

Clonmore Parish Lotto: Last week's numbers: 6, 10, 20, 23. No winner. Next Week's Jackpot: €1700; Jackpot plus Bonus number: €2,700. €40 prize winners: Winnie Keogh, c/o Bingo; Damien Byrne, c/o Bingo; Alan Kilbride, c/o Bingo Cathal Friel, Killinure; Kathleen McCall, Killalongford.

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 10, 12, 17, 26. No winner
This week's jackpot €3,800. Next Draw: 22nd. April : Crab Lane
Lucky Dip Winners: Jer Nolan, Nuala Ryan; Ester Breslin;; Tom Dagge.

Thought for The Week



A Prayer for our Diocese

Gracious God, Your Spirit has always been present to the Church as it adapted to changing pastoral needs and circumstances. We ask you to send your Spirit upon the people of Kildare & Leighlin as we journey in faith through this time of transition. Give us a spirit of openness, that we might follow where you are leading. Give us a spirit of courage, that we might take the steps you invite us to take. Give us a spirit of charity, that we might journey together in mutual love and respect. Bless us as a faith community who trace our origins to Brigid, Conleth and Laserian.

May we be outstanding in charity as St. Brigid of Kildare, May we be constant in faith as St. Conleth of Old Connell, And may we be wise and prayerful as St. Laserian of Leighlin. May we respond to the call of our baptism, to use our gifts in service of each other. May each of us be a living witness to a kingdom of truth and freedom, justice and peace, in our homes, in our parishes, in our diocese and in the wider world. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Easter Sunday. 21st. April

PARISH CENTRE



Opening hours from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm.
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For all eternity

'It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark...' So begins today's Gospel reading, the Gospel we listen to every Easter Sunday. This opening line sets the scene for the events of that first Easter, when first Mary of Magdala, and then Simon Peter and the other disciple, discover the empty tomb and come to the realisation that Jesus has risen from the dead. It is only at this moment that they understand what Jesus had been trying to teach them. Their eyes are opened. They see and they believe. And what about us, this Easter? What do we believe? Easter is about more than simply recalling or commemorating the resurrection of Jesus. By raising Jesus from the dead, God also opened up for us the way to eternal life. This feast is the reason for our faith and the reason for our hope. Our celebration today raises us up and renews us in faith, hope and love.

Let us love one another and pray,

Let us love one another and be faithful,

Let us love one another and be humble,

Let us love one another and be filled with the charity of God.

Let us love one another with God, in God, and for God,

And we shall thus be one with God for all eternity.

Cornelia Connelly, foundress, Society of the Holy Child Jesus

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 23rd. Mass at 9.30. Wednesday 24th. Holy Hour 9.30-10.30; Mass at 10.30 Friday 26th. Mass at 7.30 pm.

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.

Collections: Envelopes €465; Baskets €330

Envelopes returned:102. Envelope Winner: Peg Keogh

Bingo: €565; Lotto: €460. Bingo Jackpot: €925

Anniversaries

THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK

<u>Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil</u> James & Margaret Nolan. Liscolman.	<u>Ballyconnell 27th. April.</u> Mary Ward, Community Village, Carnew
<u>Easter Sunday 21st. April</u> <u>Ballyconnell</u> <u>Kilquiggan</u> Deirdre Dolan, Ballynultagh <u>Clonmore</u>	<u>Clonmore 28th. April</u> Michael Jones, Ballyduff, John Jones Ballyduff. Fintan Murray, Bellshill

COLLECTORS FOR APRIL

<u>Ballyconnell</u> Domnic Nolan Lee Coleman	<u>Kilquiggan</u> Ned Rossiter Joe Keegan	<u>Clonmore</u> Mick Nolan Tom Cashen
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ALTAR SOCIETY

<u>Ballyconnell:</u> Betty O'Brien	<u>Kilquiggan:</u> Marie Blake
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Tom Cole memorial tractor run in aid of Sophia Counselling Centre Sunday 28th. April. Registration 1pm outside Fatima Hall Baltinglass. Run starts at 2pm sharp onto Kiltegan, Hacketstown and finishing in Rathvilly, where there will be refreshments and a raffle in Lawlor's. Queries to Mary on 0879374549.

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.

“Join us on Friday 26th April for a night of fun and games as Fun Friday continues. Do you have fond memories of playing board games around the kitchen table? Are you looking for an alternative to “the pub” to spend time with other people? Come along to the Community House at the Haymarket in Carlow Town Centre between 8pm and 10pm on Friday 26th April. This is a free event and is open to all but for adults only. For more information contact Sinead on (087) 2264202

Alzheimer's Tea Day. The annual Tea Day and "Bring and Buy " sale will take place in Ballyconnell Hall on Saturday 27th April from 3pm to 9pm. Home baking, Books, Bric-a-Brac, Plants, Clothes etc. for sale and a Monster Raffle. Your support would be much appreciated.

Message from Bishop Denis: My most sincere thanks to all the clergy and parishioners who attended the Chrism Mass on Monday last. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate our Diocese. Many thanks also to those behind the scenes making sure everything ran smoothly. Every blessing to all over this Easter season and once again thank you all for your continued support and prayers.

After the success of my first Book of short stories “Among the Wicklow Hills”; Nicolas Byrne has now published a full-length novel called: “The Monarch of Watson's Glen”. This book can be purchased for the author - 087 3968250

Join thousands of people around Ireland as we go to our local Grottos to pray the Rosary each day during the month of May at 8pm (unless otherwise stated). To sign up to your local Grottos simply visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie, or call/text: 0872786552