

Clonmore Parish Lotto: Last week's numbers: 20, 15, 11, 24, - No winner.

Next Week's Jackpot: €2,300; Jackpot plus Bonus number: €3,300.

€40 prize winners - Tommy Byrne, Coolkenno; Eileen Doyle Knockballystine; Mary Doyle Hacketstown; Dan Lawlor, Ballykilduff; Lilly Brennan, C/O Bingo.

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 10, 18, 20, 27 - No Winner

This week's jackpot €7,800. Next Draw: 27<sup>th</sup>. January - The Dying Cow

Tom Walker; Shane Byrne; Hayley Moran; Eadoin Byrne

### *Thought for the week*

## Critique of the Netflix Film: 'The Two Popes' Bishop Robert Barron

(Continued from last week....)

Furthermore, in the scene depicting an imagined meeting between Pope Benedict and Cardinal Bergoglio in the gardens at Castel Gandolfo, the aged Pope frowningly lashes out at his Argentinian colleague, bitterly criticizing the Cardinal's theology. Once again, even Joseph Ratzinger's detractors admit that "God's Rottweiler" is in fact invariably kind, soft-spoken, and gentle in his dealings with others. The barking ideologue is, again, a convenient caricature but not even close to the real Ratzinger. But the most serious mischaracterization occurs toward the end of the film when a dispirited Benedict, resolved to resign the papacy, admits that he had stopped hearing the voice of God and that he had begun to hear it again only through his newfound friendship with Cardinal Bergoglio! Mind you, in saying the following I mean not an ounce of disrespect to the real Pope Francis, but that one of the most intelligent and spiritually alert Catholics of the last one hundred years would require the intervention of Cardinal Bergoglio in order to hear the voice of God is beyond absurd. From beginning to end of his career, Ratzinger/Benedict has produced some of the most spiritually luminous theology in the great tradition. That he was, by 2012, tired and physically ill, and that he felt incapable of governing the great apparatus of the Catholic Church—yes, of course. But that he was spiritually lost—no way. (Final part of this critique in next weeks newsletter.)

*Have a Wonderful Week*

# PARISH NEWSLETTER



*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*26<sup>th</sup>. January 2020*

**Catholic Schools Week begins today**

### PARISH CENTRE

Opening hours from 9.30 am to 1.30 Tuesday and Friday.

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

### Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus withdrew to Galilee and made his home in Capernaum by the lake. Anyone who has been to the Holy Land will have visited Capernaum and will know that it is a beautiful place. In Jesus' time this was a thriving fishing town. To 'repent' literally means 'to turn around'. We are called to transformation, to turn away from what is not life giving and embrace a full life. It's hard to imagine behaving in the same way as Simon Peter and Andrew, leaving everything behind them and following Jesus. There must have been something very attractive about Jesus. The account in Matthew is quite short but one wonders if they had heard him speak many times before this moment. It takes courage to drop everything and follow something new. Obviously, they were ready for it, it was the right moment and their hearts said 'Yes!' These accounts are the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Today perhaps you can reflect on moments you were called to something new and even though it meant leaving something behind, you knew it was the right choice. You were at peace with your decision despite the challenges it might bring. This process never ends, we are constantly called to 'repent', renew, rediscover, seek out.

*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

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9.30, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9.30.  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup>. Mass at 7.30. 24<sup>th</sup>: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>. Holy Hour with  
music, prayers and scriptural reflections in Clonmore 7.30-8.30  
All welcome.

**Collections:** Envelopes €405; Baskets €480

Envelopes returned: 94. Envelope winner: John & Trish Keogh

Bingo: €405.; Lotto: €775. Bingo Jackpot: €800

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

### NEXT WEEK

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| <p><b><u>Ballyconnell 25<sup>th</sup>. January</u></b><br/>Matthew &amp; Mary Quinn, Knockeen;<br/>Moirá Keely, Kilquigán. Rita<br/>McCarthy &amp; Gerry McCarthy,<br/>Ballyconnell. Mary &amp; Thomas Doyle,<br/>Kuilabeg &amp; Nicholas Mulhall, Gould</p> | <p><b><u>Ballyconnell 1<sup>st</sup>. February</u></b><br/>Mary Healy, Killinure</p> |
| <p><b><u>Kilquigán 26<sup>th</sup>. January</u></b><br/>Helen Dolan, Seskin, Months mind.<br/>James O'Brien Jnr. Quigánroe;<br/>Carmel Bailey, Coolkenno; Theresa<br/>Roche (nee Condon, Chapel Cottage,<br/>Kilquigán</p>                                   | <p><b><u>Clonmore 2<sup>nd</sup>. February</u></b></p>                               |

### ALTAR SOCIETY

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| <p><b><u>Ballyconnell</u></b><br/>Betty O'Brien</p> | <p><b><u>Kilquigán</u></b><br/>Sandra Bowes/Martina Bowes</p> |
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### COLLECTORS FOR February

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| <p><b><u>Ballyconnell</u></b><br/>Seamus O'Brien<br/>Willie Whelan</p> | <p><b><u>Kilquigán</u></b><br/>Seamus Dempsey<br/>Cyril Clare</p> | <p><b><u>Clonmore</u></b><br/>Eddie McDonald<br/>Milo Gahan</p> |
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### CRABLANE VINTAGE CLUB SOCIAL DANCE

Ballyconnell Hall on February 15<sup>th</sup>. 9pm - 12. Music by Stacey Breen.

Door prize €50. Raffle. Admission €10.

Proceeds to local charities.

### Youth 2000

Annual St Valentines fundraiser Ball takes place in The Osprey Hotel, Naas  
on the 8th of February. Mass at 5pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs,  
Ballycane followed by dinner at 7pm. Tickets €50. I am emailing you ask can  
you please send the advertisement for the event to all your parishes in your  
diocese so they can put it into their news bulletins. Booking and more  
information available at <http://youth2000.ie/youth-2000-st-valentines-fundraising-ball-2020/>

**Carlow College Book Fair:** Takes place from 1am - 5pm Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>  
February 2020 at Carlow College, St Patricks, College Street, Carlow. All  
are welcome to browse, buy or sell.

**ARISE - Young Adult 18+ National Event:** Takes place in Knock  
Shrine on March 7th 2020. There will be inspirational speakers, music,  
celebration, fun, a chance to meet with other young adults and much more.  
For more information, booking, etc. please contact Robert Norton, Youth  
Co-Ordinator on 059-9164084

**Family Carers Ireland:** are holding their first support group meeting of  
2020 on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 11am in the Springhill Clinic, Waterford  
Road, Kilkenny. This is open to all new & current carers.

The Parents of Children with Disabilities Support Group meeting is taking  
place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am in the Springhill Clinic,  
Waterford Road, Kilkenny. Please contact 056 7721424 if you would like more  
information.

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.