

**Coolkenno GAA Lotto:** Last week's numbers:5/7/25/31

No Winner. This week's jackpot €4,400

Next Draw: 4<sup>th</sup>. April in Club House

Lucky Dip Winners: Seamus Dempsey, Ella Rossiter; Cara Doran; Margaret Dalton

### *Thought for the week*

#### SEEING YOUR LIFE IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL

1. The parable of the grain of wheat reminds us of a truth that any parent can testify to, namely that it is in dying to ourselves that we can give life to others. We will never be of benefit to others if we remain wrapped up in ourselves. In what ways has your dying to yourself brought life to another? How has the generous giving of another brought life to you?
2. Sometimes our emotions rebel at the thought of what lies ahead and we feel like praying Father, save me from this hour. Then a realisation may come for you as a parent, a teacher, a spouse, a friend: No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Recall times when you have accepted pain or hassle and been a source of life to others for doing do.
3. The story presents the death of Jesus as the moment of his glorification by God. We are also glorified when the grace of God enables us to give generously of ourselves. When have you experienced this in yourself or in another?
4. This voice has come for your sake and not for mine. The angel spoke that we might recognise the love being shown us by Jesus. Sometimes it requires the voice of another to draw our attention to love that is being offered to us. When was this your experience?

*Have a Wonderful Week*

## PARISH NEWSLETTER



3<sup>rd</sup>. April: Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

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### Don't look back

'No need to recall the past, No need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed...!' (Isaiah 43:18-19) 'All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead...!' (Phil 3:13)

These poignant words taken from today's first and second readings provide the perfect preamble to our dramatic Gospel reading. Perhaps the line that is most often quoted from the story of the woman caught in adultery is Jesus' challenge to the crowd who bring her before them: 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' It is a challenge to all of us to look inward before we 'cast stones' to judge others. But there is another equally powerful statement here by Jesus, this time to the woman herself. It is delivered quietly, when she is left alone with Jesus after all her accusers have drifted away: 'Neither do I condemn you. Go away, and don't sin any more. We notice that Jesus doesn't rake over the woman's past. He doesn't ask her about the claims of her accusers. He does not condemn or criticise her. Instead he accepts her, loves her, treats her with the respect and dignity that was so lacking in the mob, and gently nudges her forward into a new way of living

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. April

Kilquiggan Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>. April. 9.:00

Vincent Blake, Mullinacuff, also his sister Maureen Clifford, Mullinacuff and Bunclody Edward Moran Kilquiggan; Willie Moran & Bernadette Moran Kilquiggan and all deceased family members. Claire Keogh, Killinure

Ballyconnell Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>. April 7.30

Joe & Katherine O'Reilly, Killinure

Clonmore Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. 10.30

Dan Lawlor, Ballykilduff and all deceased family members.

**Collections: Weekend: 26/27 March**

**Envelopes: €366 Baskets: €405. Envelopes returned:63**

**Bingo: €240 Ukraine Collection €1219 Lotto: €**

## Mass Schedule



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There will be no weekday masses this coming week.

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>, April Bishop Denis Nulty will say mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30.

**Holy Hour every Tuesday in Clonmore Church at 7:30pm. All welcome.**



## Ballyconnell Bingo:

There will be bingo Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>. April at 5 pm. Please spread the word; and thanks for your support

**PARISH LOTTO:** Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>. March 2022 Numbers: 2/14/21/23- No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €11,000. Match 3s win € 72 each.

**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.