

PARISH LOTTO

Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for Wednesday 16th. December 2020

Numbers: 3, 18, 20, 24

€20,000 Jackpot: 1 Winner, Mountmellick.

24 Match 3s win €42 each.

Next Week's Jackpot €10,000

Thought for the week

Facing the challenges of this Christmas in the parish - we are in this together

While many people will join in the celebration of Christmas Masses remotely, we earnestly hope that as many as possible will be able to gather in their local church to celebrate the great feast of Christmas together. In order to be able to do this safely, with all the necessary health measures and precautions, parishes will need more assistance than ever this year. Can you help your parish this year? Can you ask others to offer their help? Parishes will likely need assistance in stewarding, cleaning and sanitising, preparing the Church decorations, as well as in the normal liturgical ministries, e.g. Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion. Parishes are also under great financial pressure as they make their preparations for Christmas. We are in this together and this task is too great to leave to a handful of parishioners. What help does your parish need? What can you do to help make Christmas special and safe this year in your parish?

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Advent -20th. December 2020



PARISH CENTRE

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

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Keep awake

The situation into which Jesus was born was one of huge stigma with dangerous consequences. God's physical birth into this world was condemned socially; Jesus was marginalised from the moment of his conception. Imagine God choosing to be involved so intimately in this world and in such a 'shocking' way. Even the town of Galilee is problematic for this news as Galileans were considered by the religious leaders of the time to be 'second-class Jews'. It is here Jesus comes. God surprises. God stands with the marginalised. God is present in the most hidden places at times. On the fourth Sunday of Advent, we were invited to 'Keep Awake'. As we approach the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, what have you noticed this advent? What has your waiting been like? How have you prepared? Where have you seen God present this Advent? Where have you seen God being born around you? In the most unexpected places? In the most marginalised? Is your heart more open to receive a new birth of God again?

'Quiet me within, clothe my body in peacefulness, that your Word once again may take flesh - this time, within me - as once it did in holy Mary; long Advent days ago.'

Edward Hays.

CHRISTIAN ONE-LINERS
Peace starts with a smile

Anniversaries - with love we remember

Saturday 19th. December - 6.30 Kilquiggan: Bridget Sands, Kilquiggan. Month's Mind. Sarah Moore (nee Byrne) Garristown (form Gould)

Saturday 19th. December - 7.30 Ballyconnell: Michael Lyons, Ballykilduff. Sarah Moore (nee Byrne) Garristown (form. Gould)

Sunday 20th. December - 10.30 Clonmore: Denis, Daniel & Helena Kelly, Haroldstown. Michael Strahan and his son Kevin Clonmore. Pat & Kate Byrne and son Danny, Vermouth; Alice Gahan.

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.

Collections

12th. /13th. December.

Envelopes €770; Baskets €275; Lotto: €160

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.



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. Many people have already booked their seat and there will be a seating arrangement on the doors of all the churches as you enter.

Tuesday 22nd. Mass in Ballyconnell followed by Christmas Penance Service. at 7.30

Wednesday 23rd. Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.30.

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 Kilquiggan;

11.00 AM Mass in Clonmore.

Saturday 26th. Mass in Kilquiggan at 6.30. Mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30. Sunday 27th. Mass in Clonmore at 10.30

COLLECTIONS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

The priests of the Parish do not receive any payment from the offertory or envelope collections. The collections on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are lodged into the Clergy Account. The Clergy account has bottomed out since September because of COVID-19 and we have borrowed money from the Parish Account. I would encourage you to be as generous as possible with the Christmas collections. Once again thank you all for your generous support.

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 19, 24, 26,28

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €10,800.

Next Draw: 21st. December in Club house

Lucky Dip Winners: Roisin Dolan; Brian Plunkett; Siobhan Keogh; Eileen Mullaney