

Coolkenno GAA Lotto

Last week's numbers: 5, 10, 14, 29. No Winner.

Next week's jackpot €7,900. Next Draw: Monday 5th. Dec. in Club House

Lucky Dip Winner: Andrew Nevin; Conor Butler; Kevin Gahan; Declan Nolan

Thought for the week

"How the Grinch Stole Christmas" by Dr. Suess

Christmas
for Christ

So he paused. And the Grinch put his hand to his ear. And he did hear a sound rising over the snow. It started in low. Then it started to grow. But the sound wasn't sad! Why, this sound sounded merry! It couldn't be

so! But it WAS merry! VERY! He stared down at Whoville! The Grinch popped his eyes Then he shook! What he saw was a shocking surprise! Everyone down in Whoville, the tall and the small, was singing! Without any presents at all! He HADN'T stopped Christmas from coming! IT CAME! Somehow or other, it came just the same! And the Grinch, with his grinch-feet ice-cold in the snow stood puzzling and puzzling: "How could it be so?" "It came without ribbons! It came without tags!" "It came without packages, boxes or bags!" And he puzzled three hours, till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! "Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store." "Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

4th. December

Second Sunday of Advent

The Parish Office will be open on Tuesday and

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The Meaning of Advent

We have all done a lot of waiting in these past months - waiting for different levels of restrictions to pass by, waiting for daily figures from the government, waiting to be able to visit loved ones again, waiting for news of a vaccine or a cure. The season of Advent is also a time of waiting. But, in contrast to much of the waiting we have had to do this year, our advent waiting is characterised by hope and expectation and joy. And this is because we are waiting in confidence for One who has already come to us, who is daily coming to us and who will come to us again - Jesus Christ. The word 'Advent' stems from the Latin 'Adventus,' meaning 'coming' or 'arrival'. In the Church calendar, the First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new year. Over the Four Sundays of the Advent season we ready ourselves for the joy of Christmas when we remember and commemorate the birth of Christ. But Advent is also about preparing ourselves for His second coming. We are reminded of this second coming in many phrases that we hear or say at Mass, for example 'as we look forward to his second coming', 'when he comes again in glory', 'as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour'. This second coming is a central theme from the beginning of Advent right up to the 17th December. At that point, our attention and preparation shift more to the commemoration of His first coming on the feast of the Nativity. Waiting in hope this Advent, we know that Jesus is our light, our salvation, the One for whom we long. How will you ready yourself to welcome Christ into the centre of your life, with all its bits and pieces, once more? As a new Church year begins, will you give yourself the gift of a new relationship with Christ? For through Him hope overcomes despair, peace overcomes division, joy overcomes desolation, love overcomes hatred. Maranatha! come, Lord Jesus!

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 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

Sunday 4th. December - Clonmore 10.30

Edward and Margaret Jones, Ballyduff, Thomas Walsh and all the deceased members of the Jones Family.

Dan & Kathleen Doyle, Knockatomcoyle

Saturday 10th. December Ballyconnell 7.30

The Breen Fammily, Ballyconnell

Sunday 11th. December Clonmore - 10.30.

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

Collections: Weekends: 26/27 November

Envelopes: €319. Baskets: €391 Envelopes returned: 47

Bingo: - €215. Lotto: €

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



Mass Schedule



Tuesday 6th. Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.30.
Wednesday 7th. Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.30.
Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Vigil Mass in Ballyconnell on Wednesday 6th. @ 7.30.
Friday 9th. Dec. Mass in Killinure at 7.30.

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto

Results for Wednesday 30th. November 20, 22, 27, 31 - No Winner -
Next week's jackpot €13,000 - 3 Match 3's - €167 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.
In Ballyconnell after 7.30 Mass on Saturday 10th. December.
Many thanks for your generosity.

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



Ballyconnell Bingo will take place in Ballyconnell hall on Sunday 4th. December at 8.00. Your support is very much appreciated.

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