

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 5, 16, 26, 30

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €3,100.

Next Draw: 3rd. January in Club House

Lucky Dip Winners: Denise Jordan, Liam Butler (jnr.) Brian Plunkett;
Brian and Breda Walker

Ballyconnell Bingo: There will NO BINGO Sunday 2nd. January

Thought for the week

NEW YEAR BLESSING

*Have A
Blessed
New Year!*

Thank you, lord, for giving me the brand-new year ahead. Help me to live the way I should as each new day I tread. Give me gentle wisdom that I might help a friend. Give me strength and courage so a shoulder I might lend. The year ahead is empty help me to fill it with good things. Each new day filled with joy and the happiness it brings. Please give the leaders of our world a courage born of peace that they might lead us gently and all the fighting ceases. Please give to all upon the earth a heart that's filled with love. A gentle happy way to live with your blessings from above. The new year lies before you, like a spotless tract of snow. Be careful how you tread on it, for every mark will show. Birds singing their song loud and clear, announcing to the world a new year is here. I wish you health so you may enjoy each day in comfort. I wish you the love of friends and family and peace within your heart. I wish you the beauty of nature that you may enjoy the work of God. I wish you the wisdom to choose priorities for those things that really matter in life. I wish you generosity so you may share all good things that come to you. I wish you happiness and joy and blessings for the New Year. I wish you the best of everything that you so well deserve.

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

2nd. January - Second Sunday after Christmas

PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Centre will reopen on Tuesday the 11th.
January 2022. Tel. 059-9156890

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Taking Root

We talk about having 'roots' as a way of describing our connection to a place or people. Being rooted somewhere means we are part of that place. When we are ready to settle down, to become part of a community, maybe to buy a house or start a family, we talk about 'putting down roots'. It means we are making this place our home. It is a rich metaphor from the plant world. The roots of a tree or plant represent its relationship with the soil it is planted in and the elements around it. The deeper the roots, the more connected a plant is to its environment. It becomes part of the place where it's planted. We use this expression in everyday language too - when an idea 'takes root' in us, it is something that becomes a part of us, inseparable from our very selves. Today's first reading speaks of the wisdom of God 'taking root in a privileged people'. It describes it another way as 'pitching a tent'. These images offer us a way into understanding the complex language of today's gospel, which talks about God's relationship with us by sending Jesus: 'The Word was made flesh, he lived among us'. By becoming human, God put down roots not just in our physical world, but in humanity itself. God pitched a tent among us and became one of us. It is a connection that cannot be broken - the roots go too deep. We are in God, and God is in us. This is the mystery we celebrate in this season of Christmas - that in Jesus, God became part of the very world that God created, and part of us: 'He was in the world that had its being through him.' We are indeed a privileged people!

'Christ asks for a home in your soul, where he can be at rest with you, where he can talk easily to you, where you and he, alone together, can laugh and be silent and be delighted with one another.' Caryll Houselander

Christian Motivational Phrases

Peace starts with a smile

Anniversaries - with love we remember



Ballyconnell 1st. January 7.30:

Helen Dolan, Seskin

John Dowling, Tobinstown, Tullow.

Kilquiggan 2nd. January 9.00

Anthony Wilson, Stratnakelly

Kathleen Conroy Tinahealy

Theresa & John Keegan, Kilquiggan

Clonmore 2nd. January 10.30

Josephine Connolly, Minvaud

Clonmore 9th. January 10.30

Margaret Dowling, Minvaud

Collections: Envelopes: € Baskets: € Envelopes returned -
Bingo: €. Lotto: €

PARISH LOTTO: 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



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.

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.

