

**Clonmore Parish Lotto:** Last week's numbers: 4, 2, 5, 17.

Winner: No winner.

Next Week's Jackpot: €1,900; Jackpot plus Bonus number: €2,900  
€40 prize winners: Ned Rossiter, Coolkenno; Domnic Nolan, Killinure; Margaret Dalton, Rath; Lily Doyle, Bagenalstown, Josephine Gilcrist c/o Bingo.

**Coolkenno GAA Lotto:** Last week's numbers: 1, 4, 6, 15.

Winner: No Winner

This week's jackpot €2,500. Next Draw: 21<sup>st</sup>. January in the Dying Cow.  
4 Lucky Dip Winners: Jamie & Daragh Murray; Brian Plunkett; Gemma Doyle; Thomas Murphy

### COLLECTORS FOR JANUARY

<b>Ballyconnell</b> Domnic Nolan Ruaidhri Coleman	<b>Kilquiggan</b> Michael Kelly Ned Bowes	<b>Clonmore</b> Mick Nolan Tom Cashen
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### *Thought for The Week*

## WEALTH

Wealth is not the things we own - A stately house upon a hill, Paintings, rugs and tapestries, or servants taught to do one's will. In luxury a man may dwell, As lonely as in a prison cell. Wealth is not a plenteous purse, the bonds that one has stored away, A boastful balance in a bank, Or



jeweled baubles fools display. The things that really gratify Are things that money cannot buy. Wealth is health, a cheerful heart, an ear that hears a robin's song. A mind content, some treasured friends, and fragrant memories lingering long. Living is an

inward art - All lasting wealth is in the heart!

Alfred Grant Walton

*Have a Wonderful Week*

# PARISH NEWSLETTER



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
20<sup>th</sup>. January

## PARISH CENTRE

Opening hours from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm. Tuesday and Friday.

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## World Day of Migrants & Refugees

### 'The First of His Signs'

This is a familiar story, rich in symbolism. It is the first 'sign' recorded in John's Gospel. These 'signs' in John's Gospel are miracle stories but John prefers to use the term 'sign,' as they point to something far more than just the miracle itself. John used these signs to encourage belief in his readers but they are also an invitation for us to understand something more of how God operates in our lives.

Jesus transforms the water which would be used for the Jewish purification rite. He takes something used to give life to people, and transforms it into something which brings joy, celebration and new life to the party. There are many messages we can take from this account: the ability of God to transform our lives, to transform that which is dead and stale. The abundance of wine (approx. 700 litres!) is a significant reminder of the abundance of God's love for us, beyond our comprehension.

We could also focus on the role of Mary in this Gospel - she is the one who notices, she is attentive to the needs of those around her and brings this concern to Jesus. We might pray today that we too may be able to notice, to see, to intervene when we are faced with situations that need attention. This may be a situation of injustice or it may be a situation where something in our own lives or in our church has become dead and stale and is in desperate need of new wine.

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mass:9.30;**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mass at 9.30 followed by Holy Hour.**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9.30. Friday 25<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 7.30 pm**

Collections: Envelopes €363 Baskets €462 Bingo €665

Lotto -23Dec. & 13 Jan.: €3575

Envelopes returned:78. Envelope Winner: Michael Carthy

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.

## Anniversaries

### **THIS WEEK**

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

Josie Keogh, Ballyconnell,  
Jimmy O'Byrne Killabeg and all  
deceased family members.  
John O'Brien and deceased members of  
O'Brien Family  
Mikey Doyle, Knockballystine

#### **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

### **NEXT WEEK**

#### **Ballyconnell 26<sup>th</sup>**

Matthew & Mary Quinn,  
Knockeen  
Moira Kelly, Kilquiggan

#### **Kilquiggan 27<sup>th</sup>**

James O'Brien Jnr. Quiggan  
Roe.  
Carmel Bailey, Coolkenno.  
Theresa Roche (nee Condron),  
Chapel Cottages, Kilquiggan and  
her sister Brigid Pollard, Chapel  
Cottages  
Peg Timmons, Coolkenno

## ALTAR SOCIETY

**Ballyconnell:**  
**Angela Doyle**

**Kilquiggan:**

Ballyconnell ICA January meeting will be held in Ballyconnell Hall on  
Monday, January 20th.

'Chair Yoga' starts at 7 30 sharp and will be followed by tea and our meeting.

All are welcome.

## **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WALKING PART OF THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO?**

**We are organising a group who would like to walk part of the Portuguese Camino de Santiago from 20<sup>th</sup>. August - 27<sup>th</sup>. August. Watch this space for further details.**

**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)

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

**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.

### **Presentation on the New Junior Cycle Reform**

**Tullow Community School** is inviting parents of First, Second and Third Year students to a presentation outlining the main changes which are being introduced across the New Junior Cycle. The presentation will take place on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup>. January 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Community School.

**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.CarlowColleg.ie](http://www.CarlowColleg.ie) or email [admissionscc@carlowcollege.ie](mailto:admissionscc@carlowcollege.ie)