

## Coolkenno GAA Lotto

Last week's numbers: 4, 8, 22, 28. No Winner.

Next week's jackpot €4,900. Next Draw: 9<sup>th</sup>. May in Club House

Lucky Dip Winners: Barry Doyle; Ester Walker; Margaret Dalton;

Jer O'Neill; Denis Waterton

### *Thought for the week*

#### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus, we believe that you continue to scatter the seeds of vocation in the hearts of young people today. Help us to nourish those seeds with encouragement and support so that they will take root, grow and bear fruit. Give to all who are called the courage they need to take a first step on a journey of discovery, which will lead them to that place where they will encounter you, Lord. And discern the road you invite them to follow. Lord fill young hearts with a spirit of loving service care and respect for themselves and others. Provide your church with humble shepherds who will work with their sisters and brothers in a spirit of co-responsibility for your church. Amen

*Have a Wonderful Week*

## PARISH NEWSLETTER



8<sup>th</sup>. May: Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

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### Day of Prayer for Vocations The Good Shepherd

In Jesus' time, being a shepherd was not a pleasant job. Sheep became easily lost and the shepherd's job was to guide them back to safety. There were many dangers and the sheep were totally dependent on the shepherd. Shepherds would round up their sheep in the evening and guide them into their pen. But it had no gate, so the shepherd would have to lie across the space in case the sheep were attacked in the night. The shepherds literally lay down their lives for their flock. John compares the sacrifice of the shepherd to the 'hired hand' who is not really committed to the flock. He does what he has to but flees at the first sign of trouble. This Good Shepherd Sunday the Gospel describes Jesus as the 'genuine' Shepherd who wants a personal relationship with each one of us and who would lay down his life for us. The Gospel emphasises the importance of relationship as the shepherd knows his flock and cares for them. They 'Follow Him' and it is not a Facebook or Twitter type of following, rather it is a genuine relationship. Everyone matters to the Good Shepherd, regardless of their situations. We are told 'I know my own and my own know me'. We are called today to follow Jesus in a more personal more intimate way. Even when we stray off the path and get lost, it is then especially that the Good Shepherd comes looking for us. 'We think we are feeling from God, but in fact we are running into his arms'. (Meister Eckhart)

## 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 7<sup>th</sup>. May, Ballyconnell, 7.30 pm.

Gerald Keogh, Ballykilduff, Tobinstown

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>. May, Kilquiggan, 9.00 am.

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

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>. May, Clonmore, 10.30 am.

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

Saturday 14. May Ballyconnell. 7.30

James & Breda Osborne, Liscolman; William Byrne, Castledermot.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. May, Kilquiggan. 9.00

James Grace (Snr.) Stratnakelly; Robert & Ellen Wilson, Stratnakelly & Bridger Ann Grace, Stratnakelly and all deceased family members.

Lil Lanigan, late of Dublin & Cronalea.

## Mass Schedule



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Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>. May: Mass @ 9.30.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>. Mass @ 9.30.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>. mass @ 7.30.

Collections: Weekends: April; 30/1 May

Envelopes: €380 Baskets: €444. Envelopes returned: 92

Bingo: €410. Lotto: €50



## Ballyconnell Bingo

There will be bingo Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>. May @ 5.00 PM. Please spread the word; and thanks for your support

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 Numbers: 3, 5, 18, 31 - No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €14,000. 1 Match 3s win €91 each.



We wish the best of luck to our boys and girls from Ballyconnell NS who will make their first Holy Communion on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>. May @ 11.30 in Ballyconnell Church.

"Pro Life talk: Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> in Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow at 8pm at in the Rossmore suite. All welcome!"

Rebuilding Parish Music Ministry: Choirs and choir members might be interested in an hour-long event taking place live on line on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm from the Monastery of St Alphonsus, Dublin. Organised and led by the Advisory Committee on Church Music, it promises to be a time of inspiration and encouragement, looking to recovering the spirit of the choir, new repertoire, choral techniques and ICMA tasters. You can tune in at [www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com)

**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