

PARISH LOTTO

Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for Wednesday 25th. November 2020

€20,000 Jackpot: No Winner

Numbers: 2, 13, 21, 31

11 Match 3s win € 91 each.

Thought for the week

First Sunday of Advent- 29 November 2020

1. The coming of the Lord is not just the moment of death, but any moment of grace. Recall unexpected graces - good things that happened when they were not anticipated.
2. Perhaps some of these were moments when you were particularly alert and aware of what was going on in you and around you and this enabled you to be open to the moment of grace. Recall the contrast with moments when that alertness and awareness were not present.
3. The servants were given charge of the household 'each with their own job'. See yourself as a person given a responsibility within the household of God's people. What is it like for you to see yourself trusted in this way by God? What has it been like for you when you have been shown trust in this way by another person?
4. Jesus says that what he is saying to his disciples he is saying to all. Have there been times when you have been a messenger of hope to others, encouraging them to wait for a moment of grace. Who have been the ones to encourage you?

John Byrne osa

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Advent - 29th. November 2020



PARISH CENTRE

The Parish centre will be open on
Tuesday and Friday from 9.30 - 1.30

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Finding our Feet

It can be very hard to live with uncertainty. Back at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, a counsellor was interviewed on radio about how people were coping with the 'lockdown'. People were anxious and fearful, she said. Many were experiencing loneliness, as their normal routines and social life came to an abrupt halt. Another thing that people really struggled with was the inability to make decisions. They felt trapped and stuck, unable to plan ahead. They couldn't make plans to visit family or go on holidays. They didn't know if their jobs were secure, or if their children would return to school. When things are up in the air, it is hard to find your feet and feel grounded. Many of us are still struggling with these feelings. Today we enter a new church year, and our first Advent season since the pandemic hit. Many of us are feeling more subdued than normal as we begin our preparations for Christmas. It will be very different from the usual family and social occasion, and we are saddened and worried by this. In today's gospel, Jesus urges his disciples to 'stay awake'. We might feel we have no choice at the moment - the feeling of not knowing what is coming is very familiar. We are on our guard, on edge, waiting for the latest news. Yet already, there are initiatives springing up to support those who are vulnerable or in need this Christmas. In our own families, we are plotting ways to ensure no one is alone or isolated. We are 'awake' to the strange circumstances, and we are finding ways to cope. We pray today for the strength to guide us through the coming weeks, and for the peace and joy of Christ to lift our hearts and carry us onwards.

'In this time of tribulation and mourning, I hope that you will be able to experience Jesus, who comes to meet you, greets you and says: 'Rejoice.'

Pope Francis

CHRISTIAN ONE-LINERS

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

Anniversaries - with love we remember

Saturday 28th. November: Ballyconnell: Eamon Friel of New York who died recently

Sunday 29th. November: Ballyconnell:

Saturday 5th. December - 6.30 Kilquiggan: James Kearns; Mick Kearns Ballynultagh; James Wilson Stratnakelly, James & Sarah Doyle, Coolkenno.

Saturday 5th. December - 7.30 Ballyconnell: John Cole, months Mind Liscolman, Martha Foster, 1st. Anniversary.

Sunday 6th. December - 10.30 Clonmore: Margaret Lawlor, Raheen.

MASS SCHEDULE: From Wednesday 2nd. December Tuesday we will be permitted to have public mass.



Saturday 6.30: Kilquiggan

Saturday 7.30: Ballyconnell

Sunday 10.30 Clonmore.

Christmas cards and Christmas Mass bouquets

Sometimes it is very difficult to find Christmas greeting cards with a religious message. We have Christmas cards available in the Parish office. If you would like to get a mass said for someone over the Christmas, we also have Christmas mass bouquets.

Collections

21st./22nd. November.

Envelopes €; Baskets €; Lotto: €

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 2, 7, 28, 32

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €10,500.

Next Draw: 30th. November In Club house

Lucky Dip Winners: Statia Doyle; Ella Rossiter; Conor Butler;

Croi-Lilly Deegan

LET US HAVE CHRISTMAS

A lot of talk about Christmas these days and our need to 'have it', to celebrate, but sometimes I wonder what 'Christmas' is being longed for. Sadly, I suspect it could all too easily be the Christmas of reindeer, red-nosed and electrified on the most awful jumpers. It might be nights out, office parties, endless drinks, 'toy shows', crackers with their dreaded and driest imaginable jokes. I wonder is much though given to that socially distanced shed, a young couple and a new born child? Maybe, just maybe, it's not about going all out to celebrate but staying in to give thanks and to hope, hope that the Saviour will again find welcome.

Mass schedule over the Christmas Period.

Christmas time is a time when usually a lot of people like to go to mass. Because of the HSE guidelines we will only be able to allow a limited number in our churches. We will like to accommodate as many people as possible, so we are putting on extra masses and we would ask you to notify us which mass you will be attending. We do not want to turn away anyone from the church, so we will have different coloured tickets for each mass, You can get these tickets from the Parish office or from Fr. John.

Thursday 24th. December : Christmas Eve.

6 PM Mass in Kilquiggan; 6. PM Mass in Ballyconnell

7.30 PM Mass in Ballyconnell. 7.30 PM Mass in Clonmore

8.00 PM Mass in Kilquiggan

Friday 25th. December - Christmas Day

9.30 AM Mass in Ballyconnell; 9.30 AM Mass in Clonmore

9.30 AM Mass in Kilquiggan; 11.00 AM Mass in Clonmore.