

Clonmore Parish Lotto: Last week's numbers: 15, 24, 3, 11 No winner
Next Week's Jackpot: €1200; Jackpot plus Bonus number: €2,200
€40 prize winners: T. Haskins, Stratnakelly; Hanna Lawlor, Ballyconnell;
Paudric Mernagh, Tullow; Edel Cousins c/o Bingo; Biddy Smithers c/o Bingo.

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 13, 15, 23, 24. No winner
This week's jackpot €3,300. Next Draw: 18th. March: Crab Lane.
Lucky Dip Winners: Elizabeth Walker; Alice Molloy; Joey & Susan Hogan;
Thomas Walke

Thought for The Week



Don't call it "Paddy's Day" or "Paddy's". This is a day to recall the faith we have received and by which we seek to be guided. This is a day to be proud of who we are and the difference we have made. This is a day to hope that all that is good and true in our faith and church might shine a-fresh, reach out to all and stir up within

our people a desire to please God and look after one another in a way that is meaningful, sincere and rooted in compassion and kindness. This is not so much a day to drown the shamrock as to rejoice in the waters of baptism. It is not so much a day to watch the parade as to be in it - partaking fully in the journey of a nation and a people and in the search for depth. This is a time to find our roots, remember who planted us and to yield our fruit in due season. Being of Ireland today should be a badge of honour. Being Irish today means being faithful to the many good people who have paved the way for us. It is about remembering the countries that made us welcome and having an eye towards the countries seeking our welcome. It is about doing the right thing by and for people because it's the right thing to do. Today is a day to hear the music, sing the song, dance the dance and be one with others. It's not a day for begrudgery or bitterness, a day for hostility or anger but a day to remember the prayer of St Patrick:

"Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ above and Christ below"

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Lent
17th. March

PARISH CENTRE

Opening hours from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm.
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St. Patrick

Happy St Patrick's Day! - a day when we remember the roots of the Christian faith in Ireland. There is no doubt that to be a Christian in Ireland today is difficult. Often it is easier to hide our faith, to avoid ridicule, arguments and debates which can wear us down. However, today we should take example and energy from St Patrick. His story was not a walk in the park either. We celebrate our Christian identity today and celebrate the Gospel message that a courageous Patrick brought to us, a message that was preserved and passed on; a message that is very relevant to today's world and which continues to nourish and sustain us. Take heart from the parable of the Mustard Seed in the Gospel today. The mustard seed plant is sometimes wild and out of control. Author and activist, Shane Claiborne, compares it to kudzu, a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas, smother trees, even crack stone buildings and footpaths. The shrub was banned in certain areas of Palestine because of how it could completely take over gardens. When we are struggling with being a Christian in modern Ireland, feeling excluded in a world that wants to forget God, we can take courage from the parable of the mustard seed. It grew in places where it was not wanted. You might recall the people in your own life who nourished your faith and who guided you along your spiritual path. 'I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's shield to protect me.' (St Patrick's Breastplate)

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 19th. Mass:9.30; Wednesday20th Mass at 9.30.
Thursday 21st. Mass at 9.30 Friday 24th. Mass at 7.30

Collections: Envelopes €405; Baskets €390

Envelopes returned: 91 Envelope Winner: Bridie Healy

Bingo: €220; Lotto: €.435. Bingo Jackpot: €800

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 16th. March.

Clonmore 17th. March

Daniel & Monica Tompkins, Clonmore
Thomas Byrne, Ballyduff; William Byrne,
Clonmore. Elizabeth Kavanagh.

NEXT WEEK

Ballyconnell 23rd. March

Kilquiggan 24th. March

James & Nora Clare, Ballynultagh

Afternoon Tea Dance in the community Hall Clonmore on Sunday March 31st. Doors open at 3. Admission €10. Refreshments served.
Music by Staurt Moyle. Your support would be appreciated.

Towards Peace is a service offering spiritual support to those who have experienced abuse perpetrated by Church personnel, individually or institutionally. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space for people and their families, whose spiritual life has been damaged by abuse. It is also a response to the continually growing understanding of the spiritual impact of the trauma of abuse. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God and spirituality, Towards Peace is here for you.

www.towardspeace.ie Tel: 01 505 3028. Mobile: 086 7710533.

Up to twelve sessions are available and there is no fee.

COLLECTORS FOR MARCH

Ballyconnell
Jim Dunne
Paul Osborne

Kilquiggan
Pat Murphy
Ned Bowes

Clonmore
Paddy Lawlor
Liam Hickey

ALTAR SOCIETY

Ballyconnell:
Betty O'Brien

Kilquiggan:
Angela O'Neill/ Helen Rossiter

Sunday Mass – Digging Deeper:

*As Part of our Lenten
our understanding of the
The Highpoint of our
resources can be viewed on*



*Journey, lets dig deeper into
celebration of Sunday Mass –
Christian Life together. All
Kandle.ie*

Lent is a great time to turn back to the Lord, to go deeper, to listen to the Lord speak to our hearts. Please join us on Tuesday evenings, 7-8pm for Eucharistic Adoration with reflective music and prayers. This will be held between Kilquiggan & Clonmore churches:
12 March - Clonmore, 19 March - Kilquiggan, 26 March - Clonmore, 2 April - Kilquiggan, 9 April Clonmore & 16 April - Kilquiggan.

Pre-Marriage Course

Accord Carlow are now taking bookings for the following courses

May 10th & 11th, June 7th & 8th, Sept 6th & 7th, Oct 4th & 5th

You are required to attend a Pre-marriage course if you are getting married in a Catholic Church. Please book early to avoid disappointment as there are no course in July and August. Booking on line: at www.accord.ie. For further information contact Mary: 059-9138738

Sr. Helen Culhane - Laois Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) co-ordinators are delighted to invite you to a presentation by Sr. Helen Culhane. Sr Helen is coming to Mountmellick to share her experiences and lessons learned through her inspirational work within the Children's Grief Centre which she established in Limerick in 2009. This talk will be of interest to anyone wishing to support a child or family affected by loss. March 25, 2019 11:30am, Mountmellick Community School, Co. Laois. Book your place before March 15th by Email hscl@stjosephsgns.ie or text 0870984417 / 0868739818.