

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto

Results for Wednesday 8th. February : 2, 15, 22, 26 - No Winner -
Next week's jackpot €14,000 - 9 Match 3's - € 112 each

Coolkenno GAA Lotto

Last week's numbers: 4, 10, 13, 21 No Winner. Next week's jackpot €8,900. Next Draw: Monday 13th. Feb. in Club House. Lucky Dip Winner: Ben O'Toole; Niall Deegan; Brian Plunkett; Mairead Phelan.

Thought for the week

"In winter's cold and sparkling snow,
The garden in my mind does grow.
I look outside to blinding white,
And see my tulips blooming bright.
And over there a sweet carnation,
Softly scents my imagination.
On this cold and freezing day,
The Russian sage does gently sway,
And miniature roses perfume the air,
I can see them blooming there.
Though days are short, my vision's clear.
And through the snow, the buds appear.
In my mind, clematis climbs,
And morning glories do entwine.
Woodland phlox and scarlet pinks,
Replace the frost, if I just blink.
My inner eye sees past the snow.
And in my mind, my garden grows."

Cynthia Adams, *Winter Garden.*

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

PARISH NEWSLETTER



12th. February 2023
Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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

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The Bare Minimum

There are times when we try to get by with the bare minimum. Maybe we have scraped through an exam with the minimum of effort, or done a last-minute rush job to complete a work project. Plenty of us know what it's like to do just enough around the house to keep it from descending into total chaos! Perhaps unconsciously, we sometimes take the same approach to our relationships – only phoning a parent once in a blue moon to 'check in,' or visiting a friend only when we are reminded. It can be easy to slip into a pattern of acting out of a sense of duty rather than love. Of course, our faith can go the same way. Are there times when we approach the Eucharist with a niggling feeling that something is not quite right? If so, Jesus has some strong words for us in today's Gospel. If we believe that all we are expected to do is 'follow the rules,' we have missed something important. Jesus does not want us to merely follow the letter of the law. Where is the joy or the challenge in that? He tells us that our virtue must go deeper than simply doing the bare minimum. Not only must we not kill, we must not be angry with others. Not only must we not break a promise, we must be honest in all our dealings and in our speech. If we approach the altar without being on good terms with others, we are not in true communion with God. Obeying the rules is the bare minimum. The Gospel is calling us to a more radical way of living.

Christian Motivational Phrases

"Let us be little burning lights that give light to all. Let us make our society something beautiful for God. Let us be little flames, spreading the flame of love and concern. Let us show each one something beautiful for God."

St. Theresa of Calcutta

ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Saturday 11th. Ballyconnell 7.30

Teresa Byrne Gould, Month's mind.

Ann O'Rourke, Killinure, month's mind.

John Blake, Bunclody and formerly Mullinacuffe

Sunday 12th. Kilquiggan 9.00

Edward & Christy Dempsey, Mullinacuffe

Saturday 18th. Ballyconnell 7.30

Arthur & Peg Byrne, Rosenallis.

Mass Schedule

Tuesday 14th. Mass at 9.30; Wednesday 15th. Mass at 9.30;

Friday 17th. Mass at 7.30. in Oratory in Killinure

Collection for Turkey & Syria.

We have all been impacted by the devastating images of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Many people would like to help in some way. Our Diocese is organising a collection; if you would like to help, please place a donation into an envelope and drop it into the Parish centre or into the basket collection at mass. We will forward it on to the Diocese and they will forward it on to Trocaire.

Collections: Weekend: February, 4/5

Envelopes: €281 Baskets: €504 - Bingo: €75. Lotto €75.

Envelopes returned: 70

Bingo in Ballyconnell hall on Sunday @ 8 PM. The jackpot this week is €625 if you check on 50 numbers.

BALLYCONNELL ICA

Congratulations to Ballyconnell ICA Guild on reaching their fiftieth anniversary. The guild was formed in 1973 and the first meeting was held in Ballyconnell hall on 23rd. January 1973, with Helen Fagan-Joyce as the first president. Thankfully many of the founder members are still hale and hearty. Thirty nine ladies celebrated the anniversary date with a delicious lunch in Ballykealy House hotel and afterwards enjoyed meeting old friends reminiscing about the early years and looking at photos of all the events in which they participated. We also had a preview of a documentary film which the guild are making, thanks to a community grant from the E.T.B.; next stop the Cannes Film Festival!. This community grant has enabled us to buy a camera, WiFi and a large screen television for the use of the community in the meeting room in the hall. There are twenty five members in the guild today and they are very active in the community, raising awareness of women's rights, health and the environment. Classes in many crafts are held and money raised for charities, outings are enjoyed. It's a great way to meet new friends and find new interests. New members are always welcome at the monthly meetings on the third Monday of each month in Ballyconnell hall.

Aging with Grace

Mount St Anne's, Killenard are hosting an "Aging with Grace" day on Saturday 18th February from 10am - 4.30pm. The day is facilitated by Maria Garvey, who has over 30 years' experience as a leader in education, health and social care, community and social enterprise. This day is open to all and includes a 2-course dinner at €60 per person. Booking to Mt St Annes, 057-8626153 or secretary@mountstannes.com

Are you interested in a pilgrimage to Medjugorje. I am hoping to organise a group to travel to Medjugorje in September. The duration of the pilgrimage will be 7 days and the cost will be around €700. Before we organise it we would need a group between 10 and 15. If you are interested please let Fr. John know or the Parish office asap.