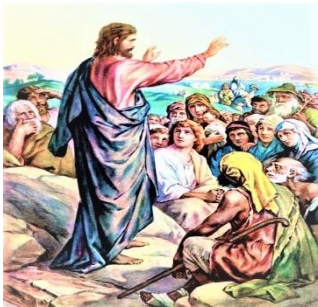


PARISH NEWSLETTER



7th September, 2025
23rd. Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Parish Office will be open Tuesday & Friday
9.30 - 1. 30. Tel: 059-9156890.

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ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER

Sunday 7th Clonmore 10.30: Theresa Joyce, Clonmore

Saturday 13th. Ballyconnell: 7.30. Liam & Moira Keely, Kilquiggan

Sunday 14th. Clonmore 10.30: Michael & Mary Kehoe, Cronaskeagh

Attention sick & Housebound: I will attend the sick and housebound next Friday.

Collections: Weekend: 30/31 Aug: Envelopes: €372

Baskets: €323; Envelopes ret. 52 - Bingo: €685

Ballyconnell Bingo: The jackpot this week will be €850.

Check on 13 will be €50.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday 9th. Beginning of school year mass for Ballyconnell
NS & 9.45, all are welcome. Wednesday 10th. Mass at 9.30;
Friday 12th Mass in the oratory in Killinure at 7.30



Coolkenno GAA: 2, 4, 5, 24 - No Jackpot winner. This week's jackpot
10,800. Next draw Monday 8th. Sep. in Dying Cow. Lucky dip winners -
Annie Enright. A.L.J.A; Mary Keogh Niamh O'Sullivan

Carer available: Kind reliable mature lady available to care for a
member of your family day or night: Phone: 087:9939731

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto

7, 27, 28, 30 - No jackpot winner.

Next week's jackpot €20,000. 12 match 3's get €84 each

It is Good for Us to Be Here: Liturgy Conference 20th September - Carlow Cathedral and Carlow College

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 20th September."*

Look out for more details on speakers, available workshops and booking information next week.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Christian must not be lukewarm. The Book of Revelation tells us that this is the greatest danger for a Christian, not that he or she may say no, but that they may say a very lukewarm "yes". Lukewarmness is, as the late Pope Benedict, emphasised, what discredits Christianity most. Therefore, it is one of the biggest problems facing the Catholic Church as a whole and therefore every Catholic diocese and every Catholic Parish including our own. We need to confront it straight on. The greatest way of all God has established to inflame us is at mass. *Whoever draws near Christ, draws near the fire.* Origen said in the third century. If that's true, then all the more Christ says to us. *'Whoever receives me, receives the fire'*. Whenever we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, we ingest Fire. Christ has come to ignite that fire and how he wants each of us to become truly enkindled! St. Catherine of Sienna used to say in the 1300s. *'If you are what you should be, you will set the world ablaze!'* Mass is the place where Christ helps us to become who we should be. As we prepare to receive Him today, we beg the great cloud of witnesses surrounding us now to pray for us that we may be enveloped by fire, always burn with love to the glory of God, and bring that flame of faith out to warm others hearths, and fill our parish and the whole world with the fire of God's amazing love.

Fr. Roger J. Landry

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK