

# PARISH NEWSLETTER



*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>. August 2018

## WHY IS IT, LORD.

I once heard the following reflection read out at a first communion: 'Why is it, Lord, that parents see puddles and think wellies, and our children see magic mirrors waiting for a pebble-plop to ripple into smiles? 'Why is it, Lord, that parents see snow and think gloves, and our children see sleds and slides and the tingle of snowflake's farewell kiss upon the palm? 'Why is it, Lord, that parents see toys and think tidy, and our children see the endless possibilities for fantasy and play?' Sometimes it can be difficult to look beyond the practicalities and see the possibilities. It depends on all sorts of things, from our circumstances to how willing we are to be open to the beauty and deeper meanings in life. We all need a reminder that there is more to life than our physical, tangible world with its daily routines and to-do lists. Some of Jesus' followers in today's gospel are finding it difficult to see beyond the physical. Jesus has been teaching them that he is the living bread. But it is hard for them to accept. They dismiss it as 'intolerable language', and some of them even walk away. But Jesus is offering something more than the practicalities, more than physical food or drink: he offers the bread of life, living bread, his very self. It is a difficult message, but Simon Peter gets to the heart of it: 'You have the message of eternal life.' Some of the disciples are able to see beyond the obvious.

Collections: Envelopes €498. Baskets €555

Bingo €540. Lotto: €520. Envelopes returned:- 125 Envelope Winner: Mairead Murray, Bellshill

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.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### This week

### Next Week

<p><u>Ballyconnell 25<sup>th</sup> August.</u> Patrick and Lucy O'Brien and deceased members of the O'Brien and Ryan family.</p>	<p><u>Ballyconnell 1<sup>st</sup> September</u> Andy O'Toole, Ballyconnell - Month's Mind. Mick &amp; Noel Donoghue, Liscolman and deceased members and friends of the Donoghue Family.</p>
<p><u>Kilquiggan 26<sup>th</sup> August.</u> No anniversaries</p>	<p><u>Clonmore 2<sup>nd</sup>. September</u> Theresa Joyce.</p>

### 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: 22,6,10,1. Winner: No Winner.

€40 prize winners: David Nolan, Mary Keogh, Ann Kinsella, Theresa Byrne, Bernie Maxwell

Next week's jackpot €700 – Jackpot plus bonus €1,700 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: 20<sup>th</sup> August in the Dying Cow,  
4 Lucky Dip Winners: €25.00 each – Helen Ryan, Ita Hickey, Niamh Keogh, Martina Bowes.

## ALTAR SOCIETY

**Ballyconnell: 25<sup>th</sup>. August: Betty O'Brien**

**Kilquiggan: 26<sup>th</sup>. August: P. Redmond**

## COLLECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER

**Ballyconnell**  
**S. O'Brien & S. Osborne**

**Kilquiggan**  
**S. Dempsey and C. Clare**

**Clonmore**  
**E. McDonald & M Gahan.**

### Clonmore Parish Cancer Society

Yearly Crab Walk on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### ACADEMY OF DANCE -CARLOW

Adult Jiving, Quickstep & Waltzing dance classes commencing on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Course runs for 6 weeks 8.00-9.00pm every Thursday. No Partner Required. Registration & Payment (€60) on the night. Academy of Dance, Carlow Youth & Community Centre, Green Lane, Carlow. Phone 0872727315.

*Volunteer drivers urgently needed! The Irish Cancer Society operates a free Volunteer Driver Service for referred patients attending the following hospitals for chemotherapy treatment to the Mater Hospital; Tallaght Hospital & St. James's Hospital. Volunteer drivers pick a patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door and, when finished treatment, bring them home again. All volunteer expenses are paid. We are looking for drivers with free weekday availability, who have a car available to them and can commit to driving a minimum of two (week)days a month. For an application form please call Laura on 01 2310 594 or visit the Irish Cancer Society website [www.cancer.ie](http://www.cancer.ie).*

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> in Croke Park

For the World Meeting of Families on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> in Croke Park, we had 5 sets of 2 tickets and we had 14 people who had entered their names for the draw. On Tuesday we had the draw and the winners were. Joan Birmingham, Seamus O'Brien, Mairead Murray, Margaret Gahan and Una Meehan.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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**



