

**Coolkenno GAA Lotto:** Last week's numbers: 6, 17, 21, 24  
No Winner. This week's jackpot €3,800. Next Draw: 21<sup>st</sup>.  
February in Club House

Lucky Dip Winners: Maura Keogh; Patsy Og Cush;  
Caroline Murphy; Brian Plunkett

Holy hour in Clonmore Church will resume this  
Tuesday evening 7:30-8:30pm. Come away and rest  
a while with the Lord. All welcome.

### *Thought for the week*

## Pope Francis secrets to happiness

1. Live and let live. Move forward and let others do the same
2. Be giving of yourself to others. If you withdraw into yourself, you run the risk of becoming egocentric; and stagnant water becomes putrid.
3. Proceed calmly in life.
4. A healthy sense of leisure. Consumerism has brought us anxiety.
5. Sundays should be holidays; Sunday's is for family.
6. Find innovative ways to create dignified jobs for young people.
7. Respect and take care of nature.
8. Stop being negative. Needing to talk badly about others indicates low self-esteem.
9. Don't proselytize; respect other's beliefs. The church grows by attraction, not proselytizing.
10. Work for peace the call for peace must be shouted. Peace is always proactive

*Have a Wonderful Week*

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup>. February - **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**



The Parish Office will be open: Tuesdays  
and Fridays from 9.30 - 1.30.

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## The Power of Forgiveness

'I bear no ill will. I bear no grudge. Dirty sort of talk is not going to bring her back to life. She's in heaven and we shall meet again. I will pray for these men tonight and every night.' These words of Gordon Wilson echoed across the world in 1987, just hours after his 20-year-old daughter Marie was killed in an IRA bomb in Enniskillen. Very few words in the history of the Northern Ireland conflict had such a powerful impact. His extraordinary capacity to forgive the people who had caused him so much pain helped to move along the slow process.' Gordon Wilson was the personification of the words of Jesus: 'love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.' It is one of the most difficult and challenging passages in the Gospels; one commentator calls it 'Jesus' most unreasonable command.' Living under oppressive Roman rule, with torture and murder not uncommon, the disciples knew what it was to hate their enemies. As we read and listen to the news today, the cruelty of people continues to astound and upset us. But Jesus reminds us that everyone is human. All are children of God, who 'causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good.' While we clearly don't accept or excuse the terror and evil in the world, we cannot dehumanise those who carry out despicable actions. It is much easier said than done, but we must strive to meet hatred with love. With God, there is always forgiveness; there is always hope. 'Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.'

Martin Luther King Jr

## Christian Motivational Phrases

The Cross means there is no shipwreck without hope, there is no darkness without dawn, no storm without a haven. St. John Paul II

## Anniversaries - with love we remember



Kilquiggan Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>. 9.00

Simon Timmins, Boley

Ballyconnell Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>. 7.30

James, Brigid and Jerry McCarthy, Haroldstown

Sean & Lillian Ryan, Millbank, Shillelagh.

Kilquiggan Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>. 9.00 AM

Kathleen & Michael Byrne, Aghowle Upr.

Sean & Lillian Ryan, Millbank, Shillelagh

**Collections: Weekend: 12/13 February**

**Envelopes: €410 Baskets: €335. Envelopes returned:80**

**Bingo: €175 Lotto: €85**

## Mass Schedule



NO Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday,  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup>.: Mass at 7.30 in Ballyconnell

Level 5 QQI Palliative Care Module starts 7<sup>th</sup> March at Colaiste Eoin Hacketstown for 6 Monday evenings. Contact 059 6471198/ [info@ceh.ie](mailto:info@ceh.ie) for details. (Places are limited)

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. – 17<sup>th</sup>. April 2022.

Further details form Duffy Coach Hire: 087-2543235; 059-6471681



Ballyconnell Bingo: There will be bingo Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>. at 2 pm. Please spread the word; and thanks for your support.

**PARISH LOTTO**: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>. February 2022 Numbers: 4, 17, 23, 30 - No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €14,000. 15 Match 3s win €67 each (one local winner)

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.

Healthcare Assistants and Senior Healthcare Assistants wanted. As part of exciting expansion, we are looking for Healthcare Assistants & Senior Healthcare Assistants to join our established team at SignaCare, Killerig. Positions are full time with competitive salary. To apply please send your CV to: [hr4@virtue.ie](mailto:hr4@virtue.ie)

St. John's Caring centre, Hacketstown, has re-opened and all retirees are welcome. Please drop in for lunch and a chat on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursdays. We offer additional services, e.g., showering or laundry and we are trying to arrange chiropody service. For more information, please contact Sheila on 059 6471417.

**Synod News: A Listening Lent**, across Kildare and Leighlin The Kildare and Leighlin Synod Questions are now available on [www.kandle.ie/synod/](http://www.kandle.ie/synod/) under Listening Lent. You might take some time to pray and reflect on them and talk about them with family or friends before completing the online survey or coming to a parish synod listening session. On this synodal pathway, Pope Francis invites us to speak graciously with courage and boldness but also to listen graciously with respect to another person and with openness to hear God speaking to us through the story and experience of another person.