

PARISH NEWSLETTER



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 12th. August 2018

Under the bush

When a prophet sits under a bush, it's usually a sign that things are not going well! At a particularly low moment in his relationship with God, the prophet Jonah sits, in an angry sulk, under a bush. While there he encounters God and learns a valuable lesson about mercy.

In today's first reading, it is the prophet Elijah who sits under a bush. He is on his last legs, having escaped into the desert to avoid captivity and death. At this low point, a day's journey into the wilderness, he has had enough. He finds himself begging God to take his life.

It is a moment that will speak to many of us, particularly those of us facing struggles. Things can get on top of us. We sometimes feel alone, that our road is all uphill, that we are in the wilderness and there is nothing to do but give up. Yet when Elijah is at his lowest point, even getting ready to die, he finds he is not alone. The comforting presence of God is with him, offering sustenance to help him on his journey.

Elijah's response to God is at first reluctant; he lies straight back down again. But with a second round of encouragement (and some more food) he is on his feet and able to continue his journey, replenished and renewed. At the moment he felt the most abandoned and alone, God was closer than ever.

Collections: Envelopes €576. Baskets €285.

Bingo €400. Lotto: €680. Envelopes returned:109. Envelope Winner:Sean Tallon, Michael & Margaret Byrne, Munny.

Practical way of supporting your church. Some weekends you may find it inconvenient to drop in your envelopes, standing order request forms (standing request forms are available in the back of the church or from the Parish Office).

We would encourage you to use your parish envelopes as we can claim back tax on your generous contribution, if you did not get a chance to leave it in at mass, you can drop it into the Parish office.

Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish.

MASS SCHEDULE

14th Tuesday – Mass in Ballyconnell @ 7.30pm.

15th August - Holy Day of Obligation, The Assumption of Our Lady.

Wednesday 15th – Mass in Kilquiggan @ 10.30am and Mass in Clonmore Old Church @ 7.30pm.

ANNIVERSARIES

This week

Next Week

<u>Ballyconnell 11th. August.</u> Tom and Kathleen Dempsey, Coolkenno.	<u>Ballyconnell 18th. August.</u> Christy Nolan, Rath Cross. Laurence Byrne, Littlewood.
<u>Kilquiggan 12th. August.</u> Mary and Patrick Rooney, Rath. Kitty Frayne, Cronelea, Shillelagh (Months mind.) Michael Cahill, Killinure	<u>Clonmore 19th. August.</u> No Annivesaries

PARISH CENTRE

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Clonmore Parish Lotto: Last week's numbers: 5,7,19,8. Winner €500: Bennie Elliot.

€40 prize winners: Martin Kearns, Clare Kelly, Caoimhe & Kate Murphy, Ann Donohue, Sinead Byrne.

Next week's jackpot €500 – Jackpot plus bonus €1,500 Seller's Prize €65: Ann Whelan

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 6,8,17,31. Winner: No Winner

This week's jackpot €3300. Next Draw: 13th August in the Dying Cow,
4 Lucky Dip Winners: €25.00 each – Brian Plunkett, Richard Quinn, Niamh Keogh, Betty Cush.

Altar society in Ballyconnell Church on 18th. August: Lil Butler.

Kilquiggan Church 26th August: P. Redmond.

Collectors for August in Ballyconnell: P. Osborne, J. Dunne. **Kilquiggan:** S. Dempsey, C. Clare.

Clonmore: E. McDonald, M. Gahan.

Date for the Diary – an invitation from Bishop Denis

The World Meeting of Families will officially open across the country on the evening of Tuesday, August 21st. Kildare and Leighlin will open this historic event with a specially prepared Evening Prayer in the Cathedral in Carlow at 7:30 p.m. Over 150 choir members, as well as young people and families from across the diocese will take part in our prayer. Bishop Denis warmly invites you to this unique moment and join with him in the Cathedral. Light refreshments will be available before the liturgy begins. More details to come.

Opening Ceremony for World Meeting of Families

August 21st Carlow Cathedral 7:30 pm. Opening Ceremony for World Meeting of Families. Refreshments served in Cathedral parish centre from 6 pm onwards. You are warmly invited to join Bishop Denis for this unique moment as a diocesan family.

Irish Heart Foundation

Irish Heart Foundation will be holding the annual gate collection on 1st and 2nd of September 2018 in Clonmore, Kilquiggan and Ballyconnell.

Clonmore Parish Cancer Society

Yearly Crab Walk on Sunday 26th of August at 2pm. Clonmore Parish Cancer Society was set up to help people with travelling expenses while attending hospital for medical treatment at a very difficult time. People are asked to come on the day & register for €10. Sponsorship cards are available in Crab Lane or contact: 087 2377291, 085 7761570, 087 9141873, 087 3283150. Free Draw for all taking part, also extra draw for all cards returned on the day, Refreshments served after walk. All Welcome.

Caretaker Needed

Caretaker needed for our community hall in Ballyconnell. If you are interested please send your details to the Parish Office or any member of the Hall Committee, or PPC.

World Meeting of Families on Saturday 25th in Croke Park

For the World Meeting of Families on Saturday 25th in Croke Park, we have 5 pairs of 2 tickets. If you are interested in these tickets, please add your name to the list in the back of the church. When we have all those who are interested we will place them all in a basket & pick out 5. The final date for entering your name is Sunday 19th – after mass in Clonmore @ 10.30.

- You will have to make your own way up to Croke Park.
- Tickets are free.
- Andrea Bocelli & Riverdance among others will perform on the day.
- The Pope will be Present.

Wonderul News

Clonmore parish will have it's own website. Next Wednesday our new Website will go live. All you need to do is type in clonmoreparish.ie any suggestions for our website will be greatly appreciated.

Thought for The Week

OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

God, our Father, We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, One family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, Especially those for whom we now pray: Increase our faith, Strengthen our hope, Keep us safe in your love, Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

