

**Clonmore Parish Lotto:** Last week's numbers: 10, 18, 23, 22.

Winner: No winner.

Next Week's Jackpot: €1,800; Jackpot plus Bonus number: €2,800  
€40 prize winners: Tony Keogh c/o Bingo; Denis Keogh Snr.,  
Ballyconnell; Sadie Tompkins, Coolkenno; Nigel Kelly, Clonmore,  
Brona Keogh; Kilquiggan.

### *Thought for The Week*

## CHILDREN'S SAYINGS

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She walked around to look at the artwork. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "but no one knows what God looks like. Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her 5 and 6-year-olds. After explaining the commandment "Honour thy Father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters? Without missing a beat one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."



An honest 7-year-old admitted calmly to her parents that Billy Brown had kissed her after class. "How did that happen?" gasped her mother. "It wasn't easy," admitted the young lady, "but three girls helped me catch him."

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast to her brunette hair. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom? Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white. The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Momma, how come all of grandma's hairs are white?"

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say: "There's Jennifer; she's a lawyer, or that's Michael. He's a doctor." A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher. She's dead".

*Have a Wonderful Week*

# PARISH NEWSLETTER



The Baptism of the Lord  
13<sup>th</sup>. January

## PARISH CENTRE

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## The Baptism of the Lord

*Today's Gospel tells us that the people were 'filled with expectation'. It sounds like a very exciting time as they wonder who this prophet John could be. John must have been a very dynamic and inspiring preacher as the people speculated if he were the one they had been waiting for. He uses all of this attention for one purpose: to point people to Jesus. There are many people in our own lives who have pointed us towards Jesus, perhaps by an invitation to an event or a retreat or by sharing a reflection with us at just the right time. In them, we see something special and interesting that makes us wonder in our hearts and seek a little further. They are the John the Baptists in our lives, pointing us towards the Lord like signposts along the way.*

*John humbly responds to the people by saying: 'One who is more powerful than I, is coming.' He emphasises that it is He who will really set their hearts on fire. While the words concerning 'winnowing forks' seem harsh, we might interpret them as speaking of God's power to transform our lives through Jesus. When Jesus enters into the narrative, Luke emphasises that He is at prayer, and it is then that this powerful experience of God occurs. A nice meditation for today is to repeat the last sentence of today's Gospel, imagining God speaking these words to you: 'You are my Daughter/Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'*

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>. Mass:9.30;**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Mass at 9.30 followed by Holy Hour.**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9.30. Friday 18<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 7.30 pm**

**Collections: Envelopes €366 Baskets €305 Bingo €700 Lotto: €715**

**Envelopes returned:86**

**Envelopes Winner: MAUREEN & DAN KEEGAN**

We would encourage you to use your parish envelopes as we can claim back tax on your generous contribution, if you did not get a chance to leave it in at mass, you can drop it into the Parish office.

Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish.

As you can see from our Parish Finances audit each year, The Parish Lotto and Bingo are a very significant contributor to our finances. We are very grateful to all who support it and in particular our Lotto promotors. Half yearly and yearly membership gift tokens - €100 for the full year and €50 for 6 months, are available from the Lotto sellers and may be used at Christmas, birthdays and other occasions. It is worth a serious consideration.

**Anniversaries**

**THIS WEEK**

**Ballyconnell 12<sup>th</sup>.**

*Mick Furlong, Crecrin, 1<sup>st</sup>. Anniv. Alice Furlong. Donnacha Mulvihill, Ballyconnell Tom & Miley O'Rourke, Aghold and deceased family members Mary Peg Carroll, Liscolman Rita McCarthy & Gerry McCarthy, Ballyconnell*

**Kilquiggan 13<sup>th</sup>.**

Mary Moran, Kilquiggan Catherine Byrne, Aghowle Lr.

**NEXT WEEK**

**Ballyconnell 19<sup>th</sup>.**

Josie Keogh Jimmy O'Byrne Killabeg and all deceased family members. John O'Brien and deceased members of O'Brien Family

**Clonmore 20<sup>th</sup>.**

Margaret Dowling, Minvaud Thomas & Mary Fitzharris, Bellshill Jane Hickey, Raheen, Sarah Bowes, Killinure. Michael Strahan Month's mind and his son Kevin. Daniel Doyle, Carroree and members of Doyle Family. Mary Molloy, Carroree and deceased members of Molloy Family

**COLLECTORS FOR JANUARY**

<b><u>Ballyconnell</u> Domnic Nolan Ruaidhri Coleman</b>	<b><u>Kilquiggan</u> Michael Kelly Ned Bowes</b>	<b><u>Clonmore</u> Mick Nolan Tom Cashen</b>
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**ALTAR SOCIETY**

<b><u>Ballyconnell:</u> Mary Doyle</b>	<b><u>Kilquiggan:</u></b>
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**Cooking Lessons with Ger:** Starting 24<sup>th</sup>. January in Clonmore Parish Hall at 8 pm. 6 weeks course, all are welcome.

The ICA are starting chair yoga classes in Ballyconnell hall on Monday 14th Jan at 7.30pm. It is a 6-week course cost €30 or €5 per night. Tutor will be Bernie Deegan. It is part funded by Go For Life and is Open to all.

Dance Classes continue in **Clonmore Community Hall** on Monday nights from 7.30 - 9.30pm. Learn to Jive, Waltz, Quick Step. All are welcome beginners and advanced.

**Are you? Struggling with Anxiety or Depression? Finding Life Difficult? Isolated? GROW is here to help you.**

Our Mental Health Support groups are free and confidential and open to all, no referral or booking needed. Meeting Times are:

Tuesday @ 10am. Venue: Grow Office Barrack Street Kilkenny

Tuesday @ 7.45pm Venue: St Catherine's Social Services Centre Joseph's Road Carlow Town (Across from the train station)

Wednesday @ 8pm Venue: Grow Office Barrack Street Kilkenny

Friday @ 10.30am. Venue: Grow Office Barrack Street Kilkenny

(CEART grp: mental health effects of living with chronic pain/long term illness)

**You are invited** to join with the **Church of Ireland, Methodist and Catholic** communities in Carlow Town, in a **walk towards unity** to celebrate **Church Unity Week**

When: Sunday 20th January. Time: 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Venue: Beginning at the Methodist Church, walking to St. Mary's, (Church of Ireland), finishing in the Cathedral of the Assumption.

**Looking for an exciting challenge in the New Year?** Carlow College, St. Patrick's will run short 8-week evening courses starting on the 24<sup>th</sup>. January where our lecturers will help you broaden your perspectives, gain knowledge and help you develop exciting new skills. The courses include: Actually, reading Ulysses; The Medieval World; Irish Identity: Past, Present, Future and songs of love and hate: The world as seen through the work of songwriters and poets Leonard Cohen & Paul Simon. For further information visit: [www.CarlowCollege.ie](http://www.CarlowCollege.ie) or email [admissionscc@carlowcollege.ie](mailto:admissionscc@carlowcollege.ie)