

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto

Results for Wednesday 10th. May: Numbers: 2, 10, 15, 32 - No Winner -
Next week's jackpot €12,000 - 14 Match 3's - €72 each.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE AT EXAM TIME



Holy Spirit. Be with me at this time of examinations and grant me your counsel, so that I may prepare wisely. Grant me understanding, so that I may grasp the knowledge I am trying to learn. Grant me fortitude so that I may have courage at the time of examination to face the challenge. May I pray to you with faith for what I need. Grant me your wisdom so that I may see the examinations are but a part of

life and whether I do well or not is part of a bigger picture, part of a greater plan you have for me and for all the world. I make this prayer through Christ Our Lord, Amen

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

PARISH NEWSLETTER



14th. May 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Parish Office will be open on Tuesdays and
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We will come to them

In a verse preceding today's Gospel, the disciples ask Jesus why he will not show the whole world who he is. It's an excellent question. Surely this whole faith-journey experience and relationship with God would be far easier if there were fireworks and clear instructions. Jesus' response to the disciples is: 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.' This is the opening line of today's Gospel. It reminds us that what is required first is an inner relationship with God, so that God can come and make a home with us: 'we will come to them and make our home with them.' It is there where we discover who Jesus is. The peace (shalom) that Jesus gives to the disciples has a much richer meaning than we might first think. This 'shalom' is not simply a good wish for a nice evening; it is, rather, a peace that this world cannot offer. It is a peace that comes from a loving relationship with God; a piece of body, of mind and of spirit. Jesus is asking the disciples to be an unending witness to God's love. They (and we) must be for others what Jesus has been for them. In this way we, and the world, will come to see who Jesus is. 'When we understand the essential unity of all that is, we discover the possibility of 'peace' – the kind of peace that in Hebrew is called shalom, and which is infinitely more than an absence of strife; it is the wholeness of the way of life itself and of every creature in it, held in the wholeness of the one God.'

MARGARET SILF

Christian Motivational Phrases

"At times, the frantic pace of the modern world prevents us from listening attentively to what another person is saying. Halfway through, we interrupt him, and want to contradict what he has not even finished saying. We must not lose our ability to listen" Pope Francis.

ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER



Saturday 13th. Ballyconnell 7.30.

John & Katy Byrne, Ballyshane; Denis and Mary Byrne Gould; James and Margaret Byrne Seskin

Sunday 14th. Kilquiggan 9.00

Elizabeth Lanigan, Late of Dublin. Cronalea
Kathleen Carroll, Cronalea and her sister Lil Lanigan

Saturday 20th. Ballyconnell 7.30

Margaret Wilson, James Wilson and Anthony Wilson, Stratnakelly

Sunday 21st. Clonmore 10.30

Edward and Margaret Jones, Michael & John Jones and all deceased members of the Jones Family, late of Ballyduff. Thomas Walsh and his parents Ballyduff. Margaret & Patrick Fagan, Killinure

Mass Schedule

Tuesday 16th. May Mass at 9.30; Wednesday 17th.
Mass at 9.30; Friday 19th. Mass in Oratory in Killinure.

Collections: Weekend: May, 6/7

Envelopes: €383 Baskets: €589 - Bingo: €590. Lotto €10.

Envelopes returned: 64

Bingo in Ballyconnell hall on Sunday @ 8 PM. The jackpot this week is €950 if you check on 50 numbers.

Coolkenno GAA Lotto

Last week's numbers: 1, 19, 28, 27 No Winner. Next week's jackpot €10,200. Next Draw: Monday 15th. May in Club House. Lucky Dip Winner: Eamon Dolan; James and Analise Murphy; Tom Weekes; Tom Doyle.

Abortion: Changing the Narrative - a Statement of the Catholic Bishops

Five years on from the May 2018 referendum which removed the constitutional guarantee of the equal right to life of unborn children and their mothers, the Bishops of Ireland have issued a statement which also takes into account the recent review by Government of the abortion legislation introduced following the referendum. At that time the bishops said, "a new situation now exists in Ireland. It is essential for us as a Church, which cares passionately about the gift of life, and wants to support both mothers and their unborn children, to seek better ways of responding to this new and very challenging reality". Today, bishops reaffirm the deep conviction of our faith, namely, that the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death, is a value for the whole of society, rooted in reason as well as in faith. No matter what legislation is passed, the fundamental right to life for all human beings at every stage of development still prevails. The bishops remain convinced that the relevant law, the *Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018* will, in due course, be repealed. In the meantime, the Church will continue to seek loving and supportive protection for every mother and for every child in the womb, including babies diagnosed with a disability or a life-limiting condition. The bishops will continue to do their best to change the narrative through dialogue and by testifying, in season and out of season, to the Gospel of Life. How can People of Faith help? Read the full statement (which is available in the church and also on www.catholicbishops.ie).

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Continues this Monday 15th May at 7.30pm in St Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, Carlow. GUEST SPEAKER for this Monday is: Fr Vincent Sherlock PP Parish Priest of Tubbercurry, Co Sligo & Internet Blogger