



RAHEEN PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday 27th Nov 2019

Numbers: 06-14-22-30

4 winners shared €11,000 receiving €2,750

Seamus Kearns, Newbridge, Oliver Fitzgerald, Askea, Sean Corcoran, Clonbullogue, Ita Gavigan, Rhode. 13 match 3s win €77
NO local Winners.

RAHEEN LOTTO

Gift Vouchers available in the Sacristy or contact any Lotto promoter.

Half a year (25 draws) for €50

Full year (50 draws) for €100

An ideal X-Mass present.

Whist Results 27th Nov '19

Top score: Austin Kavanagh. Lady 1: Tom Lalor. Lady 2: Lena McEvoy. Gent 1: Billy Carter. Gent 2: Henry Martyn. Quarters: Mary McCabe Catherine Galvin and PJ Cahill. Consolation: Mary Doheny. Raffle: Billy O'Keefe, Minnie Delaney (2) and Billy Carter. Thanks for your support. €100 was given to ALMAS and Parish funds for November.. Whist continues at 8pm on Wednesday.

Dancing in Abbeyleix Golf Club

Every Sunday night . This Sunday 1st Dec music by Mick Carroll. Come along - A great night assured.

Church Gate Collection -

Will take place next weekend 7th & 8th Dec in aid of EPILEPSY IRELAND. Please support.

Colt GAA CLUB- Lotto Results

15/11/2019

Winning Numbers: 10-19-30

NO Jackpot Winner:

4 x '20: Brian & Sinead Keegan c/o B. Keegan, Rose & John O'Dea c/o M. Stackpool Barry McGill c/o Self, Enda Phelan c/o Eamon Delaney
Next Weeks Jackpot 2,500

Presentation on Cyber bullying

and Internet Safety
 Heywood Community School will hold a Cyber bullying and

Online Safety talk for all parents/guardians including parents/guardians of incoming 5th and 6th Class students on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 7.30 p.m. Entry Fee: €2.

Heywood Community School Christmas Carol Service

A unique community celebration featuring the schools Sacred Choir, Traditional Irish Music Group and Soloists. The School Choir will sing a feast of beautiful Christmas Carols, old and new for all the family to sing and enjoy with seasonal readings and reflections. **St. Brigid's Church, Ballinakill on Thurs 12th Dec 2019 at 7.30 p.m.**

Raheen Community Alert -

Will hold their A.G.M on **Sun 19th Jan at 3pm** in the afternoon.

Another ADVENT

Advent is waiting for the birth of Jesus, but it's a strange waiting. We are waiting each year for someone we know is here.

We recall in Advent that the Lord Jesus has come among us, is present all the time and will come again in glory.

He is the child who is born each year, for the world always needs its God and saviour.

He is the child awaited each year, for our lives are new each year, and we need him in different ways at different stages of life, and the world has different needs of God at different times.

We need the child of peace to be born in our wars and violence, the child of wisdom in our search for truth and meaning, the child of gentleness in a world which can be harsh and greedy.

We need to know in Jesus that birth and life are the most precious gifts of God, and that in the birth of Jesus each year, is the everlasting promise of God to be with us.

And Advent looks ahead, letting us see that the life of Jesus is never over, that the truth of Jesus is always spoken, and that one day he will be seen in glory. For we are people of Advent and Easter, of waiting and of resurrection, we are people of earth and of Heaven, as he is the Son of God and Son of Mary, and leads us through our life on earth to the eternal glory of Heaven.

Prayer for Advent - We have found often enough that the world can give us no peace. Let us experience this Advent that nothing in the world can take from us your peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Parish Christmas Draw
 We are holding a raffle in aid of parish funds on **Saturday 21st December** after evening Mass in Raheen.

Numerous hampers to be won. Tickets are available from members of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee. Donations of prizes would be gratefully received and can be left in at the Sacristy in both churches before or after Mass. Your support for this Christmas Draw would be very much appreciated.



Confessions Before Christmas
Abbeyleix: Sat 14th at **6pm**.
Raheen: Sat 14th after the **7.30pm Mass**
 Some visiting Priests will be available.

Also during Advent the Priest will be available after the weekend Masses for confessions.



Thank you for your contributions to Parish Funds
23rd & 24th Nov 2019
Raheen:
 Offertory Collection: €336.05
 Weekly Envelope: €365.35 (38 houses)
Shanahoe:
 Offertory Collection: €181.53
 Weekly Envelope: €713.50 (24 H)



This Weekend Masses 30th Nov & 1st Dec
Raheen: Saturday 30th Nov Mass at **7.30pm**
 - *Michael Whelan, Colt (Months Mind)*
 - *James & Julia Phelan, Roskelfon Church also Dan Phelan, Roskelfon Church.*
Shanahoe: Sunday 1st Dec' Mass at **9.30am**
 - *Tim Drennan, Clonban also Jack O' Toole, Boley.*



Weekday Masses this Week
Raheen: **Tues 3rd & Thurs 5th Dec Mass at 10am**
Shanahoe: **Wed 4th Dec Mass at 10am**

Next Weekend Masses 7th & 8th Dec
Raheen: Saturday 7th Dec. Mass at **7.30pm**
 - *Anne Phelan, Roskelfon also Nora Delaney, Roskelfon.*
 - *Deceased members of Colt GAA.*
 - *Joe & Nora McEvoy*
Shanahoe: Sunday 8th Dec Mass at **9.30am**
 - *John Delaney Shanahoe.*



Shanahoe Communion to the sick on Wednesday 4th Dec. Beginning at 11am
Basket collection -
 We are asked to give 1/3 of the Basket Collection on the first Sunday of Advent to support our Bishop. Please be generous

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT
 You are invited to the **Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat** in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare from the 6th - 8th December. Booking is now open and we have free busses running from all Ireland. For more info www.youth2000.ie
 Did you know that our Christmas Retreat is taking place from the 6th to the 8th of December in Newbridge College?
 If you are between 16-35 you can register today on <http://youth2000.ie/youth-2000-christmas-retreat-6th-8th-of-December-2019/>
 We have free buses from all over Ireland, these are filling fast so to avoid disappointment make sure you book your place today! All routes can be found on <http://youth2000.ie/bus-routes-to-youth-2000-christmas-retreat-2019>



List of Gospel Readings For The Week:
Sat Nov 30th Mt 4:18-22
Sun Dec 1st Mt 24:37-44
Mon Dec 2nd Mt 8:5-11
Tues Dec 3rd Lk 10:21-24
Wed Dec 4th Mt 15:29-37
Thurs Dec 5th Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday Dec 6th Mt 9:27-31
Sat Dec 7th Mt 9:35-10:1. 6-8



Baptism Dates-
Raheen: Sunday Jan 12th & Feb 9th & March 1st - 2020
Shanahoe: Sunday Jan 19th & Feb 16th & March 8th - 2020



Happy New Year!
 The new Church begins on the First Sunday of Advent. As we will be Year A in the three- year cycle of Sunday readings, for the next year we mainly from the Gospel of St Matthew. John's gospel will feature very strongly in Lent with the stories of the Woman at the Well, the Curing of the Blind Man and the Raising of Lazarus.
 Our weekday readings will follow Year II of the two-year weekday cycle of readings.
 Looking for a New Year's Resolution? Why not take 10 minutes each day to privately pray with the readings of the day. Check out www.pray-as-you-go.org and their free phone app to keep you in touch with the daily readings.

