

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers:10,16,28,32

No Winner. This week's jackpot €4,300.00

Next Draw: 28th. March in Club House

Lucky Dip Winners: Peter Hunt; Kevin Jahan; Debbie Cushe; Conor Butler

Thought for the week



This Is the time in the spring, it is my job to envision fruitfulness and commit to it. It is my task to breathe in the air and perceive the earth and ripe, vulnerable seed, to grasp the possibility. In spring my work is to imagine and to dig and dig and feel and listen and smell and taste. It is time to learn my desires and put them to work. Spring is the time to test my strength and stretch my thoughts, to raise my arms, open my heart, invite sunlight, wind, downpour, silence, night, to participate, then, in the world waking up. Vinita Hampton, in Sacred Space: The Prayer Book 2018(from www.sacredspace.ie)

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER



27th. March Fourth **Sunday of Lent**

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

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The Elder Son

Sometimes we can be so familiar with a Gospel passage we tend to switch off after the first few sentences. That would be a shame, especially when the Gospel is one of the great blockbuster parables. The real challenge in today's Gospel is what happens after the lost son returns. The elder brother has 'worked like a slave' all those years and is understandably upset. The Father's welcome of the younger son would have been considered extremely foolish by those listening to this story. However, the father makes it clear that his outreach to the younger brother will not change his love for the older brother. It will cost the elder brother nothing to reach out. We have nothing to lose in welcoming home the lost. Today, we can try to place ourselves somewhere in this narrative: where do you stand? This Gospel shows us that God returns the lost to the community, regardless of the boundaries that we might put in place. Jesus teaches us a lesson in radical hospitality. No matter how far we wander from home, God is still a loving God. The elder brother has a choice: to come to the party or to sulk in the corner. Luke, excellent story-teller that he is, leaves the reader to decide the outcome. 'God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power ... that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live' (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, 246)

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



Ballyconnell Saturday 26th

Christina Doyle, Killinure

Eamon Coleman; Fergus Coleman, Padraig Egan

Kilquiggan Sunday 27th. 9.;00

Nora Kearns, Ballynultagh

Clonmore Sunday 27th. 10.30

Andy Byrne Gould, 1st. Anniversary

Collections: Weekend: 19/20 & 17th. March

Envelopes: €370 Baskets: €313. Envelopes returned: 61

Bingo: €296 Lotto: €

Mass Schedule



Tuesday 29th. March Mass at 9.30

Wednesday 30th. Mass at 9.30; Mass in



Ballyconnell Bingo:

There will be bingo Sunday 27th.
at 2 pm. Please spread the word; and
thanks for your support

Dance classes in Clonmore old school every Monday evening 8-9.30. Learn to jive waltz quick step and many more. No partner needed. All welcome.

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for Wednesday 23rd. March 2022 Numbers: 1, 10, 17, 22 - Winner. Next week's Jackpot €11,000. 18 Match 3s win €56 each.

A sincere Thank you to Eddie McDonald for the donation of €281.32 to Clonmore Cancer Medical Trust, from the sale of St. Brigid's crosses.

Persevering and Listening in Lent: In his Message for Lent 2022, Pope Francis reminds us of these words in St Paul's letter to the Galatians: 'Let us not grow tired of praying; let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives; let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbours.' This year, as we seek to embrace the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving we do so in the midst of our slow emergence from a global pandemic and the terrible events in Ukraine. Let us remember these words of scripture and persevere. We know that God is with us and listens to us. This Lent may we have ears and hearts to listen to God through one another, through our prayers and actions of love, and through God's word to us in the scriptures.

Listening Lent - Synod News: Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole Church about the reality of being part of the People of God right now. He wants us to have a conversation about how we are journeying together and with God in our local parishes. He wants us to dream dreams together about our future. And he wants everyone's voice to count. Listening sessions are taking place across the diocese in these weeks of Lent. Look out locally for details. You can preview the questions being asked on www.kandle.ie/synod/. If you can't make a local meeting, you can complete the online survey.

ACCORD: Accord is recruiting interested people to assist in the provision of Marriage Preparation Programmes. Application forms are available by contacting marriagepreparation@accord.ie Selections will take place in June of this year with training commencing in September. This year Accord is celebrating 60 years supporting couples and families. Please contact us for any support you may need www.accord.ie