

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2018

*How to welcome the child*



In today's gospel Jesus is presented as the courageous leader, instructing those who will follow on from him and carry on his work for future generations. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.' This September we are celebrating the Season of Creation. Pope Francis challenges us to reflect: 'What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?' (Laudato Si', 160). In the context of today's gospel we might ask: how are we welcoming generations to come? Pope Francis urges us to remember that the goods of the earth are not meant to be exploited and states, 'Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with irony or disdain. We may well be leaving to coming generations' debris, desolation and filth.' During this creation time let us reconnect once more with nature and restore our relationship with the environment. As parish communities we must play our part in ensuring that our world is liveable for generations to come.

*'Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day.'* **Pope Francis, Laudato Si', 25**

**Collections:** Envelopes €545. Baskets €347

Bingo €425. Lotto: €485. Envelopes returned:-.111 Envelope Winner: TOM CARROLL GOULD

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**

<b><u>Ballyconnell 22nd September</u></b> Patrick Byrne, Raheen, Tobinstown	<b><u>Ballyconnell 29th September</u></b> GeraldKine Healy, Killinure
<b><u>Kilquiggan 23<sup>rd</sup> September</u></b> Aiden Kearns, Balynultagh	<b><u>Clonmore 30<sup>th</sup> September</u></b> Daniel Lawlor Jnr. Ballykilduff Thomas Lawlor, Tobinstown

### **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: 2,1,17,12. Winner: No Winner.

Next Week's Jackpot: €600; Jackpot plus Bonus number: €1,600

€40 prize winners: Claire Kelly; Kathleen Murphy; Lil Butler; Lawler Family; Charles Keely

**Coolkenno GAA Lotto:** Last week's numbers: 16,4,12,11. Winner: Barry Keogh, Red Bog

This week's jackpot €500. Next Draw: 16<sup>th</sup>. September in the Crab Lane.

5 Lucky Dip Winners: Michael Keogh, Jim Bowes, Killinure, Helen Dolan, Ann Chamney, Monahullen, Josie Deay, Coolalaw

## MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> : Mass at 9.30. Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>. Holy Hour 9.30-10.30; Mass at 10.30  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> : Mass at 9.45 Beginning of School year mass for BNS - all are welcome.

### ALTAR SOCIETY

**Ballyconnell: 1st. Sept: Mary Doyle.**  
**Kilquiggan: 9<sup>th</sup>. Sept: A. O'Neill, H. Rossiter**

### COLLECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER

<b><u>Ballyconnell</u></b> Damien Nolan Willie Whelan	<b><u>Kilquiggan</u></b> S. Dempsey & C. Clare	<b><u>Clonmore</u></b> E. McDonald & M Gahan.
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### Rathgall Painters 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition

Rathgall Painters 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition in the Shillelagh Room, Rathwood, Tullow is opening on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30am to 5.30 pm each day. All local artists featured.

### Shillealgh Community Alert

Shillealgh Community Alert raised €467.10 at the church gate collection. Many thanks to those who donated.

### An Invitation from Bishop Denis

In appreciation of your contribution to World Meeting of Families 2018 I warmly invite you to join me for a Mass of Thanksgiving, in The Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Friday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm Followed by refreshments in Cathedral Parish Centre. RSVP [Bishopshouse@kandle.ie](mailto:Bishopshouse@kandle.ie) by Tuesday September 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Tullow Community School

The Parents' Association of Tullow Community are hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Run/Walk for the benefit of Tullow Community School, which will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October next, when people of all ages and sporting prowess are invited to take part. This year's event is again being sponsored by Morgan's Medical Hall, to whom we are most grateful for their valued supports. Register on line with: [justrunevent.com](http://justrunevent.com)

### My Journey with Testicular Cancer

As you know, I recently battled successfully with Testicular Cancer. I have written, which I think is a very interesting and informative 32-page booklet detailing all aspects of this journey. Copies are available from Rosemary in the Parish Centre - a small donation to cover the cost of printing would be appreciated. The booklet is printed in colour on light blue glossy paper with several colour photographs and set out like a diary. Fr. John.

### 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.

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### *Thought for The Week*

I believe you will like this... She is 92 years old, petite, well poised, and proud. She is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with her hair fashionably coifed, and her makeup perfectly applied, in spite of the fact she is legally blind. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, where I am employed, she smiled sweetly when told her room was ready. As she manoeuvred her walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of her tiny room, including the eyelet curtains that had been hung on her window. "I love it," she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy. "Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen the room...just wait," I said. Then she spoke these words that I will never forget: "That does not have anything to do with it," she gently replied. "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not does not depend on how the furniture is arranged. It is how I arrange my mind. I have already decided to love it. "It is a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice. I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work or I can get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do work. Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I will focus on the new day and all of the happy memories I have stored away...just for this time in my life. "Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you have already put in."



**HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK**

