

## Coolkenno GAA Lotto

Last week's numbers: 7, 8, 21, 24 No Winner. Next week's jackpot €9,500. Next Draw: Monday 27th. March. in Club House. Lucky Dip Winner: Pauline Sands, Josie Mernagh; Brian Plunkett; Hannah Lawlor

# THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

## SEEING YOUR LIFE IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL

1. The parable of the grain of wheat reminds us of a truth that any parent can testify to, namely that it is in dying to ourselves that we can give life to others. We will never be of benefit to others if we remain wrapped up in ourselves. In what ways has your dying to yourself brought life to another? How has the generous giving of another brought life to you?
2. Sometimes our emotions rebel at the thought of what lies ahead and we feel like praying Father, save me from this hour. Then a realisation may come for you as a parent, a teacher, a spouse, a friend: No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Recall times when you have accepted pain or hassle and been a source of life to others for doing so.
3. The story presents the death of Jesus as the moment of his glorification by God. We are also glorified when the grace of God enables us to give generously of ourselves. When have you experienced this in yourself or in another?
4. This voice has come for your sake and not for mine. The angel spoke that we might recognise the love being shown us by Jesus. Sometimes it requires the voice of another to draw our attention to love that is being offered to us. When was this your experience?

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

# PARISH NEWSLETTER



26th. March 2023

## Fifth 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](mailto:clonmoreoffice.parish@gmail.com)  
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## Don't look back

'No need to recall the past,  
No need to think about what was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed....'

(Isaiah 43:18-19)

'All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead....'  
(Phil 3:13)

These poignant words taken from today's first and second readings provide the perfect preamble to our dramatic Gospel reading. Perhaps the line that is most often quoted from the story of the woman caught in adultery is Jesus' challenge to the crowd who bring her before them: 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' It is a challenge to all of us to look inward before we 'cast stones' to judge others. But there is another equally powerful statement here by Jesus, this time to the woman herself. It is delivered quietly, when she is left alone with Jesus after all her accusers have drifted away: 'Neither do I condemn you. Go away, and don't sin any more. We notice that Jesus doesn't rake over the woman's past. He doesn't ask her about the claims of her accusers. He does not condemn or criticise her. Instead, he accepts her, loves her, treats her with the respect and dignity that was so lacking in the mob, and gently nudges her forward into a new way of living.

## Christian Motivational Phrases.

Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.

## ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER



Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>. Ballyconnell 7.30

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>. Kilquiggan 9.00

Nora Kearns

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>. Clonmore 10.30.

Andy Byrne, Gould.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>. April, Ballyconnell 7.30.

Jose & Katherine O'Reilly, Killinure.

Clair Keogh, Killinure

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>. Clonmore 10.30

Thomas Byrne, Ballyduff, William Byrne, Clonmore

## Mass Schedule

Tuesday 28th. Mass at 9.30; Wednesday 29th. Mass at 9.30. Friday 31st. Mass at 7.30 pm in the Oratory in Killinure.



**Collections:** St. Patrick's Day & Weekend: 18/19

Envelopes: €343 Baskets: €617 - Bingo: €285. Lotto €110.

Envelopes returned:

Bingo in Ballyconnell hall on Sunday @ 8 PM. The jackpot this week is €775 if you check on 50 numbers.

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

Results for Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>. March: Numbers: 4, 10, 22, 32 - No Winner.

Next week's jackpot €14,000 - 17 Match 3's - €72 each

## 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; sightseeing 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.

## National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock

Calling All Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament in this Diocese, the National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday 23rd April (2nd weekend after Easter) and all are welcome. For contact the relevant people for bus enquiries from these area's Tullow, Carlow - Phone Brendan 0876537753, Ballylinan, Stradbally, Portlaoise - Phone Margaret 0879793005

## County Carlow Environmental Network (CCEN) free event.

On Sunday 2nd of April, County Carlow Environmental Network (CCEN) is showing the film **The Letter: A message for our Earth** in An Gairdín Beo, Carlow town. A visually stunning film which is a call to action led by Pope Francis to all communities to care for our common home, the Earth. Starting with pizza at 5.30pm and film showing at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome but booking is required. [www.eventbrite.com/e/the-letter-a-message-for-our-earth-tickets-587430138357](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-letter-a-message-for-our-earth-tickets-587430138357)

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