

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 6, 23, 24, 25

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €3,000.

Next Draw: 27th. December in Club House

Lucky Dip Winners: Andrew Nevin; Jacinta Walsh; Ptk/Carmel Keogh;
Antoinette Sutton

Ballyconnell Bingo: There will be bingo Sunday 26th. at 2pm.
There will be €2500 in prizes. Please spread the word.

Thought for the week

Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 26th A Prayer for the Family



God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray. (pause) Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th. December - Feast of the Holy Family



PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Centre will reopen on Tuesday the 11th.
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Keeping Christmas 2021 in the Home and Parish This Christmas we want all our families and households in the parish to be able to truly celebrate the joy of the season. We are very aware that not everyone will be able to come to the church to attend Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. We invite those who can't come to tune into our livestreamed Masses while we very much look forward to welcoming those who can come to the church for Christmas. The parish invites you to enter into the prayer of the traditional 12 days of Christmas and to mark these days in your home. Families are invited to make time in the home for prayer and to visit the church for private prayer before the crib. The COVID pandemic has shown the importance of the 'domestic church', the 'little churches' that is very much alive in homes across the parish. God is always with us when we pray and so, we are very happy to share with you some prayers for the home. We hope you will use them over the Christmas season.

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



Clonmore 26th. December 11.00

Thomas Fitzharris, Bellshill

Ballyconnell 1st. January 7.30:

Helen Dolan, Seskin

Kilquiggan 2nd. January 9.00

Anthony Wilson, Stratnakelly

Kathleen Conroy Tinahealy

Theresa & John Keegan, Kilquiggan

Clonmore 2nd. January 10.30

Josephine Connolly, Minvaud

Collections: 18/19 December: Envelopes: €395 Baskets: €627

Envelopes returned 67 - Bingo: €335. Lotto: €140

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for

Wednesday 22nd. December 2021 Numbers: 8, 9, 13, 23 - No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €14,000. 23 Match 3s win €44 each.

Next Lotto Draw will be on Wednesday 5th January 2022

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.

Mass Schedule

Friday 24th. Christmas Eve: 7.30 Mass in Ballyconnell. 7.30

Mass in Kilquiggan. 7.30 Mass in Clonmore

Saturday 25th. Christmas Day: 9.30 Mass in Ballyconnell. 10.00 Mass in Kilquiggan. 11.00 Mass in Clonmore.

Sunday 26th. 10.00 Mass in Kilquiggan. 11.00 Mass in Clonmore

No Masses from Monday 27th. to Friday 31st. December (Incl.)

Weekend of 1st./2nd. January: Normal schedule of masses:

Saturday 1st. Ballyconnell at 7.30;

Sunday 2nd. Kilquiggan at 9.00; Clonmore at 10.30

Wednesday 5th. January: Mass at 9.30 Ballyconnell

THURSDAY 6th. Feast of the Epiphany – Holy Day of obligation

Mass at 10. 30 Ballyconnell.

Friday 7th. Mass at 7.30 in Ballyconnell

Saturday and Sunday 8/9 normal mass schedule.

A lot of us are feeling a little broken and vulnerable at this time. It's been a trying time since March 2020. A real exhaustion has set in, the tiredness, the constant battle, the never-ending dread of the unknown. We set our making doomsday plans for what we thought was going to be a short period, and here we are still standing. The physical tiredness, the mental exhaustion, the stress, the never-ending tension. I think that some days we consume too much media. It's wonderful to hear the hope and the assurance that we will get a handle on this, but we are not there yet. This time will pass, and we will get through this. Our resilience, and trust in the scientists, with our doctors and nurses we will get us through this. The constant moving of the goalposts cuts deep but thank God our story is only a story of inconvenience; many people have lost loved ones, and they have been unable to give them a dignified goodbye. It has taken a mental toll on so many who have lost their jobs and livelihoods. We are in a much better place than we were this time last year. Let's continue to take care of each other and remember that each one of us is responsible for all of us. Have a wonderful Christmas and hopefully 2022 will be the year we can sound the death knell for Covid once and for all.