

**Coolkenno GAA Lotto:** Last week's numbers: 10, 14, 19, 31

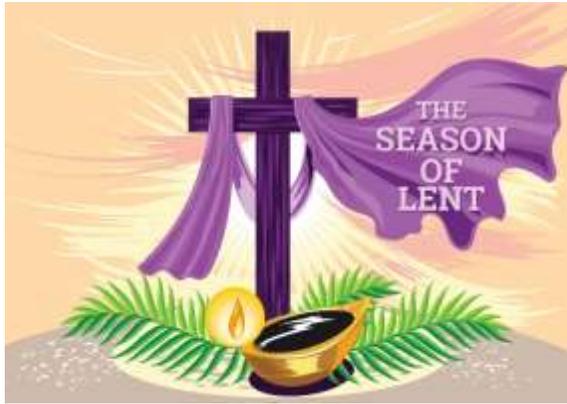
No Winner. This week's jackpot €3,900.

Next Draw: 28<sup>th</sup>. February in Club House

Lucky Dip Winners: Colm Doyle, Rath East; Danny Butler  
Ballyconnell, Phyllis & Helen McCarthy; Siobhan Byrne

*Thought for the week*

## LENTEN FAST



Fast from judging others - discover Christ in them. Fast from hurtful words, always use encouraging words. Fast from moaning always be grateful. Fast from losing your temper always be patient. Fast from pessimism, fill yourself with Christian hope. Fast from

complaining, and feast on appreciation Fast from bitterness and feast on forgiveness. Fast from idle gossip and feast on purposeful silence. Fast from worrying, be confident in God. Fast from discontent and feast on gratitude. Fast from anger and feast on optimism Fast from facts that depress and feast on verities that uplift. Fast from complaining always rejoice at the marvels of life. Fast from bitterness, always be forgiving. Fast from giving importance to yourself, be compassionate with everyone. Fast from discouragement, always be enthusiastic. Fast from worldly thoughts; build your life on the truths of holiness. Fast from everything that separates you from Christ. Fill yourself with everything that brings you closer to him.

*Have a Wonderful Week*

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



6<sup>th</sup>. March - First Sunday of  
Lent

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

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## Into the Wilderness

Lent is a great season where we are called to fasting, almsgiving and prayer. While our motivations may vary from weight loss to genuine spiritual journeying, this is a season where we take time to stop and take stock of our lives. What's there? What's there that shouldn't be there? Are there things in my life that I need to change, to move around, to let go of? Are there obstacles in the way of my relationship with Jesus and with the world around me? Given the extent of the climate crisis that the world now finds itself in, and Ireland's dismal record on climate action, Lent would be an excellent time for each of us to examine our relationship with the earth in the hope that we might recognise the interconnectedness of all things. We might fast from our cars when we can, or look at how much food, clothes and energy we consume. How are our recycling habits? You might pledge to read *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, during Lent, and perhaps to ask a few friends to join you. Whatever you decide to do, embrace this very special time. In the Gospel we are given encouragement as we read that Jesus is being led by the Spirit into the wilderness. The wilderness is not a place to be feared: it can be a place of transformation; a place where God is ultimately in control. We might encounter our demons and temptations there, but that is part of the journey. As with all things, we will get out of Lent what we put in. The more we put in, the greater the celebration on Easter Sunday morning

## 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 6<sup>th</sup>. 9.00 AM

Paul O'Toole, Ballyconnell, month's mind,  
James & Nora Clare, Ballynultagh.

Clonmore Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>. 10.30

Marie Nolan, Rath and her sister Sinead Doyle  
(Clonmore)

**Collections: Weekend: 26/27 February**

**Envelopes: €332 Baskets: €358. Envelopes returned: 58**

**Bingo: €425 Lotto: €30**

## Mass Schedule

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>. March Mass at 9.30



Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9.30; Mass in

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>.: Mass at 7.30 in Ballyconnell.

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 6<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 2<sup>nd</sup>. March 2022 Numbers: 1, 3, 11, 27 - No Winner.  
Next week's Jackpot €16,000. 31 Match 3s win €33 each.

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.

**Bluebird Care** are currently hiring experienced Nurses in the local community to work with clients in their own homes. We offer flexible part/full time hours to work around your lifestyle. Please come along to our recruitment open day on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am - 4pm in Carlow Shopping Centre to discuss our current opportunities. Alternatively, please email your CV to [ckw@bluebirdcare.ie](mailto:ckw@bluebirdcare.ie) or call 056 7789952.

**Listening Lent:** 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](http://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/](http://www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral/)

**Family Carers Ireland:** Family Carers Carlow are welcoming all carers back to the Support Group Meetings from next week.

Kilkenny Support Group meeting on Friday, 11th March from 10am to 12noon in St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy.

Carlow Support Group meeting will take place on Thursday 10th March from 10am to 12 noon in The Parish Centre close to the Cathedral.

We are looking forward to meeting new and old friend