

## *Thought for The Week*

### THE PARADOX OF OUR TIME

"The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider Freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness. We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbour. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less. These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one-night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. Remember, to spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever. Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side. Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent. Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person might not be there again. Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind." (Bob Moorhead)

*Have a Wonderful Week*

## PARISH NEWSLETTER



9<sup>th</sup>. June 2019

*Pentecost Sunday*

### PARISH CENTRE

Opening hours from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm.

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### Gifted Communicators

Have you ever watched a TED Talk? There are thousands available to view online. The powerful talks are generally less than 18 minutes long and cover a huge range of topics, from science to business to social and global issues. There are talks in more than 110 languages, and they are used in schools, businesses and many other settings, to educate, motivate, and open minds. While the speakers come from a variety of backgrounds, the one thing they have in common is their ability to communicate. For every talk I've listened to, the speaker has the audience in the palm of their hand. They are gifted communicators, with a passion for a particular subject, and the ability to draw their listeners in. We often hear that in order to be a good communicator, we have to learn how to speak another person's language. On the day of Pentecost, when the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, each of the people gathered heard them speaking in his or her own language. The ability to communicate and be understood was the first gift they received from the Holy Spirit. Today, we need the gift of communication more than ever. There are times when we have the opportunity to share our faith, or to witness to others in the way we live our faith. We might feel that we struggle to share our faith in a way that others can understand. In order to meet people where they are, we first need to 'speak their language' - to know them, listen to them, and recognise God's presence in them. The Spirit that came upon the early believers is the same Spirit that guides us today.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9.30. Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9.30,  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9.30.  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup>. Mass in Clonmore New Cemetery at 8 pm.

Collections: Envelopes €583; Baskets €152

Envelopes returned:95. Envelope Winner: Seamus Osbourne

Bingo: €510; Lotto: €470. Bingo Jackpot: €1100

**PARISH CLERGY FUND:** There is a special envelope in your envelope box for the Priests of the Parish next weekend. Please be as generous as possible.

## Anniversaries

### THIS WEEK

### NEXT WEEK

<b><u>Ballyconnell 8<sup>th</sup>. June</u></b> Peter Walker, Ballyconnell	<b><u>Ballyconnell 15<sup>th</sup>. June.</u></b> Bridget & Kieran Kelly, Rath. Sarah Friel, Killinure; Sean & Billy Cunningham, Tullow.
<b><u>Clonmore 9<sup>th</sup>. June</u></b>	<b><u>Kilquiggan 16<sup>th</sup>. June</u></b> Patricia Kearns & Tommy Kearns. Simon, Aghowle

Please remember in your prayers Liam Hendricken, Grangeford, Bennekry who died recently.

### COLLECTORS FOR JUNE

<b><u>Ballyconnell</u></b> Willie Whelan Seamus O'Brien	<b><u>Kilquiggan</u></b> Michael Kelly Pat Murphy	<b><u>Clonmore</u></b> Paddy Lawlor Liam Hickey
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### ALTAR SOCIETY

<b><u>Ballyconnell:</u></b> Angela Doyle	<b><u>Kilquiggan:</u></b> Aine Gegan/ N. Gahan
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Afternoon tea Dance in Clonmore Community Hall on Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 3pm. Music by Aidan Clerkin. Admission €10 Tea & Refreshments served. All funds received will go to the up keep of the hall

Carlow District Pioneer Association monthly meeting will be held in Ballyconnell Hall on Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>. after 7.30 pm Mass. All are welcome.

Bus to Knock on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>. June. Leaving Tullow Car park 8 am.  
Contact Brendan: 087-6537753 or Duffy's Buses – 059-6471681

"Anyone for ..... Scrabble? Or Draughts, Chess, Monopoly etc.

Do you enjoy playing board games? Would you like an opportunity to meet new people?

"Fun Friday", which ran throughout the month of April, is continuing on the first Friday of every month. Next event is Friday 7<sup>th</sup>. June. Please come along to the Community House (opposite the town hall) in The Haymarket in Carlow Town Centre on the first Friday of any month from 8-10pm. This is a free event and is open to all adults. For more information contact Sinead on 087-2264202

**Clonmore Parish Lotto:** Last week's numbers: 11, 24, 8, 6. Winner: No Winner

Next Week's Jackpot: €900; Jackpot plus Bonus number: €1900.

€40 prize winners: Breda Ford, Hacketstown; Dan Lawlor, Ballykilduff; Jack Bowes, Killinure; Sarah Sheppard, Clonegal; J. Courtney, Clonmore

**Coolkenno GAA Lotto:** Last week's numbers: 18, 21, 27, 28 Winner: No winner  
This week's jackpot €6,200

## COMMUNITY ALERT ANNUAL OUTING



This year we are going to Wicklow Jail & Mount Usher Gardens. We will be leaving Ballyconnell Church car park at 9am Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July. The cost is €40, including dinner in Germaines. If you are interested please contact one of the following: Domnic Nolan: 087-2377291; Rita O'Byrne: 087-6540939; Anna Hunt: 087-9041277; Gertie Keogh: 087-1159579; John Byrne: 085-7796429; John Heffernan: 087-2740152.

In the 7th and 8th centuries, monasteries in County Carlow were producing fabulous books made of vellum. A number of these books survive to this day, including the Book of Moling from Saint Mullins and the Calendar of Willibrord from Rath Melsigi, Milford. Carlow County Museum will be running two free calligraphy workshops for children (aged 9-12) with renowned calligrapher Tim O' Neill, as part of Cruinniú na nÓg on Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>. Two workshops will be held from 12-1pm, and from 2.30-3.30pm. Places are limited and must be booked in advance by emailing [museum@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:museum@carlowcoco.ie)