

Clonmore Parish Lotto: Last week's numbers: 17, 13, 16, 7. No winner
Next Week's Jackpot: €1,700; Jackpot plus Bonus number: €2,700.
€40 prize winners: John Dolan, Seskin; O'Halloran Family, Ardoyne;
Catherine Power C/O Bingo; Ann Kinsella, Ballyconnell; Mary Darcey Tullow

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 7, 8, 15, 28 - No Winner
This week's jackpot €7,100. Next Draw: 9th. December - Dying Cow
Cathal Rossiter; Danny Byrne; Joe Doyle (Drumin); Shane Byrne

Thought for the week

Advent Calendar

The first day of beginning of the year. Advent or "to come to") is encompassing the weekdays leading



Christmas. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the Lord's coming at Christmas. Advent also prepares us for the second coming of Christ at the end of time. We are delighted to be bringing you our **online interactive Advent Calendar** again this year. It will go live on the First Sunday of Advent on 1 December 2019. Now in its sixth year, the online Advent Calendar is offering resources for the parish, school and the home which are available behind a virtual door each day during the season of Advent. Behind each door there will be content aimed at assisting people to pray and to reflect on how best we can keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations during this special liturgical season. The calendar has family prayers and suggestions for #LivingAdvent - acts of kindness or charity that all of us are encouraged to undertake during the month of December. The Advent Calendar will also share tips on how families can care for our common home by having a more sustainable Christmas. We hope you will join us this year to #ShareTheJourney through Advent!

Note: The virtual doors above cannot be opened ahead of their actual date. All content will go live in the early hours of each morning. Queries relating to the Advent Calendar should be addressed to bdrumm@catholicbishops.ie.

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER



Second Sunday of Advent

2nd. Sunday of Advent

8th. December 2019

PARISH CENTRE

Opening hours from 9.30 am to 1.30
Tuesday and Friday.

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Change of heart

'Once again, we come to the Holiday Season, a deeply religious time that each of us observes, in his own way, by going to the mall of his choice.' (Dave Barry)
We might recognise ourselves in the above statement! We are so used to the commercial side of Christmas - the frenzy of ads and gift-buying, the extravagant decorations and parties - that it is easy to forget what we are really celebrating. That's where John the Baptist comes in. We first meet John in Luke's Gospel, before he is even born: Elizabeth's pregnancy is announced at the same time as Mary's, though John will be born first. The next we hear of John, he appears as God's messenger (as we hear in today's Gospel), preparing the way of the Lord. His job is to set the stage for Jesus to begin his ministry, and his central message is repentance. The Greek word for repentance was metanoia, which literally means a change of heart, or turning one's life around. So John is inviting his audience to make a break with the past, turn to God, and go in a different direction. When Jesus begins his own ministry, his first message is the very same: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This is a fitting message as we enter the second week of Advent. As we prepare to welcome Jesus, we are invited to metanoia, or change of heart. As we ponder the mysteries of Christmas, we are nudged onwards in a new direction. This week, we could make a conscious effort to move away from the noise and lights of 'the mall', to still our minds, and to open our hearts to God's call.

'Christmas is a season for kindling the fire for hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart.' (Washington Irving)

The world is changed by your example not by your opinions

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 10th. Mass at 9.30; Wednesday 11th. Mass at 9.30.
Friday 13th. November: Mass at 7.30

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 24th. Christmas Eve:

Ballyconnell at 7.30 pm.

Kilquiggan at 8 pm

Clonmore at 9 pm.

Wednesday 25th. Christmas Day

Ballyconnell at 9 am

Kilquiggan at 9.30 am

Clonmore at 11 am

I will attend the sick for Christmas on Friday 20th. December

Collections: Envelopes €498; Baskets €417

Envelopes returned: 108. Envelope winner: Percy & Brenda Fitzharris

Bingo: €385; Lotto: €580. Bingo Jackpot: €625

The Christmas Station envelopes are now due. You have an envelope in your envelope box. Thank you.

Anniversaries

THIS WEEK

Ballyconnell 7th. Decem

Matt Lawlor, Ballykilduff

Clonmore 8th November

Margaret Lawlor, Raheen.; Betty & Bun Byrne Knockballystine; Edward & Margaret Jones Ballyduff; John Jones, Mary Jones & Thomas Walshe and deceased members of Jones Family. Molly O'Flaherty, Kilalongford

NEXT WEEK

Ballyco. 14th. Dec

Breen Family, Ballyconnel

Kilquig. 15th. Dec.

COLLECTORS FOR DECEMBER

Ballyconnell

Paul Osborne

Domnic Nolan

Kilquiggan

Michael Kelly

Ned Bowes

Clonmore

Paddy Lawlor

Liam Hickey

ALTAR SOCIETY

Ballyconnell

Ann Whelan

Kilquiggan

Maggie Doyle

Drug and Alcohol addiction knows no boundaries, You Are Not Alone, help is always available. Please contact You Are Not Alone support group on 085-7872730 for a confidential and non-judgemental service.

Joy to the World - A Celebration of Christmas Music

Carlow Choral Society presents a very special Christmas Concert in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, on Saturday December 14th 2019, at 8pm. The programme includes the very festive and uplifting Missa Carolae by James Whitbourn which is based on a beautiful arrangement of Christmas Carols. Favourites from composer Handel to include the Hallelujah Chorus and Zadok the Priest. The audience will have the opportunity to sing their favourite carols. Accompanied by Dublin Brass Ensemble and Yvonne Collier on cathedral organ. Conducted by Blánaid Murphy. Tickets are €20.00 and the concert is free for accompanied children. Tickets are available on www.eventbrite.ie, on www.carlowchoralsociety.net and from choir members.

White Friday: You are invited to a Christmas Blessing in Tullow Church on Friday December 20th from 8pm to 9pm. Peace, Prayers & Singing. Bring a few friends!

"An Evening of Flowers" Betty Comiskey & Francis Cosgrave will show you how to bring Christmas Cheer into your home with Festive Flowers on Monday 16th December in Littlewood Hall at 8pm R93 FC78. Warm glass of Mulled Wine with a seasonal Mince Pie upon arrival. Tickets €10 to include door prize. All funds raised go to Littlewood Community Hall. Further information from Eric Driver 087 2776282.

Bring the spirit of Christmas back into Christmas with your Christmas greetings and cards. Christmas cards are available in the Parish Centre.

Christmas Party on Monday 16th. Music by Jason Moyles. Admission 10. All proceeds go to Clonmore Community Hall. Doors open at 7.30. All are welcome. Raffle on the night.

We pray for Tommy Dempsey, Coolkenno, who died during the week. James Wilson Stratnakelly whose funeral will take place on Monday at 2pm in Kilquiggan