

**Coolkenno GAA Lotto:** Last week's numbers: 11, 19, 26, 30

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €2,700.

Next Draw: 6<sup>th</sup>. December in Club House

Lucky Dip Winners: Seanie Byrne; Peter Roy; Bella (Kilquigan);

Betty Hickey

*Thought for the week*

## The Prayer of Advent: Come, Lord Jesus

The traditional prayer of Advent 'Come, Lord Jesus' brings us straight to the heart of what this season is about. The word 'Advent' stems from the Latin 'Adventus,' meaning 'coming' or 'arrival'. It speaks to our yearning for the presence of Jesus in our lives and to a deep-down recognition for the need of this presence above all things. At the beginning of a new Church year, over the Four Sundays of the Advent season we ready ourselves for the joy of Christmas when we remember and commemorate the birth of Christ. But Advent is also about preparing ourselves for His second coming. We are reminded of this second coming in many phrases that we hear or say at Mass, for example 'as we look forward to his second coming', 'when he comes again in glory', 'as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour'. This second coming is a central theme from the beginning of Advent right up to the 17<sup>th</sup> December. At that point, our attention and preparation shift more to the commemoration of His first coming on the feast of the Nativity. And yet as we prepare to remember his coming at Christmas and to anticipate his Second Coming, we also recognise that the risen Christ is always coming to us. In these Advent days, Jesus, 'God with us', the Lord who is HOPE, PEACE, JOY & LOVE, reaches out to us and walks with us. As we journey through these days are we ready to welcome him again and again into our life? Are we ready to pray Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

**POPE FRANCIS** - "Advent is a continuous call to hope. It reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal and to its fullness, which is the Lord Jesus Christ. God is present in the history of humanity, He is the 'God- with-us', He walks beside us to support us.'

*Have a Wonderful Week*

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

5<sup>th</sup>. December - Second Sunday of Advent



## PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Centre will be open Tuesdays and Fridays  
from 9.30- 1.30: Tel. 059-9156890

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**AN ADVERT TRADITION FOR CHURCH AND HOME**  
An Advent Tradition for Church and Home: THE ADVENT WREATH The advent wreath has a rich meaning. The circle of the wreath, with no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God. The evergreen reminds us of the everlasting life we have in Christ while any pine cones or pods in the wreath represent new life and resurrection. The four candles represent the four Sundays of Advent. Purple is traditionally a colour of penance and prayer while the rose-pink candle that is lit on the Third Sunday (Gaudete/Rejoice Sunday) marks our joy as we move ever closer to Christmas. As you light a candle on your Advent wreath for the first time, pray this prayer of blessing and take a moment to talk to God about how you will journey through Advent this year, alone or as a household. Finish your time of prayer with the Advent prayer: Come, Lord Jesus! A Blessing Prayer Loving God, let your blessing come upon us as we light this wreath. May it be a sign of hope for us as we prepare for your coming and may it turn our hearts to you in the days ahead. Give us your peace and love as we wait in joyful hope. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>. December: 7.30

Matt Lawlor, Ballyk8ilduff, Tommy Dempsey, his father Thomas, his mother Anne and his siter Kathleen, Coolkenno.

Dan & Bridget Quinn, Knockeen

### Kilquiggan 5<sup>th</sup>. December: 9.00

Mick Kerns, James Kearns, Ballynultagh; James Wilson Stratnakelly; James and Sarah Doyle, Coolkenno; Martha Foster, Tullow

### Ballyconnell 11<sup>th</sup>. December: 7.30

Mai Coleman, Month's Mind. Donal & Lilly Troy, Killabeg. The Breen Family, Ballyconnell.

### Clonmore 12<sup>th</sup>. December: 7.30

Pat & Kate Byrne and their son Danny, Vermont. Margaret Lawlor, Raheen; Kathleen & Dan Doyle Knockatomcoyle

## Collections: November 27/28 November

Envelopes: €350 Baskets: €270

Envelopes returned:132 - Bingo: €425. Lotto: €55

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>. Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.30;

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>. The Immaculate Conception:

Holiday of Obligation. Mass in Ballyconnell at 10.30.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>. Mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30 pm.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL

The local Conference of St. Vincent de Paul appeal to the public to help us to help people in need this Christmas. Last year thanks to your generosity we spent over €31,000, providing much needed help (food, heat, education and other emergencies) to those in need. Since the start of the Pandemic, we have changed the way we help and this year we hope to give families in need a FOOD VOUCHER which they can use in our local shops.

WAYS TO DONATE: By using the SVP BLUE ENVELOPES at the back of the Church, Tullow Post Office and Credit Union or any envelope. You can drop your envelope into the Parish Centre letterbox or donation box in Post Office Tullow. Donate online at [www.svp.ie](http://www.svp.ie) go to South East and locality Tullow. Phone 0818176176 to donate to Tullow Co. Carlow SVP.

Ballyconnell Bingo: There will be no bingo Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>. but we will have bingo on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>. Please spread the word.

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>. December 2021 Numbers:1, 18, 24, 27 - No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €12,000. 15 Match 3s win €67 each.

We are very grateful to all the people who support our Parish Lotto. Some of you who are supporting the Parish Lotto your subscription is due for renewal. Christmas is a wonderful time to renew your subscription for the coming year. To check the status of you subscription just contact the Parish office or Fr. John.

## COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Dance classes have returned to Clonmore Community Centre - Mondays: 7.30-9.00 Contact: 087-7580101. Covid Cert needed.