PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 16th September, 2018

In today's gospel Jesus heals a man who was deaf and who had a speech impediment, unable to hear or speak God's word of truth. Jesus says *ephphatha*, which means 'be opened!' Immediately this man was healed. During this Season of Creation we are all urged to *listen* to the cry of the earth. Scientists are now telling us that unless drastic action is taken we will lose the battle against the environmental destruction which this world is faced with. The worldwide heatwave and drought which we experienced this summer is one example of how our planet is under pressure. Yet change is possible. All it takes is one good person to restore hope. As followers of Christ we have a duty to lead the way in caring for God's beautiful creation. What prevents us from hearing these messages? We can be cynical and say that the issue is too big, that it is up to governments to sort out. *Ephphatha!* We start where we are and do what we can. This week can you encourage your family to make small changes in the home such as ensuring all waste is correctly recycled, composting, encouraging one another to use public transport or walk/cycle when possible? A very simple action is to reduce the use of plastic by buying a reusable water bottle or coffee cup which removes so much waste from landfills and sends a powerful message. We begin with the small actions and encourage others to do the same. *Ephphatha!* Let us all be open to this call to care for our common home. (You can find out more at www.seasonofcreation.org)

Collections: Envelopes €445. Baskets €404

Bingo €565. Lotto: €505. Envelopes returned:-. 91 Envelope Winner: JIM TALLON, SESKIN

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
Ballyconnell 15th September . Thomas Sheppard, Killinure. Liam Keely, Kilquiggan, Danny Byrne Ballyconnell, Mary Fitzharris, Ballyconnell	**Ballyconnell 22th September** Patrick Byrne, Raheen, Tobinstown
Clonmore 16th September Patrick Kinsella, Woodside , Hacketstown. Michael & Bridget Curran, Haroldstown	**Clonmore 23rd. September** Aiden Kearns, Ballynultagh

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: 2,9,15,18. Winner: €800; Elaine McGrath c/o Bingo.
€40 prize winners: Ann Kilbride, Tom Walker, Paddy Farrell, Helen Dolan, Kay Smithers.
Next week's jackpot €500 – Jackpot plus bonus €1,500 Seller's Prize €65:Ann Whelan

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 16,4,12,11. Winner: Barry Keogh, Red Bog
This week's jackpot €500. Next Draw: 16th. September in the Crab Lane.
5 Lucky Dip Winners: Michael Keogh, Jim Bowes, Killinure, Helen Dolan, Ann Chamney, Monahullen, Josie Deay, Coolalaw

A COFFEE AND TEA EVENING IN AID OF LOCAL HOSPICE

A coffee and tea evening will be held in Whelan's Shop, Kings Cross, from 3pm to 8pm on Thursday September 20th.
All proceeds in aid of local hospice – All Welcome

ALTAR SOCIETY

Ballyconnell: 1st. Sept: Mary Doyle.
Kilquiggan: 9th. Sept: A. O'Neill, H. Rossiter

COLLECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER

Ballyconnell	Kilquiggan	Clonmore
S. O'Brien & S. Osborne	S. Dempsey & C. Clare	E. McDonald & M Gahan.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will be visiting the Tinahely area with their Mobile Blood Collection Team. The IBTS is at present experiencing difficulty in collecting enough voluntary blood donations in order to meet hospital requirements of 3,000 units of blood per week. It is important that we all remember that patients always need our blood and this need never stops, regardless of what else is going on in the world. Please help make a differnence – **Community Centre, Tinahely** – **Thursday 20th September 2018 from 4.3pm to 8.00 pm.**

Clonmore Cancer Medical Trust

Thank you all who took part in recent Crab Walk, to all our sponsors and all who helped on the Day. Sor far €6,500 has been collected. Any cards outstanding to be returned to the Committee please, or drop them to Crab Lane. Thank you again for your support – More updates Later.

Aspiro Choir

As Aspiro Choir begins its 21st year our dedicated team of tutors encourage new members to join our inclusive, active, creative and quality-led progression-path group-singing programmes across all age-groups, including Aspiro Inspired Adult Community group. Learn to "play" your voice. Classes resumed Tuesday 4th September. Contact info@aspirochoir.ie. Or ring Aspiro's administrator Irina on 085 7451111.

