

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

Results for Wednesday 1st. March: 5, 7, 14, 32 - No Winner -  
Next week's jackpot €11,000 - 11 Match 3's - €91 each

## Coolkenno GAA Lotto

Last week's numbers: 8, 28, 30, 31 No Winner. Next week's jackpot  
€9,200. Next Draw: Monday 6<sup>th</sup>. March, Club in Club House. Lucky Dip  
Winner: Dolly Whelan, Maureen Keogh, Brian Plunkett; Myles Keogh.

# THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

## SEEING YOUR LIFE IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL

1. Some special spiritual experiences are almost impossible to describe in words. The Transfiguration was one of these. Jesus had a new and deeper insight into his relationship with his heavenly Father, one that would sustain him through what lay ahead of him. Have you had WOW moments that you found hard to describe to others?
2. How have these sustained you in difficult times? It can be both scary and wonderful to witness transformation in another, especially a person who is close. At times parents get a taste of this when a child's talent blossoms and is recognised by the child. We may also experience it when a dear friend recognises s/he is in a blind alley and gives up an addiction.
3. 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.' Peter, James and John were particularly close to Jesus, but they were not good at listening to Jesus, especially when he spoke of the painful road of servant discipleship. Jesus is the one we must listen to, even when his message is hard to hear. It is in this message we find life. When have you found this to be true?
4. Strangely this instruction came to the disciples when they were confused and 'in a cloud'. Perhaps you recall a moment of insight coming to you at a time when you were confused.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

# PARISH NEWSLETTER



5th. March 2023

## Second 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:  
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## Transfiguration

Can you recall a time when you had an 'aha moment'? One of those moments when something suddenly makes perfect sense to you. It may have been a long time coming, a combination of various pieces of a jigsaw fitting together or it may be an insight you received from spiritual practice. These are special moments. We are never quite the same afterwards, something changes, even a small thing, but something in us changes. These moments move us outside of ourselves or beyond ourselves in some way. They are moments of transfiguration. In the Gospel today, Peter is desperate to stay on the mountain in that blissful moment with Jesus, so much so that he offers to build tents. One can understand Peter's request, after such an experience of course he would want to stay there. What moments of encounter in your own life do you recall? An encounter where you simply did not want it to end? It may be something very deep and meaningful which gave you a glimpse of God or a moment of complete contentment? As with all blissful moments, the disciples must come down from the mountaintop. Jesus' way involves walking a very different path, a path that will not be so easy. Jesus' way is different to what Peter may have had in mind. These moments of Transfiguration strengthen us all for walking the more difficult paths, sustaining us on the way. 'The Lord is more constant and far more extravagant than it seems to imply. Wherever you turn your eyes the world can shine like transfiguration. You don't have to bring a thing to it except a little willingness to see. Only, who could have the courage to see it?'

(Marilynne Robinson)

## Christian Motivational Phrases

"I want to live a peaceful, happy and simple life, which is free from worry and stress. Enjoying the little things. Smiling every day. I don't need to own a lot of "stuff". I just want to be happy".

## ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER



*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*

### Sunday 5th. March - Clonmore 10.30

Marie Nolan Rath, and her sister  
Sinead Doyle, School Rd. Clonmore.

## Mass Schedule



Tuesday 7th. Mass at 9.30; Wednesday 8th. Mass at 9.30;  
Friday 10th. Mass at 7.30. in Oratory in Killinure.  
Saturday 4th. Ceremony of Light for the boys and girls who  
will receive confirmation on Thursday 16th. March at 11.00

## Collections: Weekend: February, 25/26

Envelopes: €345 Baskets: €316 - Bingo: €430. Lotto €130.

Envelopes returned:57

Bingo in Ballyconnell hall on Sunday @ 8 PM. The jackpot this week is €700 if you check on 50 numbers.

Collection for Turkey and Syria: €1475, thank you very much for your generosity. This is an amazingly generous response from people and has been forwarded to Our Diocese. Many thanks to those who have donated to and facilitated this collection.

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Dates for your diary: Parish Finance committee meeting on Monday 6th. March @ 8.00 in Parochial House, Killinure.  
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: on Friday 24th. March in Ballyconnell Church after 7.30 pm Mass.

## PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

I am hoping to organise a pilgrimage to Medjugorje in September. Medjugorje is a small town in Herzegovina is a place where heaven meets earth and wonderful miracles happen through the intercession of the Mother of God. Before we organise it, I will need to see if we have enough people interested in the pilgrimage. Some Details: Date – First week in October, accompanied by a guide; full religious programme; daily mass and spiritual activities. Daily breakfast and evening meal; Free Wi-Fi. Accommodation in pilgrimage houses close to St. James Church. Cost €790. Registration forms for this pilgrimage available in the Parish Centre.

The Franciscan Sister of the Renewal invite you to Light the Fire St Patrick's Day 2023, vespers at 5pm on the Hill of Slane followed by Mass celebrated by Bishop Denis at 6pm with adoration afterwards. All are welcome. For more information contact the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal on 041-9830441

## Shekinah blended learning courses 2022-2023

Certificate & diploma courses: Spirituality (applied youth ministry)  
Accredited by St. Patrick's Pontifical University. Diploma can be done over 1 or 2 years. Duration of courses: August 26, 2023- April 13, 2024. Closing date for applications: July 24, 2023. Diploma: 17 Days - 11 on Zoom & 6 in Maynooth. Certificate: 10.5 Days - 6.5 on Zoom & 4 in Maynooth. Suitable for Parents, Teachers, School Chaplains and Youth Workers in parish ministry. For further information and application form see [www.shekinah.ie](http://www.shekinah.ie)