

PARISH NEWSLETTER



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Day of Prayer for Temperance
23rd. February 2020

PARISH CENTRE

Opening hours from 9.30 am to 1.30 Tuesday and Friday.
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Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday 7th. January 2020

Clonmore Parish Lotto: Last week's numbers: 5, 6, 7, 19. - No winner.
Next Week's Jackpot: €2,700; Jackpot plus Bonus number: €3,700.
€40 prize winners - Esther Sruthers; Doyle Family Shillelagh; Jim Healy Rath;
Tommy Byrne, Coolkenno; Brendan Osbourne, Liscolamn

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 2, 4, 15, 24 - No Winner
This week's jackpot €8,200. Next Draw: 24th. February - The Dying Cow
Rita & Anthony Wilson, Eamon Rossiter; Norma Gahan, Willie Howard

Thought for the week

Pope Francis secrets to happiness

1. Live and let live. Move forward and let others do the same
2. Be giving of yourself to others. If you withdraw into yourself, you run the risk of becoming egocentric; and stagnant water becomes putrid.
3. Proceed calmly in life.
4. A healthy sense of leisure. Consumerism has brought us anxiety.
5. Sunday's should be holidays; Sunday's is for family.
6. Find innovative ways to create dignified jobs for young people.
7. Respect and take care of nature.
8. Stop being negative. Needing to talk badly about others indicates low self-esteem.
9. Don't proselytize; respect other's beliefs. The church grows by attraction, not proselytizing.
10. Work for peace the call for peace must be shouted. Peace is always proactive.

Have a Wonderful Week

The Power of Forgiveness

'I bear no ill will. I bear no grudge. Dirty sort of talk is not going to bring her back to life. She's in heaven and we shall meet again. I will pray for these men tonight and every night.' These words of Gordon Wilson echoed across the world in 1987, just hours after his 20-year-old daughter Marie was killed in an IRA bomb in Enniskillen. Very few words in the history of the Northern Ireland conflict had such a powerful impact. His extraordinary capacity to forgive the people who had caused him so much pain helped to move along the slow process.' Gordon Wilson was the personification of the words of Jesus: 'love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.' It is one of the most difficult and challenging passages in the Gospels; one commentator calls it 'Jesus' most unreasonable command.' Living under oppressive Roman rule, with torture and murder not uncommon, the disciples knew what it was to hate their enemies. As we read and listen to the news today, the cruelty of people continues to astound and upset us. But Jesus reminds us that everyone is human. All are children of God, who 'causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good.' While we clearly don't accept or excuse the terror and evil in the world, we cannot dehumanise those who carry out despicable actions. It is much easier said than done, but we must strive to meet hatred with love. With God, there is always forgiveness; there is always hope.

'Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.'

Martin Luther King Jr

"It takes a strong person to say sorry but an even stronger person to say I forgive."

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 25th. Mass at 9.30, In Killinure.

Wednesday 26th: Ash Wednesday: Mass at 9.45 in Ballyconnell Church; Mass at 11.30 in Kilquiggan Church and mass at 7.30pm in Clonmore Church. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all these masses.

Tuesday 25th. Holy Hour with music, prayers and scriptural reflections in Clonmore 7.30-8.30 All welcome.

Friday 28th. Mass at 7.30 in Killinure.

CEREMONY OF LIGHT: The Ceremony of light for the boys and girls who will be confirmed on Friday 13th. March will take place on Saturday 29th. February at 7.30 in Ballyconnell Church. **Bishop Denis** will be present.

Collections: Envelopes: 9th Feb €332; 16th. Feb. €375;

Baskets: 9th. Feb.€305; 16th. Feb. €285

Envelopes returned: 9th. Feb. 73; 16th. Feb. 89.

Envelope winner: Patsy & Betty Cushe.

Bingo: 9th. Feb. €280; 16th. Feb. € 455.;

Lotto: 9th. Feb. €475; 16th. Feb. €530 Bingo Jackpot: €900



Every Sunday night we have Parish Bingo in our community Hall in Ballyconnell. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, to socialise and to make some money. Do come along and support our Parish and community.

Anniversaries

THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK

Ballyconnell 29th. February.

Ballyconnell 7th. March

Clonmore 1st. March

Marie Nolan Rath; Sinead Doyle
Clonmore

Kilquiggan 8th. March

James & Nora Clare, Ballynultagh

ALTAR SOCIETY

Ballyconnell

Ann Whelan

Kilquiggan

Sandra & Martina Bowe

COLLECTORS FOR MARCH

Ballyconnell

Seamus O'Brien

Willie Whelan

Kilquiggan

Pat Murphy

Ned Bowes

Clonmore

Paddy Lawlor

Liam Hickey

Parish Finance Committee: Will have a meeting in Parochial House Killinure on Friday 6th. March at 8.00 pm.

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

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

I am hoping to organise a pilgrimage to Medjugorje in September. Medjugorje is a small town in Herzegovina is a place where heaven meets earth and wonderous things happen through the intercession of the Mother of God. Before we organise it, I will need to see if we have enough people interested in the pilgrimage. Details: Pilgrimage on 2nd. September for 7 nights; Dublin to Dubrovnik direct Aer Lingus flights; 15k check in luggage; return transfers to Medjugorje accompanied by guide; full religious programme; daily mass and spiritual activities. Daily breakfast and evening meal; Free Wi-Fi. Pilgrimage insurance. Accommodation in pilgrimage houses close to St. James Church. Evening of prayer though song with David Parks. Cost €735. Please let me know if you are interested so that we can organise the pilgrimage.

"Pro Life talk - Speakers: Carol Nolan and Michael Dwyer from Family & Life. Thursday March 5th. at 7.30 at Portlaoise Parish Centre in the campur room. All welcome!"

Dance Clases: Clonmore Community Hall. Monday Night 8pm - 9pm. Waltz, Quickstep, Jive, Line dancing. No Partners necessary. Contact Catherine: 0877580101