

Clonmore Parish Lotto: Last week's numbers: 4,18,24,9. No winner
Next Week's Jackpot: €1000; Jackpot plus Bonus number: €2,000
€40 prize winners: Oliver Darcy, Tullow; Mary Darcy Tullow; Helen Dolan,
Seskin; Denis Keogh Snr. Ballyconnell; Ruaidhri Coleman, Ballykilduff

Land of Saints & Scholars: The story of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This publication combines very effectively an illustrative narrative with good historical content and design. This would be a very appropriate gift for children making their confirmation and First Communion. Copies are available in the Parish Centre for €15

Childminder required: Seeking childminder to mind out two children in our home part-time. Own transport essential. Please contact Ann-Marie: 087-1301101

Thought for The Week

Ode to spring

The light breaks
bone to cast its
to warm the dark;
synthesize through
dormant seed to
soul from



free from winter's
warmth; to life atone,
to thaw the chill, to
chlorophyll, a
resurrect, and coax a
introspect. Awake!

And breathe the wafting spice of lilac buds and wild rice, the lavender; the orange puccoon, the sweet of honeysuckle bloom. An overture, the sparrows sing, to celebrate the oeuvre of spring; while wind and weeping willow dance to promises of new romance. Come alive! Draw in your breath, let winter die a noble death. The seeds of yesterday are strewn; it does not do to weep and croon. If you seek, so shall you find, as true for darkness as divine.

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER



Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time
Day of Prayer for Temperance
3rd. March

PARISH CENTRE

Opening hours from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm.

Tuesday and Friday. Phone 059 9156890;

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'It is out of the abundance of the heart
that the mouth speaks.'

Today's Gospel is taken from the Sermon on the Plain, where Jesus is warning a 'multitude of people' about the dangers of hypocrisy. We, too, are reminded that we are disciples who must learn from the Teacher, otherwise we will be like the blind leading the blind. This learning and listening is ongoing so that we can be filled again and again with Christ's challenging love. This Gospel call us to remove the logs from our own eyes so that we can see more clearly. It appeals to the reader to stop and check in with ourselves if we are about to make judgements about others. Whatever the situation may be, perhaps a comment about migrants, homelessness or gossip, we are challenged to ask ourselves first: 'How am I going in relation to this?' before we rush to condemn others. Jesus urges us to remove the planks from our own eyes first. The end of this parable speaks to the fruits and treasures which come from people. Trees bear fruit according to what they themselves are. It is almost like saying what you put in is what you get out. If we are feeding ourselves with fake news, intolerance and hatred, then that is what will come out. If we are spending time with the Teacher, where we experience healing, forgiveness, love and with those qualities and they will be evident in our lives. Spending time with today's Gospel, perhaps we can examine how we feed our body, mind and spirit to ensure that we are living in a way that is not hypocritical before the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 5th Mass: 9.30;

Ash Wednesday 6th Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.45.

Kilquiggan at 10.45. Clonmore at 7.30 pm.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all these masses.

Thursday 7th Mass at 9.30. Friday 8th Mass at 7.30 pm

Collections: Envelopes €476; Baskets €328

Envelopes returned: 92 Envelope Winner: Michael Osborne

Bingo: €265; Lotto: €486.

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

NEXT WEEK

<u>Ballyconnell 2nd March.</u>	<u>Ballyconnell 9th March</u> Patrick Tierney, Ballyconnell
<u>Clonmore 3rd March</u> Marie Nolan, Rath Sinead Doyle, Clonmore Edward & Annie Kelly Blackhill	<u>Kilquiggan 10th.</u> Gerry Frayne, Cronalea, John Byrne Jnr. Crab Lane

Parish Heart Screening Offer

Pulsewave Ireland Heart & Artery screening in Carlow next week. The Bpro certified to measure CASP to 99.17% in comparison to an angiogram and as seen on BBC News. As Heart Disease is still the biggest killer in Ireland, we try to make it easy for everyone to be screened. Normal cost of screening is €50 per person, Parish offer €30 per person for that we check your Blood Pressure, Heart Rhythm, Casp of heart, arterial flexibility and Blood flow. We can access the risk of heart attack or stroke with a simple non-invasive test. Venues as follows: Tuesday 5th March The Talbot Hotel Carlow. Appointments available from 11am to 8pm daily Call 087-7151623 to make an appointment spaces are limited The Screening is medically approved and each person will receive a detailed printout which they may discuss with their own GP

Towards Peace

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.

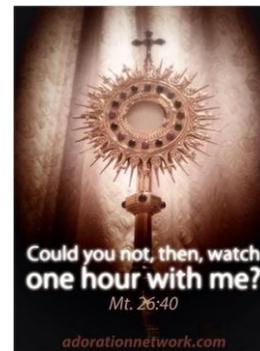
COLLECTORS FOR MARCH

<u>Ballyconnell</u> Jim Dunne Paul Osborne	<u>Kilquiggan</u> Pat Murphy Ned Bowes	<u>Clonmore</u> Paddy Lawlor Liam Hickey
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ALTAR SOCIETY

<u>Ballyconnell:</u> Ann Whelan	<u>Kilquiggan:</u> Shelia Redmond
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DIOCESAN ADORATION COMMITTEE: Invite you to a day of prayer held in Mt. St. Anne's Retreat and Conference Centre, Killenard, Co. Laois on Sunday 9th March 2019 beginning at @ 9.45. This is a follow up of our prayer day held in Portlaoise Parish Centre last year. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.



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.