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### **RAHEEN PARISH LOTTO**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019

Numbers: 03-20-29-30

**NO** €11,000 Jackpot Winner 48 match 3s win

€42. **NEXT WEEKS' JACKPOT** €12,000

One local Winner; *Julie Lawlor c/o Louise Kavanagh*

**Christmas & New Year Lotto Arrangements:**

**First draw for 2020 will take place on Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Jan**

### **Tobar an Léinn Enrolment 2020**

Enrolment for Tobar an Léinn N.S for 2020 is now formally open. An enrolment form can be collected from the office or alternatively you can e. mail [office@tobaranleinn.ie](mailto:office@tobaranleinn.ie)

### **Whist Results 18<sup>th</sup> Dec '19**

**Top score:** Ciarán Breen

Wishing all our whist players a Happy

Christmas & Happy New Year.

Whist returns on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020.

**Thanks for your support.**

### **DANCING FOR FITNESS AND FUN**

SHANAHOE LADIES CLUB ARE ORGANISING DANCING FOR FITNESS AND FUN IN SHANAHOE HALL. THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 16<sup>TH</sup>, 23<sup>RD</sup>, AND 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 8PM TO 9PM.

**COST €5 PER NIGHT.**

**FORMER MEMBERS**

**AND NON MEMBERS ARE**

**VERY WELCOME.**



### **Colt GAA CLUB- Lotto Results**

20/12/2019

Winning Numbers: 03-6-19

**NO Jackpot Winner:**

4 x '20: *Diarmuid Sinnott c/o John*

*Sinnott, Yvonne Dooley c/o Michael*

*Dooley, Pat Grant Mary Stackpool,*

*Chris Murray c/o Eamon Delaney*

**Next Weeks Jackpot 3,500**

Thanks for your continued support.

**Next draw will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020**

Wishing all our members and supporters a very happy new year.

### **Raheen Community Alert -**

Will hold their A.G.M on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan at 3pm** in the Old School,

Raheen. Please note Date &

Time!! Guest Speaker: SGT

Graham Kavanagh will attend.

All welcome

### **Baptism Dates-**

**Raheen:** Sunday Jan 12<sup>th</sup> & Feb 9<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup> - 2020

**Shanahoe:** Sunday Jan 19<sup>th</sup> & Feb 16<sup>th</sup> & March 8<sup>th</sup> - 2020



### **Dancing in Abbeyleix Golf Club**

Every Sunday night .

Come along - A great night assured.

# St. Fintan's Parish - Raheen - NEWSLETTER

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas (Year A) January 5<sup>th</sup> 2020



## Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for January 2020

You don't need to be much of an expert to know that the basis of most world religions are values such as love and kindness and peace by which to live our lives. So if living by a universally agreed set of values is central to all beliefs, how do we find it so difficult to get along? One of the answers seems to be a difficulty in accepting each other's traditions, culture and rituals. We are so comfortable with our own way of doing things and our own traditions that it can be quite an uncomfortable experience to sit in someone else's church with a different group of people doing things in a different way. This month we are asked to step outside our comfort zones and look at what other people believe with fresh eyes. Together we stand a better chance of creating a better world. Pope Francis asks us to ".... Pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world."

## **The Epiphany of the lord - January 6. 2020**

The *Epiphany* is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the Gospel, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the good news of salvation through the Incarnation.

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**This Weekend Masses 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> January**

**Raheen:** Saturday 4th Jan. Mass at 7.30pm  
**- Jack & Marie Conroy, Clonad**

**Shanahoe:** Sunday 5th Jan. Mass at 9.30am  
**- Mary Jo McDonnell, Shanahoe**

**Weekday Masses this Week**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January (Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Shanahoe:** Mass at 10am.  
**Raheen:** Mass at 11.30am



**Raheen:** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January Mass at 10am

**Next Weekend Masses 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> January**

**Raheen:** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January Mass at 7.30pm

**Shanahoe:** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January Mass at 9.30am

**Sincere Sympathy to the  
 McDonnell family, Shanahoe on**



**the death of  
 Mary Jo R.I.P**



**Thank you for your contributions  
 to Parish Funds**

**28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019**

**Raheen:**

**Offertory Collection: €195.00**

**Weekly Envelope: €1,288.00  
 (39 houses)**



**Shanahoe:**

**Offertory Collection: €201.00**

**Weekly Envelope: €729.00 (34 houses)**



**Raheen Parish Bicentenary year**

Throughout this Bicentenary year we hope to put in a brief little fact (generally a one-liner) such as the one below to trigger the thoughts of the parish on the past 200 years. There will be a historic fact on a regular basis.

**BICENTENARY MISCELLANY**

**The first Parish Priest appointed to Raheen Parish was Fr. Matthew Fanning who served as Parish Priest from 1820 to 1837 having previously served as Parish Priest in the parish of Kildare and Rathangan.**

**List of Gospel Readings For The Week:**

**Sat Jan 4th Jn 1:35-42**

**Sun Jan 5th Jn 1:1-24**

**Mon Jan 6th Mt 2:1-12**

**Tues Jan 7th Mt 4:12-17, 23-25**



**Wed Jan 8th Mk 6:34-44**

**Thurs Jan 9th Mk: 6:45-52**

**Fri Jan 10th Lk 4:14-22**

**Sat Jan 11th Lk 5:12-16**



**Christmas Draw which took place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December.**

**1st Hamper:** Michaela Dunne, Coolnacarte. **2nd Hamper:** Tom Lalor, Abbeylax.

**3rd Hamper:** Ciara Mòrgan, Roskelton.

**Other prize winners:** Edel Donovan, Martin Costigan (2), Larry Lalor, Breda Burke (2), Deirdre Delaney, Mary Maher, Cynthia Hanley (2), Fr. Paddy (2), Sean Galvin, Dolores Murray, Dinny Phelan, Deirdre Crawford, Charlie Breen, Pat McSpadden, Seamus Brennan, Michael Brennan, Colleen Lalor, Carmel Delaney, Billy Purcell, Fr. Michael (2), Kathleen Byrne, Emily Rohan, Ann Kavanagh, Mick Farrell, David Bergin, Aoife Mulligan, Graham Culleton, Valerie Duggan.

**Sincere thanks to all who sold raffle tickets and to all who supported the Raffle and those who sponsored prizes;**

**Glanbia, Feedwell Dog Food, Paul Dunnes, Supermacs, The Manor Hotel, Hogan Butchers, Mullhalls Supervalu, Marishe Hair Studio Foxboro, and the many parishioners who very generously donated spot prizes.**

**€2,367 was raised for parish funds. Your support is very much appreciated.  
 Happy New Year to all.**