

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto

Results for Wednesday 8th. March: Numbers: 5, 24, 25, 28 - No Winner -
Next week's jackpot €12,000 - 7 Match 3's - €143 each

Coolkenno GAA Lotto

Last week's numbers: 4, 17, 9, 7 No Winner. Next week's jackpot €9,300. Next Draw:
Monday 13th. March. in Club House. Lucky Dip Winner: Mairead Phelan, Bernie
Maxwell; Kevin Gahan; Vladiga Belokunova.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Don't call it "Paddy's Day" or "Paddy's". This is a day to recall the faith we have received and by which we seek to be guided. This is a day to be proud of who we are and the difference we have made. This is a day to hope that all that is good and true in our faith and church might shine afresh, reach out to all and stir up within our people a desire to please God and look after one another in a way that is meaningful, sincere and rooted in compassion and kindness. This is not so much a day to drown the shamrock as to rejoice in the waters of baptism. It is not so much a day to watch the parade as to be in it - partaking fully

in the journey of a nation and a people and in the search for depth. This is a time to find our roots, remember who planted us and to yield our fruit in due season. Being of Ireland today should be a badge of honour. Being Irish today means being faithful to the many good people who have paved the way for us. It is about remembering the countries that made us welcome and having an eye towards the countries seeking our welcome. It is about doing the right thing by and for people because it's the right thing to do. Today is a day to hear the music, sing the song, dance the dance and be one with others. It's not a day for begrudgery or bitterness, a day for hostility or anger but a day to remember the prayer of St Patrick: "Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ above and Christ below"

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

PARISH NEWSLETTER



12th. March 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

The Parish Office will be open on Tuesday and Friday from 9.30 - 1.30. [Tel:059-9156890](tel:059-9156890) Email: clonmoreoffice.parish@gmail.com
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St. Patrick

Happy St Patrick's Day! – a day when we remember the roots of the Christian faith in Ireland. There is no doubt that to be a Christian in Ireland today is difficult. Often it is easier to hide our faith, to avoid ridicule, arguments and debates which can wear us down. However, today we should take example and energy from St Patrick. His story was not a walk in the park either. We celebrate our Christian identity today and celebrate the Gospel message that a courageous Patrick brought to us, a message that was preserved and passed on; a message that is very relevant to today's world and which continues to nourish and sustain us. Take heart from the parable of the Mustard Seed in the Gospel today. The mustard seed plant is sometimes wild and out of control. Author and activist, Shane Claiborne, compares it to kudzu, a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas, smother trees, even crack stone buildings and footpaths. The shrub was banned in certain areas of Palestine because of how it could completely take over gardens. When we are struggling with being a Christian in modern Ireland, feeling excluded in a world that wants to forget God, we can take courage from the parable of the mustard seed. It grew in places where it was not wanted. You might recall the people in your own life who nourished your faith and who guided you along your spiritual path. 'I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's shield to protect me.' (St Patrick's Breastplate)

Christian Motivational Phrases

"Every time you smile at someone it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing". Mother Theresa

ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER



Sunday 19th. Clonmore 10.30

Patrick Tompkins, Coolkenno, 1st. Aniv.
Daniel & Monica Tompkins, Clonmore.



Mass Schedule

Tuesday 14th. Mass at 9.30; Wednesday 15th. Mass at 9.30;
Friday 17th. St. Patricks Day: Mass at 11.00 in Ballyconnell.
Thursday 16th. Bishop Denis will confirm 36 boys
and girls from our schools.

Collections: Weekend: February, 4/5

Envelopes: €461 Baskets: €485 - Bingo: €390. Lotto €110.
Envelopes returned:69

Collection for Turkey and Syria: €1475, thank you very much for your generosity. It will be greatly appreciated. We have forwarded the money to the Diocese, and they will forward it onto to Caritas International. The Diocese have collected €181,592.49 from 32 Parishes.

Bingo in Ballyconnell hall on Sunday @ 8 PM. The jackpot this week is €725 if you check on 50 numbers.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: on Friday 24th. March in Ballyconnell Church after 7.30 pm Mass.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, Sunday 23rd April 2023. €499.00 per person sharing. Price includes return train, 3 nights' in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre. Single supplement €100.00. Contact Patricia 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Copies of our balance sheet - income and expenditure – for 2022 are available in the back of the church. Keeping in mind that fewer people are attending mass, we are in a very comfortable position. Once again thank you most sincerely for your generous support, without this help we would be unable to keep our parish functioning.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

We hope to leave on Wednesday 7th. October and return on Wednesday 14th. October. Price is €795 per person sharing. This price includes: Return flights Dublin to Dubrovnik, 20kg baggage allowance, return transfers to Medjugorje accompanied by a guide, 7 nights accommodation in Exclusive Marian pilgrimages houses close to St. James's church; full religious programme operated by Marian pilgrimages, full assistance of Marian Pilgrimages guides and representatives; sight-seeing and admission fees, daily mass, daily breakfast and evening meal, free wifi in guest houses, special invite to an evening of prayer through song with David Parks, pilgrimage insurance. Registration forms will soon be available in the Parish Centre, please get your names in asap.

Flower arranging demonstration: Friday 24th. March at 7.30. The Courthouse, Shillelagh in aid of Mullinacuffe Church. Tickets at door €10. Refreshments served, raffle of flower arrangements.