

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 2, 3, 15, 18

Winner: No Winner

This week's jackpot €8,800. Next Draw: 3rd. August In Club house

Lucky Dip Winners: Eamon Rossiter; Paul Keogh; Tommy Byrne; Amie Rose Cush.

Thought for the week

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel

1. The news of the death of John the Baptist prompted Jesus to go off and be alone, but the crowds followed him. Despite his personal sorrow, he was able to reach out in compassion to the crowd. Perhaps there have been times when you have put personal preferences and desires to one side, in order to reach out to another. What was it like for you when you were able to do this?
2. When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and responded to them. Who has been a Jesus-person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus-person?
3. The scene symbolises the Eucharist, reminding us of the sacred meal to which all believers are invited, in order to receive nourishment from the Lord. How has the Eucharist been a source of nourishment for you?
4. When the disciples became aware of the problem, they wanted to send the crowd away, but Jesus told them: 'You give them something to eat.' They thought what they had was insufficient, but Jesus used the little they had to feed the crowd. When we give the little, we have to a situation, the results are often beyond our expectations. Have you had this experience?

John Byrne OSA

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

18th. Sunday in Ordinary Time. 2th. August



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Have you ever felt like you have nothing left to give? We all have times when we feel as though we do not have 'enough' to offer, whether it's time, money, energy, or even love. When work is busy, we don't have enough time for family. When we are physically or emotionally exhausted at the end of a long day, we might not have the energy to play with our children or visit a friend. In the face of suffering in our own society and around the world, we often feel helpless - whatever small amount of time or money we can give will never be enough. But where we see 'not enough,' God sees potential. What we see as a small contribution is not small to God, if it is all we have to give and it is given with love. 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish,' say the disciples to Jesus - a tiny offering when faced with a giant task. But Jesus takes what they have, blesses it, and uses it to give sustenance to thousands. In the face of human limitations, God can do plenty. We are told at the start of today's reading that Jesus 'took pity' on the large crowd that followed him. They have been out all day and are hungry, not to mention tired. They are so engrossed in listening to Jesus that time has slipped away. They are running on empty, and I'm sure they would be dismayed if, as the disciples suggest, they had to hike to the nearest village to buy food. Jesus understands their exhaustion and hunger, their limitations and their 'not enough.' What they have to give is inadequate, but he can do more with it than they could ever have imagined. We too are limited in what we have to offer. But whatever we can give - to our families and friends, to those in need - God sees and blesses and multiplies. 'Give something, however small, to one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.'

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CHRISTIAN ONE-LINERS

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 4th. July Mass in Kilquiggan at 7.30 pm. Wednesday 5th. July Mass in Ballyconnell Church at 9.30 am. Thursday 6th. July Mass in Ballyconnell Church at 9.30 am. Friday 7th. July Mass in Ballyconnell Church at 7.30 pm.
Friday 7th. Fr. John will attend the sick and housebound

FIRST COMMUNION AND FIRST CONFESSION

We are happy to announce that for the boys and girls who were looking forward to celebrating their first communion this year we have a day for them.

- + Wednesday 5th. We have first confession at 7.00 pm in Ballyconnell Church.
- + Friday 7th. We have first communion for the boys and girls of Ballyconnell NS at 2 pm in Ballyconnell Church. Please keep them in mind in your prayers.

Anniversaries - with love we remember

Sunday 2nd. Clonmore: Margaret McDonald, Oldtown.

Sunday 9th. Kilquiggan: Bill Bowes, Killinure.

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 would still appreciate as many volunteers as possible to attend. This is a wonderful way to support your Parish and community.

Collections

18th. /19th. July: Envelopes €498; Baskets €230

25th. / 26th. July: Envelopes €355; Baskets €190

TIME TO SMILE.

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



The Menu: A parish decided to have four separate Masses each Sunday. One was for those new to the faith, another for regulars who preferred a more traditional liturgy. The third was for those who lost their faith and wanted to find it again and the fourth was for those who had unfortunate experiences with other churches and had some complaints. The four divisions were named: finders, keepers, losers, weepers!

I Know why the Sky is Blue. Do You?

Marking the 200th Anniversary of the Birth of John Tyndall

Today, Sunday August 2nd, is the 200th anniversary of the birth of Leighlinbridge's great 19th century scientist, inventor, educator and mountaineer, John Tyndall who discovered the science of climate change and why the sky is blue. Join Carlow County Museum's Facebook event today at 2pm to hear about John's life and career with a panel of local and international expert speakers.