon Hill, Nuala O'Dwyer, Waterford, Josie Murphy, Conaberry. Next Draw Mon 5th Oct 2026 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm.

Jackpot €2,550. Tickets €2. Play on line <https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ>

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

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.

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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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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.

Anam Cara Monthly Parent Support Evening: Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wed 14th Oct at 7.30pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age their child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

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.popupaces.ie/race/outrun-hunger-2026

Fed by the Lord of the Sabbath

Where will you get the joy of loving?- in the Eucharist, Holy Communion. Jesus has made himself the bread of life to give us life. Night and day, he is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that adoration.....

Look at the tabernacle.....Is my heart so clean that I can see Jesus there? To make it easy for you and for me to see Jesus, he made himself the bread of life, so that we may have a life of peace, a life of joy. Find Jesus, and you will find peace.

Every moment of prayer, especially before our Lord in the tabernacle, is a sure positive gain. The time we spend in having our daily audience with God is the most precious part of our day.

Sanit Teresa of Calcutta (+1997) founded the Missionaries of Charity and won the Nobel Peace Prize

St. Thérèse of Lisieux reminds us that holiness does not require grand, heroic deeds. Instead, her "Little Way" invites us to find God in the ordinary moments of daily life—through small acts of kindness, patience, and deep trust in His love. As she famously promised to let a "shower of roses" fall from heaven, let us ask her to intercede for our families, our parish, and all who are sick or carrying heavy burdens

Three priests go on a silent retreat at a remote Monastery.

The rule of the retreat is absolute silence for a full week—no speaking, no whispering, nothing. On the third day, the first priest accidentally breaks the rule and says, I forgot to pack my extra pair of socks. The second priest turns to him and gasps, you are not suppose to talk. The third priest shakes his head, roll his eyes, and mutters, I'm the only one here keeping quiet.

Why does Granny read the bible so much, I think she is cramming for her finals.

Priest: "Did you like my homily on 'The Milk of Human Kindness'?"

Parishioner: "Yes, but I wish it had been condensed!"