

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto

Results for Wednesday 17th. May: Numbers: 2, 4, 13, 14 - No Winner -
Next week's jackpot €13,000 - 19 Match 3's - €53 each.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel

1. In the preceding verse Jesus had rebuked the apostles for their lack of faith. Despite this he commissioned them to bring the Good News to the whole world. Witnesses of the Good News do not have to be perfect. There is encouragement to us in this. The lockdown during the coronavirus pandemic prompted many to reach out to others in new and welcome ways. To whom have you brought good news? Who has been a messenger of good news to you?
2. Jesus then tells them, that their witness will have quiet dramatic effects, helping people to overcome demons, bring them peace and healing. Things happen when we have belief in ourselves and in God. Strong faith can enable us to meet and overcome difficulties, in ways that waverers cannot do. Perhaps you have had experience of this?
3. The ascension marked the end of the visible presence of Jesus with his disciples, but he would be with them in other ways. "The Lord worked with them". Sometimes we can experience that death is not the end of the presence of someone significant to us. We can experience the unseen presence and influence of a parent, a friend, or an inspiring leader, after they have died. Has this happened to you? Have you also experienced the hidden presence of the Lord working with you? John Byrne OS

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

PARISH NEWSLETTER



21st. May 2023

The Ascension

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

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O Captain! My Captain!

The final scene of the movie, Dead Poets Society, is one of the most moving in modern cinema. Beloved teacher, Mr Keating (played by the late Robin Williams), is saying a final farewell to his students, who have been inspired by his unorthodox teaching methods and his encouragement to make your lives extraordinary. As he leaves the classroom, the students, in defiance of their strict headmaster, stand on their desks and salute him with the words, 'O Captain! My Captain!' – referring to a poem he taught them. Goodbyes are often emotional, particularly if we know we might not see the other person again for a long time, if ever. In films and TV programmes, a farewell scene can be a pivotal moment, or even the climax of the drama. Sometimes, when characters say goodbye to each other, we see a shot of one of them left behind, bereft, gazing into the distance after their loved one. In this context, one line in today's first reading always grabs my attention: 'They were still staring into the sky.' The apostles had just witnessed Jesus being 'lifted up' and taken from their sight. They had lost him once with his death, and now they are losing him a second time, after precious time spent with him following his resurrection. But the scene in today's first reading for the Ascension is no ordinary goodbye. It is not a dramatic scene written for a film script. In fact, Jesus does not seem to say goodbye at all. His last words are a promise to the disciples: the Holy Spirit will be with them as they set out on their mission. They have not been left alone.

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 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
Emmet Ferris, Balinakill

Sunday 28th. Kilquiggan 9.00

Eilish & Eamon Dempsey, Mullinacuff

Sunday 28th. Clonmore 10.30

Jim & Louis Kinsella, Blackhill and deceased family members of the Kinsella & Read families.



Mass Schedule

Tuesday 23rd. May Mass at 9.30; Wednesday 24th. Mass at 9.30; Friday 26th. Mass in Oratory in Killinure.

Collections: Weekend: May, 13/14

Envelopes: €221 Baskets: €209 - Bingo: €555.

Envelopes returned: 39

Bingo in Ballyconnell hall on Sunday @ 8 PM. The jackpot this week is €975 if you check on 50 numbers.

Coolkenno GAA Lotto

Last week's numbers: 9, 18, 29, 30. No Winner. Next week's jackpot €10,300. Next Draw: Monday 22nd. May in Dying Cow. Lucky Dip Winner: Dolly Whelan; Cathal Rossiter; Peter Roberts; Damien Byrne

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Direct return flights from Dublin. Fully escorted Trip. 5th. -12th. October. Only €100 deposit to secure your place. Pilgrimage leader: Fr. John O'Brien 086-2403787

Afternoon Recital

Suono Ladies Choir will perform in the Cathedral of the Assumption Carlow on Sunday 21st May at 4pm. Program to include works by Faure, Hagenberg, Casals, Esenvalds, Humperdinck and Whitacre. Musical Director; Owen C Lynch, Piano; Ann Cullen. Free admission and all are welcome.

Pentecost Novena: Takes place from 19th -27th of May. This novena will be broadcast daily on Radio Maria and Shalom World Prayer Channel.

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan: Reduce mowing to allow native wildflowers like Dandelions, Clover and Birds-foot Trefoil to naturally return over time. Why? This action helps to restore species-rich grasslands: a vital habitat providing food and shelter for pollinators. Where? Everywhere! Roadside verges, lawns, schools, parks, field margins, farm lanes. Take part in #NoMowMay and leave your lawnmower in the shed for May.

www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/