

PARISH NEWSLETTER



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 19th. August 2018

On the breadline

In recent months the Society of St Vincent de Paul released some shocking figures regarding hunger in Ireland. One in three people who contact the charity are calling because they can't afford to buy food. It is estimated that one in eleven people in Ireland experience food poverty, which refers to the inability to afford food to make up a healthy diet.

'Food is an area of expenditure that families discretion over on a day-to-day basis,' said SVP head of social justice, Dr Tricia Keilthy. 'It is much easier to control the cost of food than the cost of rent, utilities or education. So food is typically what families cut back on when times are tough.'

Hunger is a sad fact of life for many in our country. More than ever we appreciate the value of having enough to eat. Over the past few Sundays we have heard Jesus speak a lot about bread and food. His followers experience physical hunger too; the feeding of the five thousand (the story precedes today's extract from John's Gospel) shows that Jesus takes care of the physical needs of his followers too. Their experience of hunger and being fed prepares them for his teaching on the bread of life.

When Jesus talks about himself as the 'bread come down from heaven', it is clear that it is himself he is offering – his very flesh. If we are followers of Jesus, we are also called to give ourselves in service of others. We have Jesus as our model and teacher, present with us and in us. What can we do to help those who hunger in our country and our world?

Collections: Envelopes €403. Baskets €390

Bingo €510. Lotto: €535. Envelopes returned:-. Envelope Winner: Mary Cahill

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

Wednesday: Holy hour at 9.30am to 10.30 and Mass 10.30am

Thursday: Mass at 9.30am

Friday: Mass at 7.30pm

ANNIVERSARIES

This week

Ballyconnell 18th August.

Christy Nolan, Rath Cross.

Laurence Byrne, Littlewood.

Clonmore 19th August.

No Annivesaries

Next Week

Ballyconnell 25th August.

No Annivesaries

Kilquiggan 26th August.

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PARISH CENTRE

Opening hours from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm. Tuesday and Friday.

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Clonmore Parish Lotto: Last week's numbers: 15,4,16,11. Winner: No Winner.
€40 prize winners: Betty Cush, Joe Smithers, Bill Keogh, Tess Farrell, Thomas Walker.
Next week's jackpot €600 – Jackpot plus bonus €1,600 Seller's Prize €65:-

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 10,17,20,26. Winner: No Winner
This week's jackpot €3400. Next Draw: 20th August in the Dying Cow,
4 Lucky Dip Winners: €25.00 each – Helen Ryan, Ita Hickey, Niamh Keogh, Martina Bowes.

Altar society in Ballyconnell Church on 25th. August: Betty O'Brien.

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.

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.

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.

Thank you

Eileen O' Toole and family wish to thank the whole community and surrounding area's for their great support, sympathy and prayers on the sudden death of Andy O' Toole. It is greatly appreciated by the whole family.

Carlow Choral Society

Carlow Choral Society's new term starts on Monday 3rd September at 7.45pm in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre. This is an open evening and new members are very welcome. We will start work on Vivaldi's Gloria and other works as we prepare for our December concerts. For more information contact

carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com

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

