

**Clonmore Parish Lotto:** Last week's numbers: 14, 1, 13, 2.

Winner: No Winner Next Week's Jackpot: €1,000; Jackpot plus Bonus number: €2000.

€40 prize winners – Bridget O'Reilly, c/o Bingo; Helen Dolan c/o Bingo; Pat Haskins Stratnakelly; Olwyn Doyle Raheen; Jimmy Hennessy; Stratnakelly.

**Coolkenno GAA Lotto:** Last week's numbers: 8, 10, 13, 18. Winner: No Winner

This week's jackpot €5,400. Next Draw: 12<sup>th</sup>. August in Crab Lane

Lucky Dip Winners: Hayley Moran, Crab Lane; Holly Cushe; Robin Cushe;  
Myles Keogh

### *Thought for The Week*

## Pastor of the Week.

### Prayer given in Kansas at the opening session of their Senate.

When Minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard:

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek Your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our Spiritual Equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it the Lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it Welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it Choice. We have shot abortionists and called it Justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building Self-esteem. We have abused power and called it Politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it Ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it Freedom of Expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it Enlightenment. Search us, Oh, God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen!"

*Have a Wonderful Week*

# PARISH NEWSLETTER



Nineteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time.  
11<sup>th</sup>. August 2019

## PARISH CENTRE

Opening hours from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm.

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## Ever-ready

Nowadays, many houses have security systems. We can have our homes monitored, 24 hours a day, to make sure they are safe. The really advanced systems even allow us to tap into the cameras from our mobile phones. We don't have to stay awake all night in case someone tries to burgle our home - the system takes care of everything. There are so many technologies available whose focus is to help us be prepared for all eventualities; we have apps for everything from predicting the weather to alerting us to traffic delays. There are no such luxuries in the parables. The men who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast cannot afford to sleep. They won't receive an alert to their phone when their master arrives home. They have no option but to wait up. In the short parable of the householder and the burglar, Jesus again emphasises the importance of 'standing ready.'

Of course, Jesus is not really talking about watchmen and burglars, or being physically prepared; he is talking, rather, about spiritual alertness. It might seem morbid, but ask yourself this: if you were to die tonight, would you be ready? Your answer might tell you something about the areas of your life that need work. Another way in which we can be 'ever ready' is to be open to the Holy Spirit. When our hearts are alert and open, we are more likely to see God's goodness in those we meet, and be ready to welcome his grace into our lives. We could not imagine being without our gadgets and apps and all of the things that make our lives easier. Valuable though they are, there is something more valuable - indeed priceless - at stake.

*Happiness is not a station you arrive at, but a manner of travelling. Margaret B. Rumbeck.*

### MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9.30. Holy Hour in Clonmore at 7.30.  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>. Vigil Mass of Holy Day of Obligation - Feast of the Assumption. Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>. Cemetery Mass in Clonmore Old Church at 7.30 pm for Clonmore Old and St. Mogues.  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup>. August Mass at 7.30 pm.

Collections: Envelopes €455; Baskets €300

Envelopes returned: 98. Envelope Winner: James & Mary Dowling Minvaud  
Bingo: €770; Lotto: €500. Bingo Jackpot: €1325

## Anniversaries

### THIS WEEK

### NEXT WEEK

<b><u>Ballyconnell 10<sup>th</sup>. August</u></b> Tom, Annie & Kathleen Dempsey – Coolkenno. Patrick & Lucy O'Brien, Tobinstown	<b><u>Ballyconnell 17<sup>th</sup>. August</u></b> Christy Nolan, Rath Crross
<b><u>Kilquiggan 11<sup>th</sup>. August</u></b> Sean Tallon, Seskin 1 <sup>st</sup> . Anniversary. William Bill Bowes, Killinure; Patrick & Mary Rooney Rath	<b><u>Clonmore 18<sup>th</sup>. August.</u></b>

### COLLECTORS FOR AUGUST

<b><u>Ballyconnell</u></b> Domnic Nolan M. J. Doyle	<b><u>Kilquiggan</u></b> Seamus Dempsey Cyril Clare	<b><u>Clonmore</u></b> Eddie McDonald Milo Gahan
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### ALTAR SOCIETY

<b><u>Ballyconnell:</u></b> Mary Doyle	<b><u>Kilquiggan:</u></b> Sandra Bowes & Martina Bowes
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### National Dawn Walk for Cancer

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019, starts at 5.45am in the Presentation De La Salle College, Bagenalstown, Co Carlow. Registration online  
[www.nationaldawnwalk.com](http://www.nationaldawnwalk.com) Support of this event is greatly appreciated.

### RATHOE COMMUNITY CHILDCARE

Free ECCE Preschool places available for September 2019. Contact Barbara/Paula on 059-9148879 also check out our Facebook page. Rathoe Community Childcare are also recruiting for a part time Cook during term time. This is a Community Employment position, if you are eligible for a CE scheme and interested then please contact Eileen Miley in Carlow Early Years Training Scheme on 087-1952980

## ATTENTION LADIES

### ST. CATHERINE'S COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTRE UPCOMING

#### COURSES AUTUMN 2019

The Carlow Catalyst Programme for Women, is offering free training to women interested in taking part in the following Hobby Courses. Personal Development, Make Up and Nail Care, Interior Design, Introduction to Microsoft Excel (Evening) Introduction to Microsoft Word (Evening) Holistic Health and Healthy Food Made Easy. Classes are 2 hours in duration over a 6-week period. Starting in September 2019, classes will be delivered in venues in Carlow town. These courses are available at no cost to women of working age, who are not currently working, not in receipt of a job seekers payment & who have a long term interested in work or education. To check eligibility or to find out more please contact: Orlaith or Sinead St. Catherine's Community Services, St. Joseph's Road, Carlow. (some social welfare payments may apply). 059 9138700; 0868678411; [orlaithm@catherines.ie](mailto:orlaithm@catherines.ie)

Clonmore Cancer Medical Trust: Annual Crab Walk, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>. August at 2pm.  
Cards available for collection in Crab Lane

### Accommodation required for the National Ploughing

#### Championships: 17<sup>th</sup>. - 19<sup>th</sup>. September 2019

If you have a house or B&B accommodation available to rent at reasonable rates please register your interest on:  
[carlowtourism.com/submityourproperty](http://carlowtourism.com/submityourproperty). Alternatively contact Carlow Tourism on 059-9130411 or [info@carlowtourism.com](mailto:info@carlowtourism.com) for further details.

### BABY LOSS REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Will be held in Tynock Church on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 p.m. Bishop Denis Nulty will attend. If anyone would like to have a patch Included on our remembrance quilt You can leave it in Tynock or Talbotstown Church or drop it into Fr. Pat's house. If you need a piece of material for a patch or require further information contact Mary at 0862261264.