

PARISH NEWSLETTER



18th. JANUARY 2026
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER

Saturday 17th. Ballyconnell 7.30: Lyla Nanasy, her sister Kathleen Carey, her brother Denis O'Reilly and deceased members of the O'Reilly Family. Theresa & Donnacha Mulvihill, Ballyconnell. Jimmy O'Byrne, Killabeg also Pat & Peg O'Byrne, Killabeg and all deceased members of the O'Byrne Family. Sarah Bowes, Killinure. Josie Keogh, Ballyconnell. Mary Peg Carroll, Liscolman; William O'Brien, Knockeen

Sunday 18th. Clonmore 10.;30. Theresa Kelly, Blackhill 1st. Aniv.

Saturday 24th. Ballyconnell 7.30: William & Catherine Byrne, Aghowle Lr.

Collections: 10/11 Jan.: Bingo: €540 - Baskets €439

Envelopes - €391 - Envelopes returned.

Ballyconnell Bingo: The jackpot this week will be €1025.

Check on 13 for a full house for extra €175

Coolkenno GAA: 7, 14, 22, 29 - No Jackpot winner. This week's jackpot 12,700. Next draw Monday 19th. Jan. in Crab Lane. Lucky dip winners - Eadaoin Nevin; Eamon Healy; Tina Nolan; Maci - Kate Rossiter

PARISH LOTTO: Wednesday 14th. Jan. Numbers: 1, 24, 26, 32. No Jackpot winner. Next week's Jackpot 12,000 8 match 3's gets €125 each.

Date for your diary: Meeting of our Parish Pastoral Council on Tuesday 20th. at 7.30 in The Parish Centre.

Catholic Schools Week 2026 - Message from Bishop Denis

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2026, we give thanks for the faith, learning and care that shape daily life in our Catholic schools. This year's theme, "Catholic Schools - Normal Lives, Called to Holiness," reminds us that holiness is lived through simple acts of kindness, respect and love. As Saint (Mother) Teresa said, "We can do small things with great love." In our Catholic schools, children are encouraged to live this message each day through how they treat others and care for their community. We remember and we pray for all of those who attend, support and work in the Catholic Schools in our diocese. The purpose of CSW is to highlight the distinctive role of Catholic Education in forming young people who understand their lives as purposeful and grounded in faith. Catholic Schools share the priorities of Christ towards the weak, the poor, the disadvantaged. I am so proud of our Catholic Schools, I thank all who work in them, all who are formed by them and all who support them. Our schools are inclusive and welcoming to all. Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION: Ballyconnell at 7.00 pm.

We will recite five decades of the rosary. 10 mins. We will recite meditations on the mysteries of the rosary while keeping our Lady company for 15 minutes. We do all this with the intention of making reparation to the immaculate Heart of Mary. In your own time to make full reparation truly pleasing to Immaculate Heart of Mary and to benefit from the great promise attached to the First Saturday Devotion, it is important to carry out the following requirements that Our Lady asked for:

- Go to the Sacrament of Confession (Reconciliation)
- receive Holy Communion (in the state of grace)
- Do all of these with the intention of reparation to Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Repeat all of the above every first Saturday for five consecutive months

HAVE A HEALTHY 2026