

Clonmore Parish Lotto: Last week's numbers: 6, 17; 7; 4 - No winner.  
Next Week's Jackpot: €2,100; Jackpot plus Bonus number: €3,100.  
€40 prize winners - I.C.A. Ballyconnell; Kathy Doyle Knockballystine; Doyle Family Shillelagh; Mary Kennedy C/O Bingo; Ann Cousins Carnew

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 3, 7, 21, 23 - No Winner  
This week's jackpot €7,600. Next Draw: 13<sup>th</sup>. January - Crab Lane  
Seamus Wilson; Niall Declan McCarthy; Richard Quinn; Denis Waterton

### *Thought for the week*

#### *Happy New Year*

Brush away old heartaches.  
Learn from our mistakes.  
Another year is finally over.  
A new dawn awakes.  
Let the old year out.  
Welcome the new one in.  
Bury the bad things of the past  
As a new year now begins.  
Make your New Year wishes  
As simple as you can.  
Pray for peace and love,  
Not for wealth or fame.  
Pray for health and happiness.  
Pray for your fellow man.  
Pray for all the ones you love.  
Pray for those who've lost their way.  
As the midnight hour chimes,  
We leave the old and embrace the new.  
I wish the things you wish for yourself,  
And may God's love stay with you.

*by John P. Read*

*Have a Wonderful Week*

## *PARISH NEWSLETTER*

*Have  
Faith  
in  
GOD*

### *The Baptism of Our Lord 12<sup>th</sup>. January 2020*

PARISH CENTRE

Opening hours from 9.30 am to 1.30  
Tuesday and Friday.

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Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>. January 2020

### **Baptism of Jesus**

John the Baptist was driven by one mission: to point people to Jesus, to prepare the way for Jesus. Yet John is uneasy in this account of Jesus' baptism. The moment has arrived but he is standing before someone much greater than himself and is being asked to minister. John feels unqualified, unworthy of such a task. After some persuasion 'John gave into him' and accepted his responsibility. This is a lesson to all of us, not to let feelings of inadequacy stop us from carrying out our various missions and vocations in our lives. Jesus explains to John that this is necessary as a sign for the beginning of his ministry, a public statement of identity.

Today we might consider our own baptism and what it means to us. At that moment we were anointed as priests, prophets and Kings. To what extent do we live this out in our Christian lives? John points us towards Jesus and we can ask, do we also point the way to Jesus for others? How can we be a signpost for others? Remember today those who pointed the way for you at various times in your life. Maybe a chaplain in school or college, a teacher, grandparent, a friend, a retreat you participated in. At various times in our lives we meet these 'signposts' which help us to grow in our faith and deepen our awareness of Christ's love. Let us celebrate all of these 'baptismal' moments today.

*There's a story told about 4 people: Somebody, Everybody, Anybody and Nobody. There was one important job to be done. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Somebody got angry about it because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it. Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.*

### MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9.30; Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9.30;  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 7.30 in Oratory in Killinure

**Collections:** Envelopes €351; Baskets €640

Envelopes returned:72 Envelope winner: Dick & Lucy Bulmer  
Bingo: €595; 350.; Lotto: €1,600. Bingo Jackpot: €

The Annual and half year subscriptions to the Parish Lotto are now due, please see your local seller to renew or join, or contact Willie Whelan on 059-9156108 or Mary Doyle: 086-8528754. The cost is: Yearly €100 or 6 months €50. A great way to support your Parish and also to be in with a chance of winning the weekly Jackpot. To everyone who support the Parish Lotto our heartfelt thanks.

We will see suspending the hand shake in the sign of peace during the flue season.

## Anniversaries

### THIS WEEK

#### **Ballyconnell 11<sup>th</sup>. January**

Mary Peg Carroll, Liscolman;  
Tom & Miley O'Rourke, Aghold  
and all deceased Family  
members; William O'Brien  
Knockeen

#### **Kilquiggan 12<sup>th</sup>. January**

James Wilson, Stratnakelly -  
Month's Mind. Martha Foster,  
Tullow, Ballyrahan, Months  
mind; Sarah Bowes, Killinure;  
Kathleen Conroy, Tinahealy

### NEXT WEEK

#### **Ballyconnell 18<sup>th</sup>. January**

Michael Furlong and his wife Alice,  
Creclin; Donnacha Mulvehill;  
Ballyconnell; Josie Keogh,  
Ballyconnell; Jimmy O'Byrne, Killabeg  
and all deceased Family members.

#### **Clonmore 19<sup>th</sup>. January**

Thomas & Mary Fitzharris, Bellshill,  
Clonmore; Margaret Dowling,  
Minvaud.

## ALTAR SOCIETY

### Ballyconnell

Angela Doyle

### Kilquiggan

Margaret Byrne

## COLLECTORS FOR JANUARY

### Ballyconnell

Lee Coleman  
Liam Hendricken

### Kilquiggan

Michael Byrne  
Michael Keogh

### Clonmore

Mick Nolan  
Tom Cashen

Dancing starting in Donard Community Hall on Sat 18th January and every 3<sup>rd</sup>. Saturday of each month to follow. Dancing 9pm till 12pm Donation €10 with light refreshments. Music by Tommy B.

"Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Adoration Committee invite you to a Day of Prayer. Holy Mass, Adoration, Rosary, sharing and music, held in Carlow College on Saturday 25th. January 2020 to begin at 10am. Refreshments served. All welcome

## Attention Ladies: Upcoming Courses - Tullow - February 2020

There are a number of places still available on the Carlow Catalyst Programme For Women's Preparation for Work Course, which is starting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2020 in Forward Steps Resource Centre in Tullow. Courses are open to Women who are not working and who are not in receipt of job seekers or a work-related payment, (other social welfare payments are allowed so please enquire to see if you are eligible). This is a part time morning course, 3 mornings a week from 10am to 1pm for 16 weeks. Training is QQI accredited and focused on personal development and work-related skills. If you are considering returning to work, or thinking about up skilling and feel that you could benefit with some support, guidance and confidence building, then this course could be perfect for you. If you are eligible to take part in this programme, all training and supports are offered Free of Charge. For further information please contact Orlaith or Sinead in St. Catherine's Community Services Centre on 059 9138700. Email [orlaithm@catherines.ie](mailto:orlaithm@catherines.ie)

Adult Country Jiving, Quickstep & Waltzing dance classes commencing on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020. Course runs for 6 weeks 8.00-9.00pm every Thursday. No Partner Required. Registration & Payment (€60) on the night. Academy of Dance, Carlow Youth & Community Centre, Green Lane, Carlow.