

## Coolkenno GAA Lotto

Last week's numbers: 13, 20, 28, 32. No Winner.

Next week's jackpot €8,000. Next Draw: Monday 12<sup>th</sup>. Dec. in Club House  
Lucky Dip Winner: Mairead Phelan; Niall Butler; Jamie and Darragh Murray;  
Eamon Healy

## *Thought for the week*

### Child in a Manger



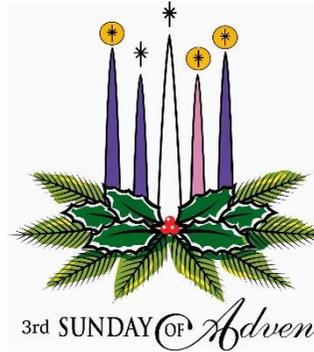
Child of the earth, struggling to birth. Child of the manger, surrounded by danger. Child of the stable, without hearth or table. Child of the hay, there he must stay. Child of the night, hidden from sight. Child of the day, for those gone astray. Child of the cold, for the young and the old.

Child of the stars, for those behind bars. Child of the wind, for those who have sinned. Child of the hills, walk with us still. Child of the sky, for those who must cry. Child of the road, to carry our load. Child of the street, who washes our feet. Lord, Bless the children born tonight and all those waiting to be born in difficult and trying circumstances.

Fr. Michael Magin

## *Have a Wonderful Week*

# PARISH NEWSLETTER



11<sup>th</sup>. December

## Third 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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## Rejoice Sunday & Bambinelli

The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally referred to as Gaudete or Rejoice Sunday. The rose-coloured candle we light this day represents this joy, which is echoed in the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass: 'Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.' St John Paul II, when Pope, began a tradition in Rome that has been continued by Pope Benedict and Pope Francis on this Sunday, now also known affectionally as Bambinelli Sunday. Bambinelli is the Italian for Baby Jesus. On this day children and their families from across Rome come to St Peter's Square, bringing with them the figure of the infant Jesus from their crib. After the Angelus, the children raise up the figures and the Pope blesses them. In Advent 2019 Pope Francis once more encouraged families to have a nativity scene or crib in the home. He said that it '... helps us to relive the history of what took place in Bethlehem. When, at Christmas, we place the statue of the Infant Jesus in the manger, the nativity scene suddenly comes alive. God appears as a child, for us to take into our arms. Beneath weakness and frailty, he conceals his power that creates and transforms all things

## 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 10<sup>th</sup>. December Ballyconnell 7.30

The Breen Fammily, Ballyconnell

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>. December Clonmore - 10.30.

Margaret Lawlor, Raheen, Daniel and Helens Kelly, Denis and Mary Kelly Haroldstown.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>. December Kilquiggan - 9.00

Patti Hickey Ballynultagh

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>. December Clonmore - 10.30.

Michael & Kevin Strahan; Henry & Elizabeth Strahan.; Michael Lyons, Ballykilduff

Collections: Weekends: 3/4 November

Envelopes: €380. Baskets: € Envelopes returned:

Bingo: - €450. Lotto: €250

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



## Mass Schedule



Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>. Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.30.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>. Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.30.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>. Dec. Mass in Killinure at 7.30.

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

## PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto

Results for Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>. December 10, 15, 23, 30 - No Winner -

Next week's jackpot €14,000 - 12 Match 3's - €84 each.

## ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR St. VINCENT DE PAUL

will take place outside the gates of Clonmore Church on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>.

December after 10.30 Mass.

In Ballyconnell after 7.30 Mass on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>. December.

Many thanks for your generosity.

## Message from the Safeguarding Office:

"The National Board for the Safeguarding of Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (the National Board) will be commencing their review of safeguarding practice in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin on Dec 12<sup>th</sup>. This review is to assess the safeguarding practice in the Diocese against the Catholic Church in Ireland's current standards as detailed in Safeguarding Children - Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016. If you would like to know more about safeguarding in your parish, please speak with your Local Safeguarding Representative(s) Mary Doyle & Mairead Hackett or look at the Safeguarding section on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) If you ever wish to report a child or vulnerable adult safeguarding concern, please contact the Diocesan DLP on 085 8021633 or the statutory authorities of the Gardai, TUSLA, HSE."

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



Ballyconnell Bingo will take place in Ballyconnell hall on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>. December at 8.00. Your support is very much appreciated.