

Sunday December 2nd 2012

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G.A.A. LOTTO RESULTS

Winning Numbers: Monday, November 26th: **6, 10, 12, 13. €50:** David O'Halloran, Moyralla. **€30:** (1) Seán McMahon, 42 Gort Leamann, Roslevan (2) James & Molly Cleary, Clonola (3) PJ Ryan, Six Crosses (4) Brendan Corry, Coolmeen (5) B. Eustace/Joe Hogan, Kildysart. **Next Week's Draw:** Monday, 3rd December at Tír na n-Óg. Lotto Sales **€260. Next Jackpot: €4,800.**

Basket Collection: Basket Collection for 24th/25th November €591.

Mass Times: Cranny - Saturday at 9.45am; Coolmeen Friday 6.45pm; Kildysart - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 10am.

Masses December: Coolmeen - Saturday 6.45pm & Cranny - Sunday 9.45am.

First Holy Communion: The enrolment ceremony for the children preparing for First Holy Communion will take place during 9.45am Mass in Cranny on Sunday, 9th December 2012. The enrolment ceremony in Coolmeen will take place during 9.45 Mass on Sunday, 27th January 2013.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Saturday next (December 8th) is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times will be as on Sunday (i.e Vigil Mass on Friday at 6.45pm in Coolmeen and morning Mass in Cranny on Saturday at 9.45am).

First Friday: The monthly visits to the sick and housebound in Coolmeen/Cranny will take place on next Thursday morning.

Coeliac: If any member of the parish wishes to receive low gluten hosts at Holy Communion or to receive from the chalice they are welcome to contact Fr. Albert McDonnell.

Coolmeen Minister of the Word: Mary Kenny - 8th December.

Parish Website: We have recently published a website for the parish of Coolmeen/Cranny www.kilfidaneparish.com. The website contains information of interest to our parish, diocese and the wider community and Church. The parish newsletter will also be published each week on the website. Suggestions and comments are welcome.

Collection: The planned collection to defray the expenses incurred by the International Eucharistic Congress is no longer necessary. Therefore, it is not necessary to return the envelope marked Eucharistic Congress.

Distribution of 2013 Envelopes: The box of collection envelopes for each household for 2013 is available for collection at the entrances to Coolmeen and Cranny Churches.

Preparation for Christmas: A service of reconciliation with an opportunity for individual confession will take place at 7.30pm in Cranny on Monday, 10th December and at 7.30pm in Coolmeen on Wednesday, 12th December.

Coolmeen Altar Society: Altar Society members for December are: Marian McMahon, Maeve O'Neill, Agnes Neenan, Geraldine McMahon, Carmel Reidy, Win Keane and Marian Mulconroy.

Eucharistic Adoration: We have now completed seventeen years of Eucharistic Adoration. Thank God. Our numbers have greatly reduced since then. Many have died and we trust they are now seeing Jesus face to face. We need more people who will commit to a specific hour once a month. They are the people who make Adoration possible. Will you give this as a birthday gift to the Divine Child Jesus. He has said "I wait for you". The time is from 9.30am until 7.30pm. Everyone is invited.

Thank You: to all who helped and contributed to last weekend's Church Gate Collection for Clare Haven Services. Total amount collected €425.

Marriage Arrangements: A wedding is a time of celebration and joy for the couple, their families, friends and the wider community. Couples preparing for marriage are very much present in the prayers of every parish. A few practical points that may be of help to couples who intend to marry during 2013: The parish requires a minimum of 3 months notice; Civil notification also needs to be obtained 3 months prior to marriage from Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths, Sandfield Centre, Ennis. Tel: 065 6868050: The only pre-marriage courses approved by the diocese of Killaloe are the ACCORD courses, the Redemptorist pre-marriage week-end at Esker, Co. Galway and the Mount Argus course in Dublin. Contact Accord, Clarecare, Harmony Row, Ennis. Callsave 185058500 or Esker Retreat House, Athenry, Co. Galway. Telephone 091-844549. On-line or CD/DVD courses are not considered to be sufficient preparation for the sacrament of marriage; The music chosen for the celebration of the sacrament in Church should be prayerful and appropriate for a liturgy.

Bereaved by Suicide: Are you finding it difficult to cope with a death by suicide of a family member, relative or friend? It may help to talk to a Clare Suicide Bereavement (Clare S.B.S.) volunteer. We offer confidential and free support to people who have experienced a death by suicide. This time of year may be particularly difficult and it may help to talk about your pain. Please phone or text 086 0565373 or 087 3698315. www.claresuicidebereavement.com

Community Alert: Anyone interested in been involved in Community Alert in the Cranny/Coolmeen and Kilmurry McMahon areas, please contact Garda John Cahill at Kilrush Garda Station at 065 9080550.

Christmas Floral Demonstration: Thursday, 6th December 2012. In Knockerra Hall at 8pm, Admission €5. Mulled Wine Reception. All flower arrangements raffled on the night. Organised by the Killimer-Knockerra Social Group.

Annual Toy Mass: Coolmeen - Saturday, 8th December and Cranny - Sunday, 9th December. Toys will be given to St. Vincent de Paul for less fortunate children. Santa will also say 'Hello' !!

Santa's Visit To Tír na n-Óg: The Peadar Clancy Festival Committee are delighted to let you know that Santa has accepted their invitation again this year. He will visit Tír na n-Óg on Sunday, 9th December, from 3-6pm. Disco, Santa Present and refreshments are sponsored by the Peadar Clancy Festival Committee. Photographs available on the day at €10. He is looking forward to meeting all the boys and girls.

Home Care Worker Vacancies: Must have FETAC Level 5 Major Award in Healthcare Support or equivalent completed (8 modules) or be in process of completing same. Please forward a letter of application outlining your suitability for the position and a current CV to The Carers Association, Unit 1 Georges Quay House, Georges Quay, Limerick or by e-mail to cdevlin@carersireland.com Tel: 061-310434. The Carers Association is an equal opportunities employer.

West Clare Mini Marathon: Registration takes place in Tír na n-Óg Sunday, 9th December 6-7pm.

Co. Clare VEC's Back To Education Initiative (BTEI): are proposing to offer a FETAC Level 3 themed 'Getting Creative with Drama & Music' programme in Ennis commencing in December 2012. The course is for adults who wish to develop their skills and knowledge in the area of Creative Arts, Music and Communications. For Further information contact the BTEI Office at the Adult & Community Education Centre, Clonroad Business Park, Ennis on 6843633 or 6897640.

Arthritis Ireland's '10 Steps to Easier Living' Free Seminar: is being held in the West County Hotel, Ennis on Wednesday, 5th December starting at 7.30pm. This event covers the 10 easy-to-follow key steps that people with arthritis can use to manage their condition better and improve their quality-of-life. It will feature a number of health experts doing talks and giving one-to-one advice, including rheumatology nurse specialists, physiotherapist, dietician and occupational therapists and will also include services such blood pressure testing, foot scanning and gait analysis. For more information call 1890 252 846.