

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

Numbers: 7, 14, 16, 17

No Winner

26 Match 3s win €63 each.

Next Week's Jackpot €11,000

Thought for the week

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel

1. John gives an example of humility as a person confident in his own role but not seeking to claim to be more than he is. He acknowledges that Jesus is greater. There is a freedom in being able to acknowledge the gifts of others without losing a sense of one's own giftedness. Recall times when you were able to do this.
2. The baptism of Jesus was an extraordinary religious experience for him. Something happened that was a major step forward for Jesus in coming to know that he was the beloved Son of God. We all have events in our lives that are milestones along the road of discovering who we are. What have been these milestones for you?
3. 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' Bring to mind experiences in which you knew you were the beloved (of God or of another person) and that the one who loved you was well pleased. Remember these experiences with gratitude, knowing that the only proper response to love received is thankfulness. Perhaps you have also given that experience to another.
4. It is easy to lament the growing secularisation in the world today, but the Spirit of God who spoke loudly to the world in the Christ-event is active today. How can we be open to the new things the Spirit is saying to the church today?

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

The Baptism of Our Lord -10th. January 2021



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Come to the water

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, the moment when God reveals who Jesus is. Our readings are rich with water imagery. Water is a powerful symbol throughout the Scriptures, from the story of creation and the crossing of the Red Sea, to the wedding feast at Cana and Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. It is a symbol of life and newness, an opportunity for God to reach out to us, be present with us and teach us something, as well as an opportunity for cleansing and a fresh start.

Our gospel today tells of Jesus being baptised by John in the river Jordan. This immersion in water marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry. By approaching John for baptism, along with all the others, Jesus is identifying with the people and allowing himself to be counted among sinners. It is a sign that he submitting to God's will. At this crucial moment, as soon as he emerges from the Jordan, Jesus sees the heavens open and the voice of God confirming him as 'Beloved Son'. It is a moment of divine approval, confirming Jesus' identity and launching him on his new mission.

The baptism of Jesus is a reminder of our own identity and mission. We are beloved daughters and sons of God, sisters and brothers of Jesus, members of God's family. In today's first reading we are invited: 'Come to the water all you who are thirsty'. We are called to the water, to that moment when we recognise who Jesus is, who we are, and our mission to live as children of God. 'In order to live a life of holiness, we must first receive new life from God — we must be born from above.'

J. Vernon McGee

CHRISTIAN ONE-LINERS

God always forgives, we sometimes
forgive, nature never forgives.

Anniversaries - with love we remember

Sunday 10th. January 2021 - 10.30 Ballyconnell: Daniel & Catherine O'Brien, Knockballystine; Mary Peg Carroll, Liscolman; Tom & Miley O'Rourke, Aghowle; William O'Brien, Knockeen.

Sunday 17th. January 2021 - 10.30 Ballyconnell:
Month's Mind mass for Patti Hickey, Ballynultagh



Mass Schedule

Following HSE guidelines we will have mass online via our Parish Webcam on Sundays at 10.30 in Ballyconnell.

Anniversaries will be prayed for at this mass.

Our weekday masses will be on our Facebook Page at 10.00

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS



Pray for Vocations

Is the One who "baptized you with the Holy Spirit" asking you to consider a call to serve as a priest, a deacon or in the consecrated life?

Speak to your local priest or your Diocesan Vocations Director, or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers:

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €.

Next Draw: 4th.

Lucky Dip Winners:

ANYBODY IN OUR COMMUNITY OR PARISH WHO NEED ANY ASSISTANCE COLLECTING PRESCRIPTIONS OF MESSAGES FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ANY MEMBER OF COOLKENNO GAA OR CONTACT FR. JOHN. WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER AND TOGETHER WE WILL OVERTCOME IT.

A Wonderful Resolution for the New Year!

What amazing gifts the new year brings! An entire year's worth of wonderful opportunities, given to us one sunrise at a time. Many of the moments ahead will be marvellously disguised as ordinary days, but each one of us has the chance to make something extraordinary out of them. Each new day is a blank page in the diary of your life. The secret of success is in turning that diary into the best story you possibly can. Have pages on understanding and tales of overcoming hardships. Fill your story with enthusiasm, adventure, learning, and laughter. And make each chapter reflect time doing these things:

Follow your dreams. Work hard. Be kind. Do what you can to make the door open on a day that is filled with inspiration in some special way. Remember: Goodness will be rewarded. Smiles will pay you back. Have fun. Find strength. Be truthful. Have faith. Don't focus on anything you lack. *Realize that people are the treasures in life, and happiness is the real wealth. Have a diary that describes how you're doing your best, and. The rest will take care of itself.*

by Douglas Pagels

