

TIME TO SMILE.

In the spirit of St. Philip Neri, who wanted people to become more human rather than less as they became holier, these may make you smile:



Turning vegan would be a big missed steak
I have a chicken-proof lawn, its impeccable.

When the fog lift in California. UCLA.

Drink wine. It isn't good to keep things bottled up.

Electricians have to strip to make ends meet.

Our mountains aren't just funny. They're hill areas.

Puns about communism aren't funny, unless
everyone gets them.

Well, to be frank... I'd have to change my name!

Wishing you happy whatever-doesn't-offend you!

Thought for the week

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel

1. Have you ever found yourself saying 'that was worth it' after giving up something (time, pleasure, money, etc.)? What was the treasure that made the sacrifice worthwhile?
2. The 'kingdom of heaven' is when God is really the ruler in our life. What treasures have you obtained when you allow God to be at the centre of your life?
3. In life, we gather a lot of things, some good and some bad. The wise person in the kingdom of heaven is one who knows how to sit down and make decisions on what to keep and what to discard. When have you undertaken that kind of discernment? What have you discarded? What have you retained?

John Byrne OSA

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

17th. Sunday in Ordinary Time. 26th. July



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Over the past few weeks, we have been reading Matthew 13, with its parables on the Kingdom of Heaven. Matthew uses this phrase to describe what our world might be like if we really lived like Jesus lives. This vision is not one focused on power, even though the word 'kingdom' might be misleading! It is more a web of relationships. Like the seed parables show us, God's Kingdom grows quietly, in unexpected places; like seeds, it sometimes grows in the darkness, unseen. Today's parable focuses on treasure, something very precious. When we are obsessed with finding something, it consumes us. We will put all our resources, time or money, into finding it. In this parable, Jesus urges us to strive for the ultimate treasure, i.e. God. During the Covid-19 crisis, many people have been thinking about what is most important in their lives. A break from the 'rat race' forced all of us to slow down, to step back, to 'pull the emergency brake.' We saw who the real heroes in our society are. We witnessed many acts of kindness and community spirit. We stepped back, paused. No doubt, things will not be the same again over this pandemic. But hopefully we will have awakened to what our 'treasure' really is. 'Historically, pandemics have forced humans to break with the past and imagine their world anew. This one is no different. It is a portal, a gateway between one world and the next. We can choose to walk through it, dragging the carcasses of our prejudice and hatred, our avarice, our data banks and dead ideas, our dead rivers and smoky skies behind us. Or we can walk through lightly, with little luggage, ready to imagine another world.' Arundhati Roy, 'The Pandemic is a Portal,' *Financial Times*

CHRISTIAN ONE-LINERS

Many people want to serve God only as advisors.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 28th. July Mass in Clonmore at 7.30 pm. Wednesday 29th. Mass in Ballyconnell Church at 9.30 am. Thursday 30th. Mass in Ballyconnell Church at 9.30 am. Friday 31st. Mass in Ballyconnell Church at 8.00 pm. Blessing of graves in Kilquiggan old after mass. Saturday 1st. July: Mass in Ballyconnell Church at 7.30. Sunday 2nd. Mass in Clonmore at 10.30

Anniversaries - with love we remember

Saturday 25th. Michael Cahill, Killinure, Tullow

Sunday 26th. July - Kilquiggan Church John Wilson, Ballynultagh & Andy O'Toole, Ballyconnell.

Tuesday 28th. Clonmore. Mary & Tom Healy Coolala

Wednesday 29th. Eddie O'Brien, Knockeen.

Sunday 2nd. Clonmore: Margaret McDonald, Oldtown.

'Missing Each Other, Missing the Lord'

As we could not receive [the] Sacraments during the pandemic, we were not being nourished and strengthened by them in the usual way. That is part of the reason, Pope Francis stressed that live-streamed Masses even from parish churches, and spiritual Communion, are less than the Church. Virtual Mass is not the Church. The liturgy is not a film, nor are we spectators. [...] People have come to the realisation that 'watching Mass' is very different from being physically present and participating in the celebration with other members of their family and the community. For all its advantages and immediacy, the virtual is no substitute for physical presence with the assembled community.

From the Pastoral Letter of Bishop of Ossory, Dermot Farrell

OUTDOOR BINGO ON Sunday 2nd. August (Bank holiday weekend) In Carpark behind Ballyconnell Church. Please spread the word. Begins at 3.00 pm. There will be a limited number of cars allowed Covid 19 guidelines. We will have an outdoor meeting on Wednesday 29th. July to finalise the details. We would still appreciate as many volunteers as possible to attend. This is a wonderful way to support your Parish and community.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin on reopening for public worship
As Christians, we suffer through not being able to celebrate our faith through public worship. There is a sense in which this void is especially experienced by priests. Priests share in the anxiousness of all believers and in addition they find themselves unable to carry out to the full what is most essential in their calling. Priests are called to break the bread of the Scriptures and of the Body and Blood of the Lord in nourishing and being nourished by the Christian communities entrusted to their ministry. As Archbishop, I experience that void in a deep way. There is a longing by believers to be able to return to public worship and towards building up Christian communities. Over the past weeks, all over Ireland, parishes have begun working on plans to be ready to open their Churches as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, once again I thank all those who have been sustaining and supporting the ministry of the Church in these times. You have been making a unique contribution to building up the Church and the Lord will surely work to ensure that your efforts bear fruit in ways that we do not yet imagine."

From Archbishop Diarmuid Martin's message of 26 May 2020

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 13, 20, 22, 27

Winner: No Winner

This week's jackpot €8,700. Next Draw: 27th. July In Club house
Lucky Dip Winners: Doris Butler; Ann & Willie Whelan; John Byrne, Knockballystine; Ashling Jackman