

**Coolkenno GAA Lotto:** Last week's numbers: 6, 22, 27, 31

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €3,200.

Next Draw: 10<sup>th</sup>. January in Club House

Lucky Dip Winners: Mary Nolan, Peter Roberts; Martin Cole;  
Frank Bailey

**Ballyconnell Bingo:** There will be bingo Sunday

16<sup>th</sup>. at 2 pm. Please spread the word.

*Thought for the week*

### SEEING YOUR LIFE IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL

1. The story is a story of abundance; the abundance of the blessings God gives us. How have you been aware of the abundance of God's blessings? Let the memories lead you to prayer of thanks and praise for the times in your life when that joy and fulfilment have been very real to you.
2. The *hour* of Jesus had not yet come when the glory of God would be fully revealed, yet even so something of the glory of God was revealed in the sign that took place. For us also the revelation of the full glory of God lies in the future, but we do get glimpses along the way. Recall some of the *signs* that have revealed to you something of the glory of God, e.g., nature, art, friendship, etc.
3. Mary/Jesus. It is interesting to note that despite the apparent rebuff, Mary is the first person in the narrative to show (at the level of the action of the story) that the correct response to the presence of Jesus is to trust in him. When have you trusted in the word of Jesus like that? What relationships do you have that you can trust like that? Do you recall times when your trust was rewarded even when you had been initially disappointed?

*Have a Wonderful Week*

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

16<sup>th</sup>. January - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



### PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Centre will be open on Tuesday and Friday  
9.30 - 1.30. Tel. 059-9156890

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Website: [www.clonmoreparish.ie](http://www.clonmoreparish.ie)

## The Lamb of God

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist is inviting us to look at Jesus. He calls Jesus the 'lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world'. We say these words often at mass and today we are invited to meditate on them more closely. What does it mean? In Jesus' time, two lambs were sacrificed in the Temple in Jerusalem each day. It was a ritual that invoked purity. Jesus will preach a love that is radical for many, in a world that was, and still is, broken. John refers to Jesus as the lamb as he knows that if one loves in such a way, they will suffer at the hands of unjust systems and institutions. When we look at the 'sins' of our world today - broken relationships, crisis, can we also see those who, like Jesus, 'take away' the sins of the world? Christ's love was not passive, he actively challenged systems that were oppressive and which prevented people from living life to the full. Whether it be the climate crisis or the homelessness crisis or any number of issues we face, 'look' where Jesus walks and is actively working to ease this suffering. When we hear these words at mass, let us be reminded of all those who sacrifice much to ease the sufferings of others. This is Christ, the 'lamb of God' active in our world today. 'The descent into the waters of our spirit, is a journey into the presence of divinity ... all human beings are children of God but not all live in the awareness that there is 'that of God' within them'

W.L. Wallace

## Christian Motivational Phrases

I lied and said I was busy. I was busy but not in a way most people understand. I was busy taking deeper breaths. I was busy silencing irrational thoughts. I was busy calming a racing heart. I was busy telling myself I am okay. Sometimes this is my busy and I will not apologise for it.

B. Oakman

## Anniversaries - with love we remember



### Ballyconnell 15<sup>th</sup>. January 7.30

Josie Keogh, Ballyconnell; Sarah Bowes, Killinure  
William O'Brien, Knockeen and deceased family  
members. Donacha Mulvihill, Ballyconnell

### Clonmore 16<sup>th</sup>. January 10.30

Jane Hickey, Raheen.

### Ballyconnell 22<sup>nd</sup>. January 7.30

Jimmy O'Byrne, Pat & Peg O'Byrne KILLABEG  
MICHAEL & ALICE FURLONG, CRECRIN

We pray for Elizabeth (Lyla) Nanasy, Killinure, who was buried during the week.

Collections: 3 Weekends: Sunday 26/12; 1/2 January; 8/9 January  
Envelopes: €849 Baskets: €1646 Envelopes returned: - Bingo: €385

## Mass Schedule



Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>. January: Mass at 9.30

Ballyconnell

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9.30

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>. Mass at 7.30 in Ballyconnell

**PARISH LOTTO:** Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>. January 2022 Numbers: 5, 11, 21, 24 - No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €17,000. 25 Match 3s win €40 each (one local winner)

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.

I would encourage you to support our Lotto. At this time of the year some of your subscriptions have expired. The lotto is a very welcome support for our parish finances. For you personally, it is also an opportunity for you to win some money. If you are not in you can't win. Next week's jackpot is €16,000. If you want to know that status of your subscription, 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 to the outbreak of Covid-19. Professional staff are available reassurance where necessary. The support line is one seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024

**COLLECTIONS BOXES:** A sincere thank you to all the volunteers who have helped distribute the collection boxes for the coming year, your support is greatly appreciated. If you have not received a collection box, please let us know.

A sincere thank you to all of you who contribute by direct debit or by using the diocesan website: kandle.ie  
Just to remind you that the Parish can claim tax back on your generous contributions that you make during the year, if they exceed a set threshold.