

# PARISH NEWSLETTER



6<sup>th</sup>. DECEMBER 2025  
Second Sunday of Advent

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## ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER

December 6<sup>th</sup>. Ballyconnell 7.30: Matt Lawlor, Ballykilduff, and also Margaret Lawlor, Raheen : James & Margaret Wilson and Anthony Wilson, Stratnakelly; James & Sarah Doyle, Coolkenno

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>. Kilquiggan 9.00 James & Theresa Dowse and their daughter Teresa

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>. Clonmore 10.30: Daniel & Kathleen Doyle, Knockatomcoyle; Edward & Margaret Jones, Ballyduff & Thomas Walsh Ballyduff and all deceased members of the Jones Family. Margaret Coughlan, Clonmore.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>. Ballyconnell 7.30: Breen Family, Ballyconnell; Pat and Breda Kelly, Rathgall; Tom Dempsey, Coolkenno

## MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>. Holy Day of Obligation, mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30 pm.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9.30. Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9.30

Fr. John will attend the sick and housebound on Friday 12<sup>th</sup>.  
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Collections: Weekend: - 29/30 Nov - Envelopes: €325

Baskets: €502 - Bingo: €865 - Envelopes ret'd 54

Ballyconnell Bingo: The jackpot this week will be €875.

Check on 13 will be €175 extra.

Coolkenno GAA: 2, 17, 21, 32 - No Jackpot winner. This week's jackpot 12,100. Next draw Monday 8<sup>th</sup>. Dec. in Dying Cow. Lucky dip winners - Cora Murphy, Mick Butler; Pat O'Neill, Jean Bailey

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto: 12, 21, 22, 27 - No jackpot winner. Next week's jackpot €17,000. 7 match 3's gets €143 each

We invite you to continue or start the tradition of having an Advent wreath in your home. The advent wreath has a rich meaning. The circle of the wreath, with no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God. The evergreen reminds us of the everlasting life we have in Christ while any pine cones or pods in the wreath represent new life and resurrection. The four candles represent the four Sundays of Advent. Purple is traditionally a colour of penance and prayer while the rose-pink candle that is lit on the Third Sunday (Gaudete/Rejoice Sunday) marks our joy as we move ever closer to Christmas. Each Sunday in Advent we light another candle. As the winter grows darker, the light of the Advent wreath increases - reminding us that the light of Christ overcomes and dispels the darkness of our world. An Advent Wreath for the Home A Blessing of the Advent Wreath

As you light a candle on your Advent wreath for the first time, pray the prayer of blessing and take a moment to talk to God about how you will keep Advent this year alone or as a household. Finish your time of prayer with the Advent prayer

Duffy Coach Hire: All-night vigil at Knock Shrine, is an annual event that occurs on the night of Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. into Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. coinciding with the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The vigil includes an overnight prayer service in the Basilica with confession, rosary, Holy Hour and mass concluding at 4.00 am. On the 8<sup>th</sup>. For further information contact Duffy's 087-2543235; 059-6471681

CANDLELIGHT CONCERT: "Enjoy an enchanting evening of beautiful music and song, surrounded by the soft glow of candlelight, accompanied by a glass of seasonal mulled wine and a warm mince pie. " Tickets available from Eric Driver 0972776282. Concert in St Michaels Church Aghold on Sunday 14th December at 7pm R93 HR90.

Community Centre Clonmore: We are having a coffee morning on 7<sup>th</sup>. December from 11.30 - 1.00 in aid of the upkeep of the hall. We would appreciate your support.

## HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK