

Clonmore Parish Lotto: Last week's numbers: 10, 1, 11, 9 - No winner.

Next Week's Jackpot: €2,200; Jackpot plus Bonus number: €3,200.

€40 prize winners - Loraine Hutton, Rathoe; Larry Dowling, Tullow; Elaine McGrath C/O Bingo; Jacinta Walsh, the Rise Tullow; Laurence O'Brien, Knockeen.

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 3, 10, 14, 27 - No Winner

This week's jackpot €7,700. Next Draw: 20<sup>th</sup>. January - Crab Lane

Michael Donoughue, Driver Family Aghowle; Tom Walker, Jo Hilliard

### *Thought for the week*

## Critique of the Netflix Film: 'The Two Popes'

Bishop Robert Barron

The new and much-ballyhooed Netflix film *The Two Popes* should, by rights, be called *The One Pope*, for it presents a fairly nuanced, textured, and sympathetic portrait of Jorge Mario Bergoglio (Pope Francis) and a complete caricature of Joseph Ratzinger Pope Benedict XVI. This imbalance fatally undermines the movie, whose purpose, it seems, is to show that old grumpy, legalistic Benedict finds his spiritual bearings through the ministrations of friendly, forward-looking Francis. But such a thematic trajectory ultimately does violence to both figures, and turns what could have been a supremely interesting character study into a predictable and tedious apologia for the filmmaker's preferred version of Catholicism. That we are dealing with a caricature of Ratzinger becomes clear when, in the opening minutes of the film, the Bavarian Cardinal is presented as ambitiously plotting to secure his election as Pope in 2005. On at least three occasions, the real Cardinal Ratzinger begged John Paul II to allow him to retire from his position as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and to take up a life of study and prayer. He stayed on only because John Paul adamantly refused the requests. And in 2005, upon the death of John Paul, even Ratzinger's ideological opponents admitted that the now seventy-eight-year-old Cardinal wanted nothing more than to return to Bavaria and write his Christology. The ambitious plotting fits, of course, the caricature of the "conservative" churchman, but it has absolutely nothing to do with the flesh-and-blood Joseph Ratzinger.

(Second part of this critique will be in next week's newsletter.)

*Have a Wonderful Week*

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

Have  
Faith  
in  
GOD

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

19<sup>th</sup>. January 2020

PARISH CENTRE

Opening hours from 9.30 am to 1.30

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Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>. January 2020

## The Lamb of God

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist is inviting us to look at Jesus. He calls Jesus the 'lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world'. We say these words often at mass and today we are invited to meditate on them more closely. What does it mean? In Jesus' time, two lambs were sacrificed in the Temple in Jerusalem each day. It was a ritual that invoked purity. Jesus will preach a love that is radical for many, in a world that was, and still is, broken. John refers to Jesus as the lamb as he knows that if one loves in such a way, they will suffer at the hands of unjust systems and institutions. When we look at the 'sins' of our world today - broken relationships, crisis, can we also see those who, like Jesus, 'take away' the sins of the world? Christ's love was not passive, he actively challenged systems that were oppressive and which prevented people from living life to the full. Whether it be the climate crisis or the homelessness crisis or any number of issues we face, 'look' where Jesus walks and is actively working to ease this suffering. When we hear these words at mass, let us be reminded of all those who sacrifice much to ease the sufferings of others. This is Christ, the 'lamb of God' active in our world today. 'The descent into the waters of our spirit, is a journey into the presence of divinity ... all human beings are children of God but not all live in the awareness that there is 'that of God' within them'

**W.L. Wallace**

*Hope is the ability to hear the melody of the future, faith is the willingness and the courage to dance to it today.*

### MASS SCHEDULE

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>: Mass at 7.30 in Oratory in Killinure

**Collections:** Envelopes €357; Baskets €505

Envelopes returned: 69 Envelope winner: Mick Carthy, Killinure

Bingo: €575.; Lotto: €975. Bingo Jackpot: €775

The Annual and half year subscriptions to the Parish Lotto are now due, please see your local seller to renew or join, or contact Willie Whelan on 059-9156108 or Mary Doyle: 086-8528754. The cost is: Yearly €100 or 6 months €50. A great way to support your Parish and also to be in with a chance of winning the weekly Jackpot. To everyone who support the Parish Lotto our heartfelt thanks.

## Anniversaries

### THIS WEEK

#### Ballyconnell 18<sup>th</sup>. January

Michael Furlong and his wife Alice, Crecrin; Donnacha Mulvehill; Ballyconnell; Josie Keogh, Ballyconnell; Jimmy O'Byrne, Killabeg and all deceased Family members. John O'Brien, Crecrin and deceased members of O'Brien Fam. Catherine Noctor, Coolkenno

#### Clonmore 19<sup>th</sup>. January

Thomas & Mary Fitzharris, Bellshill, Clonmore; Margaret Dowling, Minvaud.

### NEXT WEEK

#### Ballyconnell 25<sup>th</sup>. January

Matthew & Mary Quinn, Knockeen; Moira Keely, Kilquiggan. Rita McCarthy & Gerry McCarthy, Ballyconnell

#### Kilquiggan 26<sup>th</sup>. January

Helen Dolan, Seskin, Months mind. James O'Brien Jnr. Quigganroe; Carmel Bailey, Coolkenno; Theresa Roche (nee Condon, Chapel Cottage, Kilquiggan

### ALTAR SOCIETY

#### Ballyconnell

Ann Whelan

#### Kilquiggan

Margaret Byrne

## COLLECTORS FOR JANUARY

#### Ballyconnell

Lee Coleman  
Liam Hendricken

#### Kilquiggan

Michael Byrne  
Michael Keogh

#### Clonmore

Mick Nolan  
Tom Cashen

Dancing starting in Donard Community Hall on Sat 18th January and every 3<sup>rd</sup>. Saturday of each month to follow. Dancing 9pm till 12pm Donation €10 with light refreshments. Music by Tommy B.

"Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Adoration Committee invite you to a Day of Prayer. Holy Mass, Adoration, Rosary, sharing and music, held in Carlow College on Saturday 25th. January 2020 to begin at 10am. Refreshments served. All welcome

### Attention Ladies: Upcoming Courses - Tullow - February 2020

There are a number of places still available on the Carlow Catalyst Programme For Women's Preparation for Work Course, which is starting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2020 in Forward Steps Resource Centre in Tullow. Courses are open to Women who are not working and who are not in receipt of job seekers or a work-related payment, (other social welfare payments are allowed so please enquire to see if you are eligible). This is a part time morning course, 3 mornings a week from 10am to 1pm for 16 weeks. Training is QQI accredited and focused on personal development and work-related skills. If you are considering returning to work, or thinking about up skilling and feel that you could benefit with some support, guidance and confidence building, then this course could be perfect for you. If you are eligible to take part in this programme, all training and supports are offered Free of Charge. For further information please contact Orraith or Sinead in St. Catherine's Community Services Centre on 059 9138700. Email [orraithm@catherines.ie](mailto:orraithm@catherines.ie)

Adult Country Jiving, Quickstep & Waltzing dance classes commencing on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020. Course runs for 6 weeks 8.00-9.00pm every Thursday. No Partner Required. Registration & Payment (€60) on the night. Academy of Dance, Carlow Youth & Community Centre, Green Lane, Carlow.