32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Sat 7th Ballon 6.00pm	Holy Souls
Sun 8th Rathoe 10.00am	Edwin Cole, Rathrush, 1st Ann Seamus Connolly, Tobinstown Aine & James Connolly, Kellistown Harriet & Michael Brophy, Kellistown
Sun 8th Ballon 11.30am	
Tues 10th Ballon 7.00pm	
Wed 11th Rathoe 10.00am	
Thurs 12th Ballon 10.00am	
Fri 13th Rathoe 7.00pm	
Sat 14th Ballon 6.00pm	Paddy Butler, Kilbride, **M.M.** Peadar Jordan, Milltown
Sun 15th Rathoe 10.00am	Mai Roche, Rathoe Tom & Mary Doyle, Kellistown
Sun 15th Ballon 11.30am	Margaret & Rex Barry, Ballinadrum

01/11/2026 Offertory €816.70. Envelopes €2530.00
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In November We Remember: As we remember in a particular way in November those who have died, **A prayer leaflet is also available in both churches**

Caragh Church to Enshrine Relics of St Carlo Acutis: The Church of Our Lady and St Joseph in Caragh, Co. Kildare, will host a special celebration at 6.30pm on Thursday, 19 November 2026, for the enshrinement of the first-class relics of St Carlo Acutis. The chief celebrant will be Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin. The occasion follows a special journey to Assisi in September by Fr. Ruairí Ó Domhnaill, PP Newbridge, and Fr. Joe McDermott, PE CC Caragh, to retrieve the relics and accompany them on their journey home to Ireland. Their pilgrimage marks a significant moment for the local faith community, bringing a tangible connection with the life and witness of one of the Catholic Church's most inspiring modern saints. All welcome.

Ballon Business & Training Service, The Old School, Ballon. Tel: 059-915-9447. Mob: 085-876-4743. ballonbts@gmail.com
Courses: Festive table centrepieces' - Mon 14th Dec 2pm - 5pm .**Christmas Wreath workshop** Fri 11th Dec 2pm - 5pm . Join us for an exciting **hands-on workshop in pyrography**, where you'll learn the art of wood burning. Perfect for all skill levels, our session will guide you through techniques to create stunning designs, enhancing your creativity and craft skills. Discover the joy of transforming wood into art while connecting with fellow enthusiasts in a professional and welcoming environment on 19 Nov 2026 at 6pm for 3hours. Cost €35

Graiguecullen Bingo; Tues 10th November St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 42 numbers. €960. Double number €460. Lotto €3,500. Bonus Ball €2,800

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.

Congratulations to Ballon Improvement Group on their Tidy Towns Results, winning a Bronze Medal, being number 2 in Carlow and increasing their marks by 17. Well done to all involved. Thanks to all the volunteers who made it possible

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Fr. Jim O'Connell 086 810 2675

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Christmas Mass Bouquets, Christmas Cribs, & snow globes, Christmas rosary beads. Religious & non religious Christmas cards. Large selection of Cards for all occasions. prayer books, rosary beads, gift sets and gift wallets in stock. ***Beautiful selection of new stock.***

Ballon GFC Lotto. . No's **07– 08 –10 – 30. Match Three Winner €100** Olive O'Byrne, Ballonvalley. Next Draw Mon 9th November 2026 in Fr. Flood House at 9pm. Jackpot €2,750. Tickets €2. Play on line https://bit.ly/3FuNdhZ

Burrin Celtic Lotto: **No's 01 - 03 - 04 - 12. No Winner: Lucky Dip Winners: €100:** Joe Doyle, Ballon. **€50.** Martina Walsh, Ballon Next weeks Lotto €2,600. Draw Tues 7.30pm.

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.

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.

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

CHRISTMAS MARKET IN RATHOE | STALLHOLDERS WANTED
Rathoe Community Group: Sunday, 29 November 2026. 10:30am to 5:00pm. Rathoe Parish Hall. Festive Treats Santa, Arriving by steam train at 1pm. Raffle prizes, stands, lots to see and do. Stall fee: €40. Bookings and enquiries**:** info@rathoecommunity.com. **Fundraising purpose.** According to the organisers, the market is being held in aid of the local community's objection to the proposed Rathrush Hydrogen Plant. Anyone interested in securing a stall is encouraged to contact Rathoe Community Group directly. **Organised by: Rathoe Community Group**

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David Quinn V Mary McAleese

Opposing infant baptisms is a severe attack on parents.
Among the ultra-progressive, it is now the done thing not to tell people what the sex is of their new born child. Declaring to the world that the child is a boy or girl is considered an unfair imposition of a gender stereotype on the child. The child should be given the freedom to decide for themselves later in life whether they are a boy or girl. They should also be allowed to declare themselves gender non-binary: that is neither a boy or a girl. Such a measure would, of course, affect not just the Catholic Church, but nearly all Churches. The State would stop parents making their children members of a Church in a formal sense. We live in a deeply sexist and gendered society which creates certain expectations for boys and certain expectations for girls. And those things are changing in a positive direction, but there's a very, very long way to go.
(from the Irish Catholic)

If you want to kill Christianity you must abolish Sunday.
Voltaire

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When I give a sermon, I accept that people look at their watches, but what I do not tolerate is when they look at it and raise it to their ear to find out if it has stopped.

Before I speak, I have something important to say……..

Ballon Web Cam: YouTube · St Peter & Pauls Church Ballon. You tube St. Patrick's Church, Rathoe