

Clonmore Parish Lotto: Last week's numbers: 19,11,22,7 . No winner. Next Week's Jackpot: €1600; Jackpot plus Bonus number: €2,600. €40 prize winners: Mary Donoghue, Liscolman, Ann Donohue, Rathoe, Holly & Ben Ward, Veg. Shop, Lily O'Neill , Ardoyne, Paul Osbourne, Liscolman .

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 1,19,27,31. No winner
This week's jackpot €3,700. Next Draw: 15th April : Dying Cow.
Lucky Dip Winners: Luke Hunt, Irene Kane, Heidi Quinn, Damien Mulcahy

Thought for The Week



HOLY WEEK

Monday 15th. Chrism Mass in Carlow.

Thursday 18th. I will visit the sick and housebound.

The Easter Triduum.

Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Clonmore at 7.30

Good Friday - Day of Fast and abstinence

Celebration of the Lord's Passion:
Kilquiggan at 7.30.

Holy Saturday - The Eater Vigil.
9 pm in Ballyconnell.

Easter Sunday

Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.00, Mass in Kilquiggan at 10
Mass in Clonmore at 11.

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Palm Sunday. 14th. April



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Fair weather Friends

'Now to the gate of my Jerusalem, the seething holy city of my heart, the saviour comes. But will I welcome him? Oh, crowds of easy feelings make a start; they raise their hands, get caught up in the singing, and think the battle own'. So begins Malcom Guite's sonnet 'Palm Sunday' (Sounding the Seasons, Canterbury Press, 2012), capturing the elation of the crowds that line the streets of Jerusalem to welcome Jesus. But their loyalty is short lived, as we discover in our readings of the Passion. Jesus is soon deserted, betrayed, denied and left to face humiliation and death alone. Too soon they'll find the challenge, the reversal he is bringing changes their time. We can all see ourselves in the Passion. There are times, when things are going smoothly, when it is easy to praise God and shout 'Hosanna' There are days when we struggle, when we are confused or upset and do not know what God expects of us. We can even turn our backs on him when the going gets tough, or when we cannot find the courage to stand up for our beliefs. This week we are the disciples walking with Jesus, on a journey that leads to the cross, and beyond. Today we read Matthew's account of the death of Jesus; yes, it is the long Gospel but we should not miss out on the journey that spending time with this account offers. As you read perhaps you might notice the various characters and their roles,

their words and actions. A good question to ask as we enter into this text is 'Where do I stand?' Are you looking on as a bystander, are you in the group of disciples or some other character: Pilate? Pilate's wife? Perhaps it is a more difficult journey as you relate to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, a Jesus who is 'grieved' because of many things: isolation, the disappointment he must feel because of the abandonment of his friends, betrayal, loneliness, mocking, torture? This is not an easy journey. We know the story does not end here, but for this week we enter into the reality of betrayal, trial, suffering and death. We might remember today those who stand for justice, those who are counter-cultural, those who stand against oppressive systems even though the path is often dangerous and lonely. We might recall times we felt betrayed, abandoned or times we were in despair. Jane Mellet

Collections: Envelopes €471; Baskets €374

Envelopes returned:109. Envelope Winner: Liam & Lil Butler
Bingo: €500; Lotto: €590. Bingo Jackpot: €

Collections at Easter: The Priests of the Parish do not receive any payment from the offertory or weekly envelopes. These collections are lodged into the Parish account. The priests rely on the contributions from Christmas and Easter. I would encourage you to be as generous as possible this Easter. There is an Easter envelope in your envelope box for this collection. Please note that there will be no collectors at the back of the Church for this collection, you may put your envelope in any of the collection baskets during mass. If you do not have an envelope you can use your own envelope. Once again thanks for your generous support.

Anniversaries

THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK

<u>Ballyconnell 13th. April</u>	<u>Ballyconnell 20th. April.</u> <u>Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil</u> James & Margaret Nolan, Liscolman
<u>Clonmore 14th. April</u> Thomas Dowling, Minvaud	<u>Easter Sunday 21st. April</u> <u>Ballyconnell</u> – <u>Kilquiggan</u> – Deirdre Dolan <u>Clonmore</u> -

COLLECTORS FOR APRIL

<u>Ballyconnell</u> Liam Hendricken Seamus Osbourne	<u>Kilquiggan</u> Ned Rossiter Joe Keegan	<u>Clonmore</u> Mick Nolan Tom Cashen
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ALTAR SOCIETY

<u>Ballyconnell:</u> Lil Butler	<u>Kilquiggan:</u> Marie Blake
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THE IRISH CATHOLIC

Good News you can believe in

There is a real need for us as Catholics to feed our faith on a daily basis. This is why our Parish is partnering with the Irish Catholic newspaper with a special initiative for ten weeks. Extra copies will be available for just €1 per edition for ten weeks and we encourage as many people as possible to pick it up. From hearing uplifting positive news from parishes around the country, to getting the Catholic perspective on the latest news, there is something for everyone in the paper. So please do pick up a copy, take time to read it throughout the week, and invest in your faith this lent.

An Invitation to you from Bishop Denis - Chrism Mass 2019



Having journeyed together, 'Digging Deeper' into our Sunday Mass this Lent, I warmly invite each of you to join me for our annual diocesan *Chrism Mass on Monday 15th. April* In Carlow Cathedral. The diocese is a family of parishes and on this night, we get to gather as a family, priests and people from our 56 parishes. This is a wonderful celebration of the Mass, rich in music and ritual. *Come early to get a seat and stay for a cuppa afterwards!*