

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto

Results for Wednesday 19th. April: Numbers: 6, 25, 29, 32. - No Winner -
Next week's jackpot €18,000 - 3 Match 3's - €334 each.

THOUGH FOR THE WEEK

An Easter Message

The Collect for Easter Sunday acknowledges that God has "conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity". It is a powerful recognition that the act of resurrection has opened for all of us a pathway to eternity. It is a recognition we will hear as the Collect is prayed on Easter Sunday morning. There was that empty seat around the Last Supper table. There was the chilling silence of Good Friday and the shattering of that silence by a sparkling Paschal Fire on Holy Saturday. All leading to one moment - Resurrection. Opening up for us all a pathway to follow. Pope Francis in his homily for Holy Saturday last year reminded us "the first proclamation of the resurrection was not a statement to be unpacked, but a sign to be contemplated". The empty tomb is that sign, a tomb visited by Mary of Magdala, by Peter and the disciple Jesus loved. That empty tomb reminds us the grave could not hold Jesus. It reminds us of the promise of victory over death for all believers. The Risen Lord journeys with us. He gives us great hope no matter what we are going through. At Easter as we gather in our churches and parishes, as we assemble for early dawn Masses, as we come together for lunch with family and friends, may we remember the One who has conquered death and unlocked that path for all of us into eternity. I take this opportunity to thank the many who support the faith life in our parishes in so many ways. I thank the many who by their lives show us that pathway to eternity. I thank the many who believe and get strength from the knowledge that the Risen Lord can heal all wounds. May your Easter be blessed, and your faith be nourished as you gather at the empty tomb and take that moment to believe again. Blessings on one and all,

+Denis

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

PARISH NEWSLETTER



23rd. April 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

The Parish Office will be open on Tuesdays and
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Come and have Breakfast

The theme of light and darkness in John's Gospel is strong. In today's reading, we hear that it was 'just after daybreak' when Jesus appeared to the disciples. The disciples had been fishing all night but caught nothing. Then, with the dawn, Jesus appears on the beach and gently suggests that they cast the nets on the other side of the boat. We are invited to reflect on resurrection here, moments where we were given a sense of new life, and with that, an abundance of gifts. Perhaps a friendship had broken down or we were dealing with a crisis. Like the disciples, we may have simply been going through the motions of day to day life, in the dark, without much enthusiasm. And then.... daybreak. A gentle voice guided us, a friend or in a moment of prayer. In time, we realised that this was Jesus' voice pointing us in the right direction, and once we allowed ourselves to be guided by Him, the 'catch' was huge. The end of the passage sees Jesus ask Peter three times if he loves him. Peter is once again by a charcoal fire so this scene mirrors the three denials of Peter during the trial of Jesus. Peter becomes upset, and one can understand the regrets he must have. Yet here, Jesus is giving Peter the space to undo his denials. There is healing, new life. We can imagine Jesus' question to Peter at the end of the passage being addressed to us: 'Simon, son of John, do you love me? Tend my sheep! Place yourself in this story throughout the week.

Christian Motivational Phrases

"What you are is God's gift to you, what you become is your gift to God". Hans Urs Von Balthasar.

ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER



Saturday 22nd. Ballyconnell 7.30

Jack Carroll and his parents Ciss & Peter.

Sunday 23rd. Kilquiggan 9.00

Sunday 23rd. Clonmore 10.30

Patrick O'Dwyer, Knockatomcoyle

Saturday 29th. Ballyconnell 7.30

Leo Healy, Killinure

Sunday 30th. Kilquiggan 9.00 am.

Sunday 30th. Clonmore 10.30

Fintan Murray, Bellshill; William Deay, Coolalaw



Mass Schedule

Tuesday 25th. Mass at 9.30; Wednesday 26th

Mass at 9.30; Friday 28th. Mass in Oratory in Killinure at 7.30

Collections: Weekend: April, 8/9 and 15/16

Envelopes: €2068 Baskets: €291 - Bingo: €9th. April €426; 16th April €350.

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

Coolkenno GAA Lotto

Last week's numbers: 28, 2, 23, 15. No Winner. Next week's jackpot €9,900.

Next Draw: Monday 24th. April. in Club House. Lucky Dip Winner: Waterton Family; Bridget Timmins; Waterton Family; Jim & Helen Strahan.

FRIENDS OF CALCUTTA

are organising a clothes collection on Thursday April 27th. Collection outside St. Mary's church Ballyconnell ; outside St. Finians Church Kilquiggan; outside Our Lady of the Wayside Church Clonmore. . Bags can be left close to the FOC sign up to 2 pm. All enquiries to Michael Hopkins 087-9073074. Home collections welcome also.

Carlow College St Patrick's Public Lecture on Monday, 24 April from 1.45-3pm in Cobden Hall in Carlow College, historian Dr Mel Farrell will speak on: '1923 - The End of the Civil War - A Centenary Lecture' Dr Mel Farrell is lecturer in Irish history at Carlow College, St Patricks. He is the author of Party Politics in a New Democracy: The Irish Free State, 1922-37 and is co-editor of A Formative Decade: Ireland in the 1920s. He has lectured in DCU, Maynooth, and UCD. Tickets are free but booking is essential and can be made at <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1923-the-end-of-the-civil-war-a-centenary-lecture-tickets-603871765707>

Limited places available for the 'Hands 4 Life" CPR training course on 6th May from 2 to 4 pm in Ballyconnell Hall. The course is approximately 2 hours long. To book your place please contact Annie at 0879701773 by text with your name and contact details. Every day 13 people die in Ireland from cardiac arrest and the majority - more than 70 per cent - of cardiac arrests happen at home. CPR is a lifesaving skill and involves pressing hard and fast on the centre of a person's chest. If you witness a cardiac arrest and perform CPR, you can double, if not triple, the person's chance of survival. CPR is easy to learn and by completing a CPR course at any stage in your life, you are 10 times more likely to respond and assist in an emergency. #CPRsavesLives