

Anniversaries

THIS WEEK

Ballyconnell 27th. October

Anthony O'Toole, Ballyconnell
Emmet Doyle, Killinure
Patrick Farrell, Ballykilduff

Clonmore 28th. October

Charles & Elizabeth Keogh and sons
James, John & Michael, Croneskeagh
Sylvia Meehan and deceased
members of Meehan family
Daniel & Lily Troy, Killabeg
Murphy Family Red Bog
Jane Ryan Red Bog McCall Family
Ballyshane

Clonmore Parish Lotto: Last week's numbers: 19,1,15,18

Winner. No Winner

Next Week's Jackpot: €800; Jackpot plus Bonus number: €1,800

€40 prize winners: Margaret Byrne, Ballyshane, Ann McCarthy Haroldstown,
Denis Byrne, Clonmore, Mrs. Kennedy c/o Bingo, Laurence Obrien, Knockeen

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 1, 5, 11, 21

Winner: No Winner

This week's jackpot €1,300.00. Next Draw: 29th. Oct. Dying Cow

Lucky Dip Winners: Michael O'Toole, Ballyconnell, Melissa Nolan, Balinakill,
Brian Rossiter, Lil Dolan, Stratnakelly

Thought for The Week

Harvest Thanksgiving

A cascade of cabbage and carrot, A kaleidoscope of curly kale, A trumpeting of tubers and a bursting of sprouts, A partnership of parsnip, celery and mushroom, A blush of beetroot in a line-up of leeks, A winsome onion and a scintillating cucumber, A broccoli-crowned turnip nudging a cauliflower, all pressing around an incongruously exotic pineapple. Harvest is a time

for the giving of glory, Fruit of the earth and work of human hands. Gathered and gatherers sing the Giver's praises in the gentle glory of an October evening.

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER



Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
28th. October

PARISH CENTRE

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

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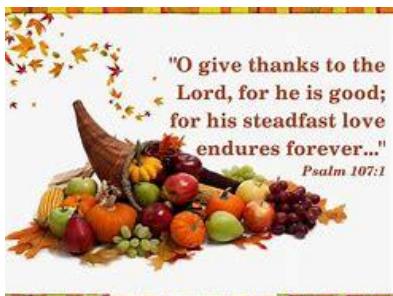
Website: www.clonmoreparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Who is blind?

Who is blind in today's gospel? The obvious answer, of course, is the blind man! Bartimaeus is blind and desperate. He has not been blind all his life, so he knows about the wonderful gift of sight he is now missing. His faith is strong, and his courage is stronger still; no matter how much he is scolded and silenced, he calls to Jesus all the louder. Though he is physically blind, he sees plenty.

Who sees Bartimaeus? Certainly not the followers of Jesus. They do not think of Bartimaeus as someone worthy of meeting Jesus. To the extent that they think about him at all, he is an irritation, a poor beggar to look down on, hardly a person. They are utterly blind to his needs. I'm struck by the irony of the crowds summoning Bartimaeus with the word 'Courage'. He has already shown tremendous courage. Minutes previously Jesus' followers had been content to pass him by and silence his cries for help, but their master has given an order and they must obey. How they must have squirmed, calling him over. The blind man sees Jesus, and Jesus sees the blind man. Everyone else is blind to both of them. Everyone else fades into the background of the story, just as Bartimaeus was pushed to the back of the crowds. Perhaps it is time for an eyesight test. Do we see Jesus for who he really is? Do we pay attention to those around us, or are we blind to their needs? Do we hear the cry of the poor, or are we complicit in silencing them?



"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever..."
Psalm 107:1

Collections: Envelopes €352.40. Baskets €454.45

Bingo €430 Lotto: €515. Envelopes returned: 87

Envelope Winner: Thomas Byrne, Ballyshane

Financially supporting your Parish

A simple method of supporting your Parish is to pay a regular contribution directly into the Parish Bank Account by means of a standing order facility. An application is available in the parish Office.

