

Clonmore Parish Lotto: Last week's numbers: 23, 17, 14, 18. No Winner
Next Week's Jackpot: €600; Jackpot plus Bonus number: €1,600.
€40 prize winners - Betty Wybrant C/O Bingo; Pete Walker, Shillelagh; Tom Walker Killinure; John Sommers, Carnew; Robert Savage C/O Bridie Doyle

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 5, 26, 28, 31 - No Winner
This week's jackpot €8,400. Next Draw: 9th. March - Byrnes, Clonmore
Mary Corcoran, John Keogh, Eamon Dolan; Patrick Murphy

Thought for the week

PREPARE A LENTEN GARDEN

As you are deciding what to do and what to give up for lent, which starts with ashes on Wednesday, how's this for a simple suggestion, and it's not just for the horticulturally minded!

First look at the WEEDS:

Weed out gossip, weed out laziness, weed out indifference, weed out pride.

PLANT five rows of peas:

Preparedness, Promptness, Perseverance, Politeness, Prayer.

Then plant five rows of Lettuce:

Let us be faithful, let us be unselfish, let us be truthful, and let us be grateful.

Then the reliable Turnips:

Turn up for Mass, turn up with a smile, turn up with a new idea, turn up with new determination.

What a wonderful garden you can grow.

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

The
Season
of
Lent



Second Sunday of Lent

8th. March 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

'Listen to Him'

On this second Sunday of Lent, we hear the story of the Transfiguration. It is an account of a significant spiritual experience for the disciples. We can recall in our own lives times when we received a new spiritual insight, moments when we came to know Jesus in a more profound way. These moments change us, they are powerful and can sustain us in difficult times. During Lent we are invited into a new way of seeing. As our world faces enormous environmental challenges, faith communities have a huge role to play in protecting God's creation for generations to come. The roots of the environmental crisis are deeply spiritual, for we have become disconnected from nature and forgotten how deeply interconnected everything is. This calls for a deep conversion, a reconnection; to be filled again with a childlike sense of awe and wonder where our relationship with the natural world is concerned. This Lent, let us spend more time in nature, being aware of God's presence in every created thing. Let us stand awestruck before the beauty of the world. 'The entire material universe speaks of God's love ... Soil, water, mountains: everything is a caress of God ... From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe. It is also a continuing revelation of the divine. Alongside revelation in sacred Scripture, there is a divine manifestation in the blaze of the sun and the fall of night'. (Laudato Si, 84-85)

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 10th. Mass at 9.30, in Killinure. Holy Hour with music, prayers and scriptural reflections in Clonmore 7.30-8.30 All welcome. Wednesday 11th. Mass in Killinure at 9.30 followed by Holy Hour. Friday 13th. Mass at 7.30 in Killinure.

Collections: Envelopes: €335 Baskets: €410:

Envelopes returned: 84. Envelope winner: P & M Timmins

Bingo: €495; Lotto: €535; Bingo Jackpot: €950

Dates for your Diary

CONFIRMATION: Friday 13th. March at 2 pm. Ballyconnell

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Ballyconnell NS. 9th. May at 11.30 in Ballyconnell

Anniversaries

THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK

<u>Ballyconnell 7th. March.</u>	<u>Ballyconnell 14th. March</u> Patrick Tierney, Ballyconnell
<u>Kilquiggan 8th. March</u> James & Nora Clare, Ballynultagh; John Byrne, Crab Lane	<u>Clonmore 15th. March</u>

ALTAR SOCIETY

<u>Ballyconnell</u> Betty O'Brien	<u>Kilquiggan</u> Angela O'Neill/ Helen Rossiter
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COLLECTORS FOR MARCH

<u>Ballyconnell</u> Jim Dunne Domnic Nolan	<u>Kilquiggan</u> Pat Murphy Ned Bowes	<u>Clonmore</u> Paddy Lawlor Liam Hickey
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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: John Waters talk along with Every Life Counts speaker Vicky Wall in Lawlor's Hotel, Naas on Thursday March 12th. at 7.30. located in the Pearse room suite. All welcome

Message from Bishop Denis

Further to a very good discussion with the Council of Priests, we have as of 28th February 2020 received from the HSE guidance in relation to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) which is now attached. I would appreciate if you would review same and take on as much of the relevant suggestions as possible. In particular the following should be noted:

1. Suspend the sign of peace with immediate effect.
2. Holy water fonts should be emptied and not used.
3. Holy Communion should be administered into the hand only, advise mass goers of this before communion is distributed.
4. Everyone administering Holy Communion should wash their hands or use alcohol-based hand gel before beginning.
5. The practice of shaking hands on greeting and departure should be suspended. Hand sanitisers should be used at doors where possible.

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