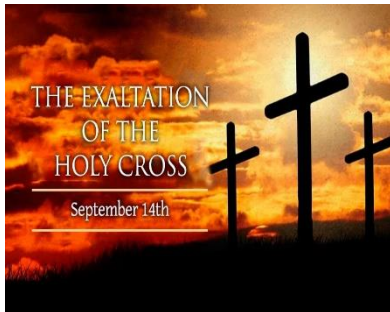


# PARISH NEWSLETTER



14<sup>th</sup> September, 2025  
**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

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## ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>. Ballyconnell: 7.30.** Liam & Moira Keely, Kilquiggan Mary Fitzaharris, Ballyconnell; Danny Byrne.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>. Clonmore 10.30:** Michael & Mary Kehoe, Cronaskeagh

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>. Clonmore 10.30:** Daniel Lawlor Jnr. Ballykilduff, also Dan Lalor, Raheen. Vincent Blake, Mullinacuffe; Michael Cashen, Clonmore.

**Collections:** Weekend: 6/7 Sep: Envelopes: €265  
Baskets: €322; Envelopes ret. 49 - Bingo: €555

**Ballyconnell Bingo:** The jackpot this week will be €875.  
Check on 13 will be €325.



### MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>. Mass 9.30. Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9.30;  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Mass in the oratory in Killinure at 7.30

**Coolkenno GAA:** 3, 8, 10, 20 - No Jackpot winner. This week's jackpot 10,900. Next draw Monday 15<sup>th</sup>. Sep. in Dying Cow. Lucky dip winners - Teresa Bowes, Carol Murphy; Rebecca Kinsella; Niall - Declan

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

14, 20, 22, 25 - No jackpot winner.  
Next week's jackpot €20,000. 11 match 3's get €91 each

## Liturgy Conference 20<sup>th</sup> September - Carlow Cathedral

Come and join with Bishop Denis and the Diocesan Liturgy Commission for a day of personal enrichment as we explore many aspects of the celebration of Mass and liturgy in our parishes. In his invitation to the day, Bishop Denis says: "I warmly invite every parishioner in our diocese - congregation member and liturgical minister - and our clergy to come along to this day. I know it will be personally enriching, informative and practical, as well as being a time to meet old friends and make new ones! I look forward to personally welcoming you in Carlow on 20<sup>th</sup> September."

## Return to Sunday Mass, bishops urge.

The Irish bishops have issued a nationwide appeal to Catholics to return to Sunday Mass describing the celebration of the Eucharist as "the source and summit of our faith" in a pastoral message titled: Why Sunday Matters, released as part of the Jubilee Year of Hope, the bishops emphasised the centrality of Sunday as the day of the Lord's resurrection, a day of rest and communal worship. They said attending Mass is "not just an obligation; it is a profound privilege and a chance to experience God's love in a deeply spiritual way". The bishops highlighted Sunday Mass as a moment of communion, drawing people together as the Body of Christ. Citing St. John Paul I, they stressed that "none is as vital or as community-forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and His Eucharist" The bishops noted that many people, particularly younger generations, feel distanced due to past abuses and their aftermath, as well as pressures from modern life, mental health struggles and their aftermath legacy of the pandemic. Despite this, they said that the Eucharist remains a source of "hope, life, and profound meaning" The prelates underlined the importance of participation, praising priests and lay ministers who contribute to liturgical life and encouraged a renewed focus on altar servers, saying the involvement of young people "brings vitality to the liturgy and contributes hugely to their own faith formation". Sunday Mass, they added, is also a call to mission; "Having listened to God's word and received the gift of Christ's Body and Blood, we are sent to live out our faith in the world as missionaries". While livestreamed liturgies remain valuable, they stress that online worship cannot replace the physical gathering of the faithful.

## HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK