

Coolkenno GAA Lotto

Last week's numbers: 12, 13, 26, 29. No Winner.

Next week's jackpot €4,800. Next Draw: 2nd. May in Club House

Lucky Dip Winners: Barry Doyle; Paddy Farrell; Lily Doyle; Ann Marie Nolan.

Thought for the week

Why is May the Month of Mary?

The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary, came about in the 13th century. Some say because it was created to replace various pagan cults. The actual reason is the fact that this month is the time when spring is at the height of its beauty. Spring is also connected with nature renewing itself. In her way, Mary gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our saviour Jesus Christ. The link between Mary and the month of May became popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it had a firm hold among their students at the Roman College and a short time later it was publicly celebrated in the 'Gesu' Church in Rome. From there it spread to the rest of the Church. The pious practice of honouring Mary during the month of May has been especially promoted by the Popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to it, he characterized it as one of "other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops" Devotion to Mary is an important part of the Catholic identity. As our mother she is an example of a committed "Yes" to the will of God. Because of the devotion to her many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child does with his mother.

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER



1st. May: Third Sunday of Easter

The Parish Office will be open on Tuesday and Friday from 9.30 - 1.30.

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Come and have Breakfast.

The theme of light and darkness in John's Gospel is strong. In today's reading, we hear that it was 'just after daybreak' when Jesus appeared to the disciples. The disciples had been fishing all night but caught nothing. Then, with the dawn, Jesus appears on the beach and gently suggests that they cast the nets on the other side of the boat. We are invited to reflect on resurrection here, moments where we were given a sense of new life, and with that, an abundance of gifts. Perhaps a friendship had broken down or we were dealing with a crisis. Like the disciples, we may have simply been going through the motions of day-to-day life, in the dark, without much enthusiasm. And then.... daybreak. A gentle voice guided us, a friend or in a moment of prayer. In time, we realised that this was Jesus' voice pointing us in the right direction, and once we allowed ourselves to be guided by Him, the 'catch' was huge. The end of the passage sees Jesus ask Peter three times if he loves him. Peter is once again by a charcoal fire so this scene mirrors the three denials of Peter during the trial of Jesus. Peter becomes upset, and one can understand the regrets he must have. Yet here, Jesus is giving Peter the space to undo his denials. There is healing, new life. We can imagine Jesus' question to Peter at the end of the passage being addressed to us: 'Simon, son of John, do you love me? Tend my sheep! Place yourself in this story throughout the week.

Christian Motivational Phrases

Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal and new life. Janine di Giovanni

ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER



Saturday 30th. April, Ballyconnell, 7.30 pm.

Leo Healy - Killinure

Clonmore, Sunday 1st. May 10.30 AM

Patrick O'Dwyer, late of Knockatomcoyle.

Edward, Margaret & Michael Jones; also, Mary & John Jones; Thomas Walsh and all deceased members of the Jones Family.

Saturday 7th. May, Ballyconnell, 7.30 pm.

Gerald Keogh, Ballykilduff, Tobinstown

Sunday 8th. May, Kilquiggan, 9.00 am.

Owen Dolan, Stratnakelly; also, Betty Mary and & John Dolan, Ballyrahan

Sunday 8th. May, Clonmore, 10.30 am.

James Tallon, Ballyshane; Stephen Cole; Fintan Murray, Bellshill

Mass Schedule



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Tuesday 3rd. May: Mass @ 9.30. Wednesday
4th. Mass @ 9.30. Friday 6th. mass @ 7.30.

Collections: Weekends: 17th. April; 23/24 April.

Envelopes: €900 Baskets: €229. Envelopes returned:157

Bingo: €795 Ukraine Collection €170. Trocaire: €1875



Ballyconnell Bingo

There will be bingo Sunday 1st. May
@ 5.00 PM. Please spread the
word; and thanks for your support

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for
Wednesday 27th April, 2022 Numbers: 2, 11, 26, 32 - No
Winner. Next week's Jackpot €13,000. 7 Match 3s win
€143 each.



We wish the best of luck to our boys and girls
from Ballyconnell NS who will make their first
Holy Communion on Saturday 14th. May in
Ballyconnell Church.

Mixed Messages: A man went off to church on Easter Sunday
morning but returned home a very short time later. His wife questioned
him as to why he was back so soon. He said he did not see the point in
staying because when he got to the church there was a large sign
outside saying "He is not here, He is risen!" Irish Catholic 21.4.22

Sunday 5th June 2022: Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan
Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine. Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join
with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine
of Our Lady of Knock. Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica