

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto

Results for Wednesday 12th. April: Numbers: 3, 11, 29, 32 - No Winner -
Next week's jackpot €16,000 - 16 Match 3's - €63 each.

Coolkenno GAA Lotto

Last week's numbers: 5, 21, 24, 30 No Winner. Next week's jackpot €9,800. Next Draw: Monday 17th. April. in Club House. Lucky Dip Winner: Gerry O'Neill, Jer O'Neill; Patrick Nolan; Peter O'Shea

THOUGH FOR THE WEEK

The World's craziest Easter traditions

On Easter Monday the residents of Haux, France crack more than 4,500 eggs into a gigantic pan to create a massive Easter Omelette that serves over 1,000 people

Chocolate isn't much use in the steamy jungles of Papua New Guinea, so Easter trees at the front of the churches are decorated with sticks of tobacco and cigarettes instead

In the Philippines some devout Catholics have taken to the practice of self-crucifixion and self-flagellation on Easter. Their thinking is that it helps purify them and cleanses them of the sins of the world.

Easter is known around the world for multi-coloured, decorated eggs. But in Greece you will find only red eggs. Red is the colour of life, you see, as well as a representation of the blood of Christ.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

PARISH NEWSLETTER



16th. April 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

The Parish Office will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9.30 - 1.30

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ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER



Saturday 15th. Ballyconnell 7.30

Jimmy Kearns, Shillelagh. 1st. Aniv.

Sunday 16th. Kilquiggan 9.00

Deirdre Dolan, Ballynultagh; James Grace, Stratnakelly and his daughter Bridget Ann Grace, Robert and Ellen Wilson, Stratnakelly; Andrew, Marcella & Oliver Grace, Knockatomcoyle

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 on 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Gender differences.

Frank the farmer had a nagging wife. She made his life miserable. The only real peace he got was when he was out in the field ploughing. One day while in the field, Frank's wife brought him lunch. Then while he quietly ate she berated him with a constant stream of nagging and complaining. Suddenly, Frank's old donkey kicked up his back legs, struck her in the head killing her instantly. At the funeral, the priest noticed that when the women offered their sympathy, Frank would nod his head up and down. But when the men came up and spoke quietly to him, he would shake his head from side to side. After the mourners left, the priest approached Frank and asked. Why did you nod your head up and down to all the women and shake it from side to side with all the men. Well Frank replied: The women all said how nice she looked and her dress was so pretty, so I agreed by nodding my head up and down. and all the men asked: 'Is that donkey for sale?'

Bingo in Ballyconnell hall on Sunday @ 8 PM. The jackpot this week is €825 if you check on 50 numbers.

LETTER FROM DICOESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

This is always where Jesus asks his followers to go; into the deep, the dark, the unknown. It can feel uncomfortable to leave behind what is familiar and step out in faith, and yet, this is where we find abundance! Peter found what he needed to allow him to leave his old life and follow Jesus. We will find what we need to secure the future of the Church in our Diocese. We can put out into deep water with the words Jesus spoke to Peter ringing in our own ears - "follow me and I will make you fishers of men and women."

Bishop Denis and the Diocesan Pastoral Council are inviting all priests and three lay people from each of our parishes to gather for an evening of prayer, listening and discernment to help us to discover the next steps on our journey together as Church.

Each parish will gather with neighbouring parishes in what we are calling Pastoral Areas. Building relationships with those around us will be vital if we are to move into the future with strength. In recent years Pope Francis has brought the synodal nature of the Church to the fore. The preparatory document for the upcoming Synod on Synodality reminds us that 'A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, "journeys together."¹ In the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, this is our time to live this message. We want to pray and listen together as a faith community so that we can find the way forward for a living faith in our diocese for many generations to come. The reality we face is a stark one; stark but not hopeless or forlorn. We do not have the numbers of either clergy or lay faithful that allowed for us to build the structures we now have. We have grown up in a Church marked by lots of clergy and lots of people going to Mass, giving rise to lots of parishes and lots of buildings. The Church in the future - indeed the Church of today - will no longer be marked by such things. We see this and know that now is the time to act. In the last words of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells us; "know that I will be with you, even to the end of time"². While the reality we are facing may be stark, these words give us hope. We are to put out into deep water, knowing that Jesus is with us. Pope Francis tells us; "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us... looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and a far-sighted vision."³ We are to be God's dreamers for the time that we are in. And, as with all dreams, there is no limit to what we might consider achieving. The season of Easter reminds us that even as we live in times of change and uncertainty, we have the light of Christ to lead us, guide us and overcome all darkness and fear. As a community of believers, we will find a path forward together. In every generation faithful Christians are called to live and share their faith, so that future generations will also know the joy of the Gospel. *Where is the Holy Spirit calling us to go and grow in this generation?* The Pastoral Area meetings are an important step for our diocese in journeying together as we pray, share and listen together to discover the call of the Holy Spirit for these times. This putting out into the deep together, as a Synodal Church, "will involve a process of humbly learning together how God is calling us to be as the Church in the third millennium

Wednesday 10th May - Tullow in Tullow Parish centre
Monday 22nd May - Kildare - Aras Bhríde Parish Centre