

Clonmore Parish Lotto: Last week's numbers: 13, 21,10,23. No winner

Next Week's Jackpot: €700; Jackpot plus Bonus number: €1,700.

€40 prize winners - Kitty Lawlor C/O Bingo; Bridie Doyle Kingscross; Pauline O'Brien, Liscolman; Mary Keogh Cronaskeagh; Sarah Smith, Eagle Hill.

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers:5,11,17,23. No Winner This week's jackpot €6,100. Next Draw: 30th. September: Crab Lane

Lucky Dip Winners: Carmel Mahar; James & Deirdre Cullen; Michael & Jane Butler; Tena Kehoe

Thought for The Week

BICYCLING WITH GOD

At first, I saw God as my observer, my judge, keeping track of the things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merited heaven or hell when I die. He was out there sort of like the Prime Minister. I recognised his picture when I saw it, but I didn't really know him. But later on, when I began to think for myself and trust my inner person, it seemed as though life was rather like a bike ride, but it was a tandem bike, and I noticed that God was on the back helping me pedal. I don't know just when it was that he suggested we change places, but life has not been the same since. God makes life exciting! When I had control, I knew the way. It was rather boring but predictable. It was the shortest distance between two points. But when he took the lead, he knew delightful long cuts, up mountains, and through rocky places and at breakneck speeds; it was all I could do to hang on! Even though it looked like madness, he said: "Pedal!" I worried and was anxious and asked, where are you taking me?" He laughed and didn't answer and I started to learn to trust. I forgot my boring life and entered into the adventure. And when I'd say, "I'm scared!" he'd lean back and touch my hand. He took me to people with gifts that I needed, gifts of healing, acceptance and joy. They gave me their gifts to take on my journey, our journey, God's and mine. And we were off again. He said: 'Give the gifts away: they're extra baggage, too much weight So I did, to the people we met, and I found that in giving I received and still our burden was light. I did not trust him at first in control of my life. I thought he'd wreck it. But he knows bike secrets, knows how to make it bend to take sharp corners, jump to clear high rocks, fly to shorten scary passages. And I am learning to shut up and pedal in the strangest places, and I'm beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on my face with my delightful constant companion. AND WHEN I'M SURE I JUST CAN'T DO ANY MORE, HE JUST SMILES AND SAYS, "PEDAL!"

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time.
29th. September 2019



PARISH CENTRE

Opening hours from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm. Tuesday and Friday.

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All are Invited to the Banquet

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of a great banquet to explain God's vision for our world. He speaks of a place where those who consider themselves entitled to the highest seats at the table take the low seats. He urges us to invite the poor, the lame and the blind to this celebration. Jesus encourages us to turn the world upside down in a reversal, an upheaval, where the preferred option is for the poor and those considered least in society.

Today is an important day, as we begin the Season of Creation (from 1 September until the Feast of St Francis on 4 October). Pope Francis asks all Christians to embrace this season in prayer, in living more sustainably and in raising our voices in the public sphere. We are invited to think more deeply about what is happening at present to the Earth, the environmental destruction which now threatens our world, our common home. The theme this year is 'The Web of Life.' The most vulnerable among us are suffering most deeply as this web of life begins to unravel. Our faith calls us to respond to this crisis with urgency. Let us hear the Gospel message today, where we are called to consider those on the margins, including those most at risk from climate change, and let us commit to working towards a world where all are seated at the banquet. Suggestion for the week: Find out more and see what you can do as a parish community during this season of creation at www.seasonofcreation.org.

To be kind is more important than to be right. Many times, what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks, but a special heart that listens

Collections: Envelopes €384; Baskets €312
 Envelopes returned: 84. Envelope winner: Mary Keogh Cronaskeagh
 Bingo: €470; Lotto: €470. Bingo Jackpot: €1500

Fr. John's phone number in Killinure is 059-9156798

Anniversaries

THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK

<p><u>Ballyconnell 28th. September</u> Geraldine Healy, Killinure Peter & Mary Coleman, Ballykilduff</p>	<p><u>Ballyconnell 5th. October</u> Thomas Shepherd, Killinure</p>
<p><u>Clonmore 29th. September</u> Daniel Lawlor Jnr. Ballykilduff Thomas Lawlor, Tobinstown Bridie Kennedy, Greenane & her parents James and Anastasia Doyle & their son Gary Doyle, Clonmore William Carlos, Knockatomcoyle Siobhan Farrell, 1st. Anniversary</p>	<p><u>Kilquiggan 6th. October</u></p>

COLLECTORS FOR OCTOBER

<p><u>Ballyconnell</u> Lee Coleman Jim Dunne</p>	<p><u>Kilquiggan</u> Ned Rossiter Eamon Dolan</p>	<p><u>Clonmore</u> Mick Nolan Tom Cashen</p>
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ALTAR SOCIETY

<p><u>Ballyconnell:</u> Ann Whelan</p>	<p><u>Kilquiggan:</u> Marie Byrne/Julia Dempsey</p>
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Seniors Alert Scheme

New Alarms are now available, contact community alert. No charge for alarm for 12 months, installation is free. Unit can be installed with or without a landline. Contact any of the following: 087-6540939; 087-2740152; 085-7796429; 087-9041277; 087-1159579; 087-2377291.

Rathgall Annual Art Exhibition - starts Saturday 5th October and runs until Sunday 13th October, in the Restaurant, Rathwood Home & Garden Centre. Opening at 12.30pm. All Local Artists. Admission free.

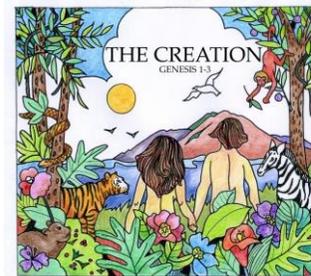
Annual Collection for Priests of the Parish



Remember Your Offerings

Last year was the first year we did not have to borrow money from the Parish account to supplement the Clergy Account and this was due to your very generous donations in the Annual collection for Priests of the Parish (Hay & Oats) 2018. Our Clergy account this year once again has almost bottomed out and I would once again appeal to your generosity in our collection this year. I would ask those who generously help us to distribute the envelopes in their respective areas, to pick them up in the sacristy of each church or in the Parish Centre. Like last year we will not be using the notebooks (GDPR regulation); each collector will deliver an envelope and then drop in later to collect the envelope; or ask the person to drop it into the Parish centre. Your help and collaboration is greatly appreciated.

An Gairdin Beo - a living garden for CARLOW.



Caring for our common home, an afternoon gathering as a part of the season of creation.
 Old Dublin Road, Carlow (beside St. Leo's College).
 Saturday 5th. October 2.30pm - 5 pm.

"Would you like to meet new people? Do you enjoy playing board games, eg. scrabble, monopoly, chess etc.? Join us this coming Friday, 6th September, for an evening of friendship and fun as "Fun Friday" continues. Please come along to the Community House (opposite the Town Hall) in The Haymarket in Carlow Town Centre, this Friday night or on the first Friday of any month, [from 8pm to 10pm](#). This is a free event and is open to all adults. For more information contact Sinead on [087\) 2264202](tel:0872264202)."