

**Coolkenno GAA Lotto:**

Last week's numbers: 7,12,19,23

No Winner. This week's jackpot €4,500

Next Draw: 11<sup>th</sup> April in Club House

Lucky Dip Winners: Oliver Maher, Teresa Doyle, Tommy Byrne, Ann Hunt.

*Thought for the week*



Monday 15<sup>th</sup>. Chrism Mass in Carlow.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Penitential Service Ballyconnell 7.30pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>. I will visit the sick and housebound.

The Easter Triduum.

Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Clonmore at 7.30

Good Friday - Day of Fast and abstinence Celebration of the Lord's Passion: Kilquiggan at 3.00.

Holy Saturday - The Easter Vigil. 9 pm in Ballyconnell.

Easter Sunday: Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.00, Mass in Kilquiggan at 10

Mass in Clonmore at 10.30.

*Have a Wonderful Week*

*PARISH NEWSLETTER*

*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



**10<sup>th</sup>. April: Palm Sunday**

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

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**Fair weather Friends**

'Now to the gate of my Jerusalem, the seething holy city of my heart, the saviour comes. But will I welcome him? Oh, crowds of easy feelings make a start; they raise their hands, get caught up in the singing, and think the battle own'. So begins Malcom Guite's sonnet 'Palm Sunday' (Sounding the Seasons, Canterbury Press, 2012), capturing the elation of the crowds that line the streets of Jerusalem to welcome Jesus. But their loyalty is short lived, as we discover in our readings of the Passion. Jesus is soon deserted, betrayed, denied and left to face humiliation and death alone. Too soon they'll find the challenge, the reversal he is bringing changes their time. We can all see ourselves in the Passion. There are times, when things are going smoothly, when it is easy to praise God and shout 'Hosanna' There are days when we struggle, when we are confused or upset and do not know what God expects of us. We can even turn our backs on him when the going gets tough, or when we cannot find the courage to stand up for our beliefs. This week we are the disciples walking with Jesus, on a journey that leads to the cross, and beyond. Today we read Matthew's account of the death of Jesus; yes, it is the long Gospel but we should not miss out on the journey that spending time with this account offers. As you read perhaps you might notice the various characters and their roles, their words and actions. A good question to ask as we enter into this text is 'Where do I stand?' Are you looking on as a

bystander, are you in the group of disciples or some other character: Pilate? Pilate's wife? Perhaps it is a more difficult journey as you relate to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, a Jesus who is 'grieved' because of many things: isolation, the disappointment he must feel because of the abandonment of his friends, betrayal, loneliness, mocking, torture? This is not an easy journey. We know the story does not end here, but for this week we enter into the reality of betrayal, trial, suffering and death. We might remember today those who stand for justice, those who are counter-cultural, those who stand against oppressive systems even though the path is often dangerous and lonely. We might recall times we felt betrayed, abandoned or times we were in despair.  
Jane Mellet

Anniversaries - with love we remember



**Ballyconnell 9<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm**

Joe & Katherine O'Reilly - Killinure

**Clonmore 10<sup>th</sup> April - 10.30 am**

Dan Lawlor, Ballykilduff and all deceased family members

**Kilquiggan Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. 10.00 AM**

Deirdre Dolan, Ballynultagh

**Clonmore Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. 10.30**

Monthsmind Mass Pat Tomkins, Coolkenno

Thomas Dowling, Minvaude

Collections: Weekend: 2/3 April

Envelopes: €412 Baskets: €405. Envelopes returned: 64

Bingo: €570 Lotto: €35



Ballyconnell Bingo:

There will be bingo Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. April at 5 pm. Please spread the word; and thanks for your support

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto

Results for Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 Numbers: - 1,11,15,16 -Winner. One winner Next week's Jackpot €10,000. Match 3s win €48 each.

**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/](http://www.kandle.ie/synod/). If you can't make a local meeting, you can complete the online survey.

Daffodil Day Collection in aid of Conquer Cancer in Liscolman - amount

donated was €158.30 - Many thanks to everyone.