

Coolkenno GAA Lotto

Last week's numbers: 5, 6, 24, 28. No Winner.

Next week's jackpot €7,800. Next Draw: Monday 28th. Nov. in Club House

Lucky Dip Winner: Una Murphy; Mick Butler; Steve Cush; Jim Murray

Thought for the week

SEEING YOUR LIFE IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL

First Sunday of Advent

1. We live in a time when we are told that disaster lies ahead for us and for our planet if we do not change our ways. But perhaps this new awareness can be a prelude to us changing our ways? The gospel was written to give hope to Christians in danger. What gives you hope amid the dangers facing our world today?
2. Our church community is also in crisis. The numbers of people attending church services have dropped. We have fewer clergy and religious. Scandals have rocked the church community. What helps you to keep faith in such circumstances?
3. This passage can be taken as a metaphor for personal experiences when it seemed that your world was collapsing around you: plans thwarted, deep disappointment, something out of your control altering the course of your life, etc.? When have such experiences been a prelude to something new? Allow the dramatic language of the passage remind you of this experience, making sure that you recognise the double movement of collapse and liberation.
4. Jesus himself is the model in this gospel story as he taught his disciples the spirituality of 'waiting in joyful hope'. What difference has watchfulness (in the sense of being watchful in prayer) and hope made to you in facing difficult situations?
5. Advent is a time that calls us to be alert to the signs of the hidden presence of God in our world. What reminds you of this presence of God? Have there been occasions when something woke you up in an unexpected way to the presence of God in the world, e.g., through love, beauty, nature, etc.?

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

28th. November

First Sunday of Advent

The Parish Office will be open on Tuesday and Friday from 9.30 - 1.30. Tel:059-9156890

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First Sunday of Advent

AN ADVERT TRADITION FOR CHURCH AND HOME

An Advent Tradition for Church and Home: THE ADVENT WREATH
The advent wreath has a rich meaning. The circle of the wreath, with no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God. The evergreen reminds us of the everlasting life we have in Christ while any pine cones or pods in the wreath represent new life and resurrection. The four candles represent the four Sundays of Advent. Purple is traditionally a colour of penance and prayer while the rose-pink candle that is lit on the Third Sunday (Gaudete/Rejoice Sunday) marks our joy as we move ever closer to Christmas. As you light a candle on your Advent wreath for the first time, pray this prayer of blessing and take a moment to talk to God about how you will journey through Advent this year, alone or as a household. Finish your time of prayer with the Advent prayer: Come, Lord Jesus! A Blessing Prayer Loving God, let your blessing come upon us as we light this wreath. May it be a sign of hope for us as we prepare for your coming and may it turn our hearts to you in the days ahead. Give us your peace and love as we wait in joyful hope. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Come, Lord Jesu

Christian Motivational Phrases

Life is too short; grudges are a waste of happiness. Laugh when you can, apologise when you should and let go of what you can't change. Love deeply and forgive quickly. Life is too short to be unhappy

ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER



Saturday 26th. Nov. Ballyconnell 7.30

Monthsmind Mass - Thomas Doyle, Killabeg. Maureen Balfe, Munny, Chrissie Carroll, Gowle, Sean & Phyllis Byrne, Coolkenno, Sarah Moore Garretstown, formerly of Gould.

Sunday 27th Nov. Clonmore - 10.30

Pat & Kate Byrne and their son Danny - Vermont

Saturday 3rd. December Ballyconnell 7.30

Matt Lawlor, Ballykilduff

Sunday 4th. December - Kilquiggan 9.00

James Kearns Y Mick Kearns, Ballynultagh; James Wilson, Stratnakelly; Anthony Wilson Stratnakelly; James and Sarah Doyle, Coolkenno.

Collections: Weekends: 19/20 November

Envelopes: €350 Baskets: €398 Envelopes returned: 62

Bingo: - €120. Lotto: €

A sincere thank you also to all those who support us online by direct debits, and on Diocesan website.

Mass Schedule



Tuesday 29th. Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.30.

Wednesday 30th. Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.30

Friday 2nd. Dec. Mass in Killinure at 7.30.

Friday 2nd. First Friday: Fr. John will attend the sick and housebound

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto

Results for Wednesday 23rd. November 4, 9, 21, 22 - No Winner -
Next week's jackpot €12,000 - 18 Match 3's - €56 each.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR St. VINCENT DE PAUL: will take place outside the gates of Clonmore Church on Sunday 11th. December after 10.30 Mass. Many thanks for your generosity.

Meeting for the parents of Children who will receive First Communion and Confirmation will take place in Ballyconnell NS on Monday 28th. Parents of First Communion at 7.00 and parents of Confirmation children at 8.

Enrolment Mass for the children who will make their first Holy communion next year will take place on Saturday 10th n Ballyconnell at 7.30.

Enrolment ceremony for the children who will make their confirmation next year will take place on Saturday 17th. December at 7.30. Bishop Denis will celebrate this mass.

Monday 12th. December School Carol Service in Ballyconnell Church at 7.00 PM. All are welcome.

Advent Scripture Sharing 2022

Faith Development Services are delighted to provide the Annual Advent Scripture Sharing Booklet for 2022. The booklet can be downloaded free of charge on <https://www.kandle.ie/advent-scripture-sharing-booklet-2022/>

ALONE are seeking volunteers

Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/>

For more information, contact Frances on volunteer@alone.ie or on 086 1085965.