

**Coolkenno GAA Lotto:** Last week's numbers: 5, 11, 14, 32

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €2,900.

Next Draw: 20<sup>th</sup>. December in Club House

Lucky Dip Winners: Michael Donohoe, David Carlton Donishall;

Mary Byrne, Tinahealy; Darryl Nolan

*Thought for the week*

## Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for December

When we think back to those people who have most influenced us enabled change in our lives, we might remember that those people



influenced us not by what they said but what they did and how they lived their lives. We all have a desire to emulate those people we most admire. Living this kind of life is the best form of evangelization. Pope Francis tells us the Church needs 'creative people who proclaim the gospel, but who proclaim it neither with a mute nor with a loudspeaker, but rather with their life, with gentleness, with a new language, and opening new ways.' This month we are invited to join in Pope Francis's prayer intention: "For the catechists summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its

witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit, with joy and much peace".

*Have a Wonderful Week*

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

19<sup>th</sup>. December - Fourth Sunday of Advent



## PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Centre will be open Tuesdays and Fridays  
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## Advent Reflection

Let's take a moment to hear these words on love from a newlywed. I got married in August 2020. It was a challenging time with the restrictions. My fiancé was amazing, always keeping a positive outlook and focusing on what was really important about the day - marrying each other! We wanted to get married because first and foremost, we were in love. Focusing on that helped us to deal with the disappointments and hazards that we came across on our journey towards marriage. The best definition of love I have heard is "wanting good for someone, and not expecting anything in return." Romantic love is just one part of what is love. The past 20 months have been very difficult ones with the pandemic. I have a choice in my outlook on living today. If I choose to wear a face mask, clean my hands, queue patiently, smile (with my eyes if necessary!) and be kind to those I meet - out of love - I have a better time dealing with life right now. I find it makes me feel good when I do whatever is in my power to help others feel that little bit safer or happier. Of course, I am human and full of flaws. So, I need some help with being a loving person - both romantically and socially. I get that help from God. Scripture tells us that God is love. God helps me find his love within me and share it with the world. Living my Christian vocation that simply has helped me through life so far. I think it is always a good question to ask myself - where do I find the ability to love others? And my answer - from the love God shares with me.  
(Philip Lawlor, Pastoral Worker, Cathedral Parish)

## Christian Motivational Phrases

Life is too short; grudges are a waste of happiness. Laugh when you can, apologise when you should and let go of what you can't change. Love deeply and forgive quickly. Life is too short to be unhappy.

## Anniversaries - with love we remember



### Ballyconnell 18<sup>th</sup>. December: 7.30

Pat, Breda, Kieran & Bridget Kelly, Rath. Mary Fahy formerly Kelly Galway who died recently. Michael Lyons, Ballykilduff.

### Kilquiggan 19<sup>th</sup>. December 9.00

Patti Hickey, Ballynultagh, 1st. Anniversary. Denis, Mary, Daniel & Helena Kelly, Haroldstown

### Clonmore 19<sup>th</sup>. December: 10.30

Emer McDonald, Oldtown, Clonmore. Month's mind. Michael & Kevin Strahan, Clonmore

### Ballyconnell 25<sup>th</sup>. December: 9.30

James & Esther Keogh, Knockeen

### Clonmore 26<sup>th</sup>. December 9.00

Thomas Fitzharris, Bellshill

**Collections: 4/5; and 11/12 December:** Envelopes: €1051 Baskets: €727 Envelopes returned:178 - Bingo: €265. Lotto: €205

**PARISH LOTTO:** Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>. December 2021 Numbers: 6, 7, 9, 29 - No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €13,000. 18 Match 3s win €56 each.

1. Every ticket we sell we get €1 for the Parish
2. We don't have to pay out the prizes
3. We don't have to have a team in place to organise the Lotto.
4. We don't have to organise the printing of the books.
5. The only work we have to do is to update the list every week and send in the numbers for the draw on Wednesday.
6. It is a **win-win** situation for the Parish. We appreciate your support for the Lotto.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Eve: 7.30 Mass in Ballyconnell. 7.30 Mass in Kilquiggan. 7.30 Mass in Clonmore

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Day: 9.30 Mass in Ballyconnell. 9.30 Mass in Kilquiggan. 11.00 Mass in Clonmore.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>. 9.30 Mass in Kilquiggan. 11.00 Mass in Clonmore

No Masses from Monday 27<sup>th</sup>. to Friday 31<sup>st</sup>. December (Incl.)

Weekend of 1<sup>st</sup>./2<sup>nd</sup>. January: Normal schedule of masses:  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>. Ballyconnell at 7.30; Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Kilquiggan at 9.00; Clonmore at 10.30

Christmas Penance Service: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>.  
December at 7.30 Ballyconnell Church.  
Fr. John will attend the sick and housebound for  
Christmas on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>. December.

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>. Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.30; Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.45. Friday 17<sup>th</sup>.

At Christmas we have our special Christmas Day collection for the priests of the Parish. There is a separate envelop in your boxes for this and the offertory collection on Christmas Day also goes to this. During these challenging times you have always been very generous with your contributions and we appreciate the major effort you are making during these difficult times. Once again, we appeal to your generosity at these collections.

**Ballyconnell Bingo:** There will be bingo Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>. Please spread the word.

Christmas Mass bouquets are available in the Parish Centre. Also, some Christmas cards with religious themes are also available.