

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

15<sup>th</sup> March 2026



### Fourth Sunday of Lent

# Lent

The Parish office will be open on  
Friday 10.30 - 1.30

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### ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 7.30: Patrick Tierney, Ballyconnell.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March Kilquiggan 9.00: James & Nora Clare, Ballynultagh.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March Clonmore 10.30 : Patrick (Pat) Tompkins,  
Coolkenno, Ann Cole Months mind, Daniel & Monica Tompkins Clonmore.

Sunday 22nd. March Clonmore 10.30: Patrick Murphy, Form. Knockatomcoyle.

#### MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesdays 17<sup>th</sup>. St. Patrick's Day, mass at 12.00 in Ballyconnell.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9.30.

Collections: 7/8 March: Bingo: €830

Baskets €453; Envelopes - € 396- Envelopes returned 61

Ballyconnell Bingo: The jackpot this week will be €1200.

The check on number 30 was won at €350 - It will start this week at €50

Coolkenno GAA: 8, 24, 19, 16 - No Jackpot winner. This week's jackpot €13,400 Next draw Monday 9<sup>th</sup>. March. in Dying Cow. Lucky dip winners – Caoimhe Nolan, Pat O'Shea, Niall Bailey, Lorna Southern.

PARISH LOTTO: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Numbers 3, 12, 19, 31

No Jackpot winner. Next week's Jackpot €15,000. 17 match 3 gets €59each

**Singing For Wellbeing** - Did you know that group singing makes you feel good? Join Gina for an eight-week series of singing workshops for people of all ages and abilities. No experience necessary - the focus is on enjoyment. Carlow Library: Wednesdays 11.30am to 12.30pm beginning Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, Email [library@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:library@carlowcoco.ie) or phone 059 9129705 to reserve your place, places are limited so please book early

**Carer Available:** Kind reliable mature lady available to care for a member of your family day or night. Please phone 087 9939731



Don't call it "Paddy's Day" or "Paddy's". This is a day to recall the faith we have received and by which we seek to be guided. This is a day to be proud of who we are and the difference we have made. This is a day to hope that all that is good and true in our faith and church might shine a fresh, reach out to all and stir up within our people a desire to please God and look after one another in a way that is meaningful, sincere and rooted in compassion and kindness. This is not so much a day to drown the shamrock as to rejoice in the waters of baptism. It is

not so much a day to watch the parade as to be in it - partaking fully in the journey of a nation and a people and in the search for depth. This is a time to find our roots, remember who planted us and to yield our fruit in due season. Being of Ireland today should be a badge of honour. Being Irish today means being faithful to the many good people who have paved the way for us. It is about remembering the countries that made us welcome and having an eye towards the countries seeking our welcome. It is about doing the right thing by and for people because it's the right thing to do. Today is a day to hear the music, sing the song, dance the dance and be one with others. It's not a day for begrudgery or bitterness, a day for hostility or anger but a day to remember the prayer of St Patrick: "Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ above and Christ below ...."

**HAVE A WONDERFULL WEEK**