A donation of €250 or more per annum from a PAYE taxpayer attracts a tax credit which can be refunded to the Parish. Donations from companies or self-assessed people qualify for tax relief to the donor.

The Parish community greatly appreciates your generosity.

Annual Collection for Priests of the Parish

A sincere **Thank You** to all the people who helped with the distribution of the envelopes. When you have collected the envelopes, you can drop them into the Parish centre or give them to Fr. John after mass in the different churches.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Shoeboxes will be collected in the first week of November locally by Irene Kane. Please give to this worthy cause where your gift goes directly into the hands of a needy child. The children of Ballyconnell NS have a great record of donating but this year we would like to encourage groups, clubs and workplaces to get donating too. More information and leaflets from Irene: 087-7719732 and check out Team Hope 2015, Christmas shoebox on YouTube.

Irish Catholic Newspaper: From 1st November the paper will cost €2

Dates for Your Diary

Enrolment for Confirmation: Sat. 1st. December 7.30 p.m. Ballyconnell Church

Confirmation: Friday 15th. March @ 2 pm Ballyconnell Church

Ceremony of Light for Confirmation: Saturday 2nd. March Ballyconnell Church

First Communion - Saturday 11th. May @ 11.30 Clonmore Church

First Confession: Tuesday 26th. February @ 7.30 p. Ballyconnell Church

TULLOW GROUP OF PARISHES

Friday 2nd. November – Littlewood Hall, Boys Brigade and Bowls Sale of work in Littlewood Hall at 7 pm. Cake, Plant, Grocery, New items and many other stalls.

Sunday 4th. November – Tractor Run in aid of Crumlin Hospital commencing at Littlewood Hall, Sign in 12.30 to 1pm. With the run taking the route to Tinahely, Shillelagh and back to the hall for warm hospitality. €20 per tractor or Sponsorship cards available from Eric Driver 087-2776282

COLLECTORS FOR NOVEMBER

Ballyconnell
Liam Hendricken
Martin Doyle

Kilquiggen
P. Hunt &
Jim Keegan

Clonmore
Mick Nolan &
Tom Cashen

ALTAR SOCIETY

Ballyconnell: 3rd November
Betty O'Brien

Kilquiggen: 4th. November
M. Byrne, J Dempsey

NOVEMBER – List of the Dead

It's that time of year again when we remember our loved ones who were such an important part of our lives. You have a special envelope in your envelope box for this occasion. Please put the names of your loved ones in this envelope with your donation and drop it into the basket at mass or into the Parish office. If you do not have an envelope there are envelopes available in the back of the churches. Masses will be offered for these people throughout the year.

Presentation School Band Carlow

The band (or Sr. Annas band to many) celebrates a milestone this year and will hold a concert in the Seven Oaks Hotel on Thursday November 9th. at 7.30 pm. There will be performances on the night from Fr. Liam Lawton, Aspiro, Carlow youth Orchestra, Reeling Reelog & Schoil Mhuire Gan Smal as well as the current band. Senator Jennifer Murrane O' Connor will be MC on the night. All are welcome to enjoy the wonderful music talent. Tickets €10 each, available from Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre, Askea Parish Centre, Graiguecullen Parish centre and Seven Oaks Hotel and all band members.

Clonmore Church: We are looking for a volunteer in Clonmore Church to help with the flowers, advent wreath and Christmas tree. Therese Connolly for many years has helped us in the Church and is unable to continue. Anyone interested in giving a hand could you please contact Margaret Gahan or Fr. John. Hopefully we will continue with this wonderful tradition of a very well taken care of church.

World Meeting of Families Final Collection: Following on from a very successful World Meeting of Families there are still some outstanding expenses. The Catholic Bishops of Ireland have asked us to have a special collection nationwide on the weekend of the 10/11 of November Instead of having an extra collection we would ask you to put in a little extra into the offertory collection and we will send the surplus on to the WMOF 2018.

CKB Text Alert: Reg now due €5 per phone. Committee members will be in Ballyconnell Hall and Clonmore Hall on Saturday 27th. From 8-9pm

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour this weekend.