

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 5, 17, 21, 25

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €3,500.

Next Draw: 31st. January in Club House

Lucky Dip Winners: Barry Doyle, L. J. Cushe Quigley; Patsy Cushe; Bernie Lawlor.

Ballyconnell Bingo: There will be bingo Sunday 30th.
at 2 pm. Please spread the word; and thanks for your support.

Thought for the week

SEEING YOUR LIFE IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL

1. The people of Nazareth could not accept that this local boy had something to teach them. Fixed ideas about people can at times block us from hearing what is being said. What a difference when we drop our prejudices! Perhaps you have experienced hearing an important truth when you focussed on what was being said, rather than on the person saying it?
2. The anger of the people arose when Jesus confronted them with God's inclusive ways. For them, God was 'their God' and God's blessings were for them. Jesus reminded them that this is not God's way. When have you been challenged to think in new ways and not to be excluding some people from your thoughts or concerns? Was there good news for you in the challenge?
3. Jesus continued his work despite the opposition. Have there been times when despite opposition you have been able to 'walk through the people' and 'continue on your way'? Have you seen this courage in others?

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

30th. January - Fourth 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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Genuine authority

'But man, proud man, Dress'd in a little brief
authority, Most ignorant of what he's most assur'd...'

Measure for Measure William Shakespeare

We probably wouldn't have to think too hard to come with examples of people who seem to fit the above description. Puffed up with a sense of their own importance, they are anxious to be seen as the expert on everything, in spite of limited knowledge or experience. We tend to criticise politicians and other public figures if we feel they are blind to the struggles of ordinary people. They don't know what it's like, for example, to live on a minimum wage, to care for a family member with a disability, or to be at risk of homelessness. On the other hand, it is refreshing when those in power have either faced some of these issues themselves or have made the effort to do some research and really listen to people. We can tell when someone is speaking with genuine authority, care and compassion. In today's gospel, those who listen to Jesus' teaching in the synagogue know there is something different and exciting about him. His teaching is in sharp contrast to the scribes they are used to hearing, and makes a deep impression on them. The difference, as stated twice in this passage, is his authority and it leaves his audience 'astonished'. He does not use his position the way we might use our 'little brief authority' to make ourselves look good. Instead he uses his authority to serve, to love, and to bring mercy and freedom.

Christian Motivational Phrases

We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love. St. Theresa of Calcutta.

Anniversaries - with love we remember



Ballyconnell 29th. January 7.30

Mary Healy, Killinure.
Matt & Mary Quinn, Knockeen.
Moirá & Liam Keely Kilquiggan.
Christy Long, Cork.

Kilquiggan 30th. January 9.00

Carmel Bailey, Coolkenno.

Catherine & William Byrne, Aghowle

Clonmore 30th. January 10.30

Thomas & Mary Fitzharris and their son Billy, late of Bellshill

Kilquiggan 6th. February 9.00

Edward Hickey, Cronalea, Month's Mind.

Clonmore 6th. February 10.30

Patrick Connolly (Jnr.) Crab Lane & Ballyshane.

Collections: Weekend: 22/23 January

Envelopes: €465 Baskets: €340. Envelopes returned:68

Bingo: €750 Lotto: €

Mass Schedule



Tuesday 1st. February: Mass at 9.30.

Wednesday 2nd.: Mass at 9.30

Friday 5th.: Mass at 7.30 in Ballyconnell

Friday 5th. First Friday: Fr. John will attend the sick and housebound.

Blessing of Throats will take place after the 7.30 pm mass on Friday.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Sunday 10th. – 17th. April 2022.

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

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for Wednesday 26th. January 2022 Numbers:1, 14, 18, 27 - No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €12,000. 15 Match 3s win €67 each

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.

Tullow Area Conference of St. Vincent de Paul

The Tullow SVP area (Tullow, Grange, Ardattin, Ballon, Rathoe, Ballyconnell) Annual appeal for donations was generously supported and we thank everyone for their contributions. The amount raised during the appeal was €24,740.36. Thanks to your generosity many families were helped with vouchers for food, fuel, clothes and toys. This work is carried don all year round. Members of SVP are volunteers and do not receive any expenses.

Synod News: A Listening Lent. Preparations are beginning across the diocese to open up a variety of listening forums in Lent so that we can listen to people's experience of faith and walking together in faith, of being part of the community of the Church and our hopes for the Church into the future as we seek to bring God's love to the world. Look out for our first video in the coming week inviting you to take part in A LISTENING LENT. See www.kandle.ie/synod and www.synod.ie to learn more about the synod and the synodal pathway for the Irish Church.

2022 All Ireland Eucharistic Conference. Saturday 5th February at 2pm live on Radio Maria Ireland. Speakers include Fr. John Mockler, Servant Sister of the Home of the mother, Antoinette Moynihan (Children of the Eucharist) and Fr. Morty O'Shea.



There are many different aspects to Parish life and an important one of these is the Apostolic Society. This society was set up in our parish over 30 years thanks to the wonderful commitment of the people in this Parish and community. We've had a wonderful group of volunteers who have continued to dedicate their time to this cause. Over time some members have gone to their eternal home and others have started families. We should do everything possible to keep this society present in our Parish. Anyone who is interested in this task could they please let us know. Every Wednesday we have Holy Hour, beginning at mass with mass at 9.30 and ending at 10 .30