Certificate in Theological Studies

Would you like to develop your theological knowledge and gain a deeper understanding of your faith? Explore the possibilities of living your faith with challenge, openness and freshness. Contact Dr. Suzanne Mulligan, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth for more information – 01 7084772 - Course runs on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

Culture Night – Bilingual Tour of Carlow County Museum

Carlow County Museum will host a free, family-friendly, interactive, bi-lingual tour (English and Irish) to celebrate Culture Night in Carlow. Families can complete a quiz as they visit the galleries, identify mystery objects and handle some artefacts – as well as get ideas for hundreds more questions to ask parents and grandparents. Join us at 4pm on the day to start Culture Night early. Time: 5pm, to 6pm Friday 21st September. Carlow County Museum is located on Collete St. Carlow Town and is open Mon-Sat 10am – 4.30 pm. Fully Wheelchair Accessible. Come see what you're missing.

ICA MEETING

ICA Meeting on Monday 17th Sept. at 8pm. The evening will start with our guest Elaine Collier, showing Ms Captain, designer clothing. All welcome to come along and enjoy. Tea will be served, followed by our meeting.

Carlow County Museum – Special Exhibition

St. Willibrord, Patron Saint of Luxembourg and his County Carlow Connections - Discover Carlow's impacton the heart of Medieval Europe – Until 31st October 2018. Admission Free. Carlow County Museum is located on College St. Carlow Town, open Mon-Sat 10am – 4.30pm. Fully Wheelchair Accessible. Come see what you're missing.

Tullow's Scoil Naisiunta Mhuire Lourdes – launches its 2018 gala concert with special guests – The Celtic Tenors.

- The Celtic Tenors and soprano Regina Hanley to perform at gala concert to fundraise for girls' national school.
- Pupils to perform alongside famours musicians as part of concert

The gala concet will take place on Friday 5th October 2018 in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary,Tullow. Pupils from Scoil Mhuire Lourdes, who currently participate in "Music Generation" – Ireland's national music education programme, will have a unique opportunity.

Tullow Community School

The Parent's Association of Tullow Community are hosting the 4th Annual Fun Run/Walk for the benefit of Tullow Community School, which will take place on Sunday 7th October next, when people of all ages and sporting prowess

are invited to take part. This exciting event was launched at the Tullow Show with many show goers already pledging their support and eager to get involved. Sincere thanks to all who came to our stall at the Show and for your continued support.

ACADEMY OF DANCE - CARLOW

Adult Jiving, Quickstep & Waltzing dance classes commencing on Thursday 20th 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.

The Irish Cancer Society

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.

Pre-Marriage Course

Accord Carlow run Pre-Marriage course's for couples intending to get married in the Catholic Church. It is a requirement of the church that all couples attend a Pre-Marriage course before getting married. There are a small amount of places available on the forthcoming courses . October 19th & 20th 2018- The Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow. January 11th & 12th 2019 – The Cathedral Parish, Carlow. If you are getting married early in 2019 it is important that you book now. Book online @ www.accord.ie or Contact Mary at Accord Carlow 059 9138738 for more info.

Evening class enrollments

Evening class enrollments are now being taken for Level 5 Healthcare/Childcare and Level 6 Childcare. Contact Colaiste Eoin Hacketstown 059 6471198.

Trip to Our ladys Island

Trip to Our ladys Island on Sunday 9th September 2018 at 4pm in Tullow Church Car Park pick up point. €15 pay on the bus. Please give your name to Duffys. Contact on 059 6471681 or 087 2543235.

Thought for The Week

PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESE

Lord, bless the faith community of Kildare & Leighlin which traces its origins to Brigid, Conleth and Laserian. May it be outstanding in charity as St. Brigid of Kildare, may it be constant in faith as St. Conleth of Old Connell, wise and prayerful as St. Laserian of Leighlin. Bless its Bishop, priests, religious & laity. Fill them with the light of your love. Bless its young people. Help them to seek your truth. Bless all who are poor or weak or wounded by life's hurts. Grant them justice, light and hope. Sin é ár nguí tré Críost ár dTiarna. Amen.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK