

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

Results for Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>. January: 2, 5, 6, 10 - No Winner - Next week's jackpot €17,000 - 25 Match 3's - €40 each

## Coolkenno GAA Lotto

Last week's numbers: 3, 16, 18, 28. No Winner. Next week's jackpot €8,400.

Next Draw: Monday 9<sup>th</sup>. Jan. in Club House

Lucky Dip Winner: Brian Walker; Shane Byrne; Patrick Murphy; Richard Codd.

## Thought for the week

### Happy New Year

Brush away old heartaches.

Learn from our mistakes.

Another year is finally over.

A new dawn awakes. Let the old year out.

Welcome the new one in.

Bury the bad things of the past, as a new year now begins.

Make your New Year wishes, as simple as you can.

Pray for peace and love, not for wealth or fame.

Pray for health and happiness.

Pray for your fellow man.

Pray for all the ones you love.

Pray for those who've lost their way.

As the midnight hour chimes, we leave the old and embrace the new,

And may God's love stay with you.

by John P. Read

## HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

8<sup>th</sup>. January 2023

## The Baptism of Our Lord

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

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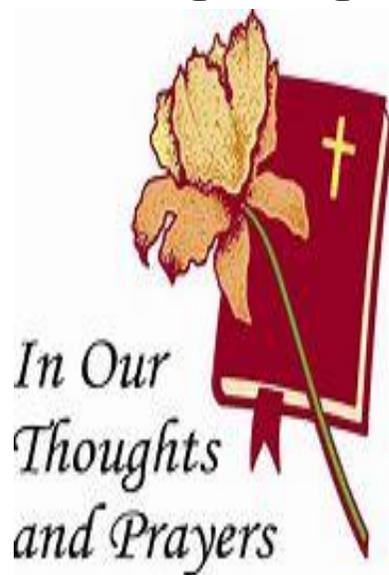
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## Baptism of Jesus

John the Baptist was driven by one mission: to point people to Jesus, to prepare the way for Jesus. Yet John is uneasy in this account of Jesus' baptism. The moment has arrived but he is standing before someone much greater than himself and is being asked to minister. John feels unqualified, unworthy of such a task. After some persuasion 'John gave into him' and accepted his responsibility. This is a lesson to all of us, not to let feelings of inadequacy stop us from carrying out our various missions and vocations in our lives. Jesus explains to John that this is necessary as a sign for the beginning of his ministry, a public statement of identity. Today we might consider our own baptism and what it means to us. At that moment we were anointed as priests, prophets and Kings. To what extent do we live this out in our Christian lives? John points us towards Jesus and we can ask, do we also point the way to Jesus for others? How can we be a signpost for others? Remember today those who pointed the way for you at various times in your life. Maybe a chaplain in school or college, a teacher, grandparent, a friend, a retreat you participated in. At various times in our lives, we meet these 'signposts' which help us to grow in our faith and deepen our awareness of Christ's love. Let us celebrate all of these 'baptismal' moments today.

## ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER



Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>. Ballyconnell 7.30

Lyla Nanasy, 1<sup>st</sup>. Anniversary.

Mary (Peg) Carroll; Liscolamn

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

Theresa Dowse, Month's mind

Martha, Robert and John Foster

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>. Clonmore 10.30.

Margaret Dowling Minvaud;

Patrick Connolly Jnr. 1<sup>st</sup>. Anniversary.

Cecelia Gahan, Ballaghaclay.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>. Ballyconnell 7.30

John Dowling; Sarah Bowes, Killinure;

Josephine Connolly.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. Clonmore 10.30.

Jane Hickey.



## Mass Schedule

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>. Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.30.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>. Friday 13<sup>th</sup>. Mass in Killinure at 7.30.

There's a story told about 4 people: Somebody, Everybody, Anybody and Nobody. There was one important job to be done. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Somebody got angry about it because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it. Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

## A message from An Garda Siochana



An Garda Siochana wish to warn people of a doorstep fraud and theft offence which has become prevalent over the last number of weeks.

Elderly People are being targeted at their homes by Criminals who are impersonating Gardaí. The offenders are fraudulently pretending to be plain clothes Gardaí who are checking for dud money. They have duped people all around the country and stolen their cash on the pretence of checking to see if it is genuine money. They are producing false identification to assist the process.

- An Garda Siochana will never ask people about their finances on the doorstep of their homes and will never ask to check money
- Always ask for Identification and do not be afraid to question it. If in doubt politely tell the caller that you want to verify their true identity. If necessary, contact your local Garda Station who will be able to establish quickly if the caller is a member of An Garda Siochana.
- Report any such activity to your local Garda Station even if you have not been the victim of a theft. That report could save a neighbour or someone else close by.
- Please check on elderly neighbours, family and friends and advise and reassure them

## BALLYCONNELL NS

BALLYCONNELL NS are now accepting enrolments for September 2023. Please contact Sinead on 059-9156226 for an admission form, if you plan on enrolling a child.