

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 2, 3, 9, 18

No Winner. This week's jackpot €4,100

Next Draw: 14th. March in Club House

Lucky Dip Winners: Marie Kelly; Eamon Healy;

Byrne Family Quigganroe; Annie Enright

Thought for the week



Don't call it "Paddy's Day" or "Paddy's". This is a day to recall the faith we have received and by which we seek to be guided. This is a day to be proud of who we are and the difference we have made. This is a day to hope that all that is good and true in our faith and church might shine a-fresh, reach out to all and stir up within our people a desire to please God and look after one another in a way that is meaningful, sincere and rooted in compassion and kindness. This is not so much a day to drown the shamrock as to rejoice in the waters of baptism. It is not so much a day to watch the parade as to be in it - partaking fully in the journey of a nation and a people and in the search for depth. This is a time to find our roots, remember who planted us and to yield our fruit in due season. Being of Ireland today should be a badge of honour. Being Irish today means being faithful to the many good people who have paved the way for us. It is about remembering the countries that made us welcome and having an eye towards the countries seeking our welcome. It is about doing the right thing by and for people because it's the right thing to do. Today is a day to hear the music, sing the song, dance the dance and be one with others. It's not a day for begrudgery or bitterness, a day for hostility or anger but a day to remember the prayer of St Patrick: "Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ above and Christ below"

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER



13th. March Second Sunday of Lent

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

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St. Patrick

Happy St Patrick's Day! - a day when we remember the roots of the Christian faith in Ireland. There is no doubt that to be a Christian in Ireland today is difficult. Often it is easier to hide our faith, to avoid ridicule, arguments and debates which can wear us down. However, today we should take example and energy from St Patrick. His story was not a walk in the park either. We celebrate our Christian identity today and celebrate the Gospel message that a courageous Patrick brought to us, a message that was preserved and passed on; a message that is very relevant to today's world and which continues to nourish and sustain us. Take heart from the parable of the Mustard Seed in the Gospel today. The mustard seed plant is sometimes wild and out of control. Author and activist, Shane Claiborne, compares it to kudzu, a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas, smother trees, even crack stone buildings and footpaths. The shrub was banned in certain areas of Palestine because of how it could completely take over gardens. When we are struggling with being a Christian in modern Ireland, feeling excluded in a world that wants to forget God, we can take courage from the parable of the mustard seed. It grew in places where it was not wanted. You might recall the people in your own life who nourished your faith and who guided you along your spiritual path. 'I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's shield to protect me.' (St Patrick's Breastplate

Christian Motivational Phrases

Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.

Anniversaries - with love we remember



Clonmore Sunday 13th. 10.30

Edward & Annie Kelly, Black Hill

Ballyconnell Saturday 19th. 7.30

Patrick Tierney, Ballyconnell

Collections: Weekend: 5/6 March February

Envelopes: €585 Baskets: €450. Envelopes returned: 84

Bingo: €265 Lotto: €

Mass Schedule

Tuesday 15th. March Mass at 9.30

Wednesday 16th. Mass at 9.30; Mass in

Thursday 17th. St. Patrick' Day:

Mass 9n Ballyconnell at 10.30

Friday 18th.: Mass at 7.30 in Ballyconnell.

Ballyconnell Bingo:

There will be bingo Sunday 13th.
at 2 pm. Please spread the word;
and thanks for your support.



PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for Wednesday 9th. March 2022 Numbers: 6, 7, 11, 20 - No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €17,000. 3 Match 3s win €34 each-one local winner

A sincere thank you to all who support our Parish Lotto. 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.

Listening Lent - Synod News: During this Lent parishes across the diocese are hosting synod listening sessions. We invite as many people as possible to come to these sessions and to encourage others to come as well. Every voice matters. If you can't make it to a local session the Kandle online synod survey is now live and can be accessed on www.kandle.ie/synod/ (or by using the QR code). Please help us to spread the word and encourage others to be part of this listening. All contributions will help us locally in the parish as well as helping to inform the diocesan synod submission.

Look out for details of local synod listening sessions in your surrounding area in the coming weeks. If you can't make an in person meeting the Kildare and Leighlin Synod Listening Survey can be completed online and can be accessed on www.kandle.ie/synod

Lenten Scripture Sharing. We wish to acknowledge some of our retired & semi-retired priests, Mgrs. Brendan Byrne & Caoimhín Ó Neill, Frs. Tom Lalor, Francis McNamara, Noel Dunphy & Denis Harrington for generously giving their time to contribute to our Lenten Scripture Sharing with such wonderful reflections and prayers. May these reflections and prayers on the Sunday readings of Lent inspire us all. Designed for use in groups (in person or virtual), these reflections can also be used individually. You can access these and other resources for Lent here: www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral/

Ukraine Appeal: Philip Scott, Kildare Town Tenor, is holding a concert in the CMWS Hall Kildare Town on the 19th March, based on the Life & Songs of Count John McCormack. Philip announced that all proceeds will go towards supporting the people of Ukraine. Please support this excellent concert and worthy cause. Tickets cost €20 each and are available from Kildare Parish Centre or Esther Brady 0876732848.