

**Annual Service of Remembrance** – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2019 at 3pm. St. Teresa's Church, Donore Ave, off South Circular Rd. Dublin 8. All parents, siblings, grandparents and others affected by the loss of a baby are very welcome to attend, regardless of whether the loss was recent or long ago. **The Miscarriage Association of Ireland**

**Clonmore Parish Lotto:** Last week's numbers: 10-21-3-2- No winner  
Next Week's Jackpot: €1,000; Jackpot plus Bonus number: €2,000.  
€40 prize winners - Ger Whelan, c/o Bingo, Mary Grennan, Bunclody, Willie Whelan, Kings Cross, Patrick Keogh, Rath, Michael Osborne, Liscolman

**Coolkenno GAA Lotto:** Last week's numbers: 3-12-20-26 -No Winner This week's jackpot €6,400. Next Draw: 21<sup>st</sup> October - Crab Lane Paddy Kelly, Eoghan Dolan, Noeleen Cuffe, Paul Osborne.

### *Thought for the week*

Those who make compassion an essential part of their lives find the joy of life. Kindness deepens the spirit and produces rewards that cannot be completely explained in words. To become acquainted with kindness one must be prepared to learn new things and feel new feelings. Kindness is more than a philosophy of the mind. It is a philosophy of the spirit.

Robert J. Furey.

*Have a Wonderful Week*

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time.  
20<sup>th</sup> October 2019



### PARISH CENTRE

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### *Crying out*

The judge in the parable we hear today is hardly a role model. He delivers justice to the widow, not because he cares about her but because he wants to get rid of her. He acts out of selfishness. This unjust judge is in contrast with God, who is full of compassion, particularly for those who are most in need. When his people cry out, God hears their pleas.

On the surface, the parable is about the need to pray and not lose heart, and the faithfulness of God. But like many of Jesus' parables, it has many layers. It also teaches us about justice, and how we should respond to those crying out for justice.

At the time of Jesus, widows were one of the most vulnerable groups in society; many were left without resources after the death of a husband. In our own country and in other parts of the world, millions of people continue to cry out for justice. Are we like the unjust judge, burying our head in the sand and simply hoping they will go away? Do we offer a half-hearted response, just to make ourselves feel better? Or is our response rooted in a real sense of justice and compassion?

'May God bless you with discomfort  
At easy answers, half-truths, And  
superficial relationships... And may God bless you  
With enough foolishness  
To believe that you can Make a difference in the world,  
So that you can do What others claim cannot be done  
To bring justice and kindness  
To all our children and the poor. *Franciscan Blessing*

Collections: Envelopes €340; Baskets €265  
 Envelopes returned:84 . Envelope winner: Tom & Margaret Doyle  
 Bingo: €860; Lotto: €540. Bingo Jackpot: €1575

Fr. John's phone number in Killinure is 059-9156798

## Anniversaries

### THIS WEEK

#### Ballyconnell 19<sup>th</sup> October

Hugh Nolan, Liscolman,  
 John Timmins Snr & John Timmins  
 Jnr.

Michael Whelan, Kings Cross

#### Kilquiggan 20<sup>th</sup> October

Joe Gahan, Boley  
 Michael & Nancy Dempsey,  
 Ballyrahan,  
 Dan & Dorothy Byrne, Lr. Munny &  
 deceased family members.

### NEXT WEEK

#### Ballyconnell 26<sup>th</sup> October

Anthony O'Toole, Ballyconnell,

#### Clonmore 27<sup>th</sup> October

James McCall, Killalongford  
 Also please pray for his daughter  
 Josephine Kelly whose  
 anniversary occurs at Christmas  
 Thomas & Rosie Kealy, Redbog  
 Murphy family & Jane Ryan  
 Redbog,  
 McCall family, Ballyshane.

### COLLECTORS FOR OCTOBER

<u>Ballyconnell</u> Lee Coleman Jim Dunne	<u>Kilquiggan</u> Ned Rossiter Eamon Dolan	<u>Clonmore</u> Mick Nolan Tom Cashen
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### ALTAR SOCIETY

<u>Ballyconnell:</u> Mary Doyle	<u>Kilquiggan:</u> Marie Byrne/Julia Dempsey
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Carlow Little Theatre Society – will be performing their full-length production of John B. Keane's classic play "Sive" in the George Bernard Shaw Theatre – October 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Tickets can be bought online or at Visual Carlow 059 9172400. [boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie](mailto:boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie)

## Annual Collection for Priests of the Parish



**Remember Your Offerings**

Last year was the first year we did not have to borrow money from the Parish account to supplement the Clergy Account and this was due to your very generous donations in the Annual collection for Priests of the Parish (Hay & Oats) 2018. Our Clergy account this year once again has almost bottomed out and I would once again appeal to your generosity in our collection this year. I would ask those who generously help us to distribute the envelopes in their respective areas, to pick them up in the sacristy of each church or in the Parish Centre. Like last year we will not be using the notebooks (GDPR regulation); each collector will deliver an envelope and then drop in later to collect the envelope; or ask the person to drop it into the Parish centre. Your help and collaboration is greatly appreciated.

**The St. Willibrord Biennial Lecture-** The Cult of Relics in Medieval Ireland: Power, Patronage and Devotion. We invite the public to join us for a free public lecture celebrating the Feast of St. Willibrord, Patron Saint of Luxembourg, First Apostle of the Netherlands, and his County Carlow Connection. By Dr Niamh Wycherley, Maynooth University. Thursday 7th November, 7.00pm in St. Laserians' Cathedral, Old Leighlin, Carlow. Free Admission, and all are welcome.

**Carlow County Museum** will be holding a free public lecture in 2 weeks' time. We would be very grateful if you could include an ad for it in your parish newsletters for the 27<sup>th</sup> October and the 3<sup>rd</sup> November.