

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 7, 14, 22, 29

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €9,000.

Next Draw: 17th. August In Club house

Lucky Dip Winners: Patrick Murphy, Paddy Kelly, Bayley McCarthy, Brian Rossiter

Thought for the week

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel

1. Having met with rejection from the Pharisees, Jesus goes to Gentile territory and encounters unexpected faith in the Canaanite woman. His mission had previously been to his own people, so this now adds a new dimension to his mission. Have you had occasions when a chance encounter set your life off in a new direction?
2. The initial reaction of Jesus to the woman was one of rejection, but her persistence won a response from him. When have you found that persistence was needed to gain what you sought? What did that experience teach you?
3. In our days, welcoming the stranger is a challenge - we are more comfortable with our own. What difference has it made when you were able to offer a friendly, welcoming face to a stranger?
4. Who are the 'Canaanite women' who call out for attention today - people in Church or State whose needs are not being attended to?

John Byrne OSA

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

20th. Sunday in Ordinary Time. 16th. August



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A Woman of Faith

You can almost hear the chuckle. It is not mentioned, but I always imagine that Jesus smiles or even laughs as he delivers the line, 'Woman, you have great faith.' Today's gospel recounts an unusual exchange between Jesus and the unnamed Canaanite woman who challenges him. She has seen what Jesus can do, she has faith, and she is advocating for her daughter. She is persistent, shouting out to Jesus and apparently also badgering the disciples, to the point where they plead with Jesus to 'give her what she wants.' Jesus' rebuke seems shockingly unkind: 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs'. But the woman doesn't give up. It is a matter of justice for her, as is evident in her witty response about the dogs getting the scraps from the master's table. 'Good for her!' - we feel like cheering. It's a strange story, with Jesus at first appearing cold in his response to the woman. But as we know, he has a tendency to test his followers. His disciples, who know him well and have seen lots of miracles, often fall short. But this woman passes with flying colours. Jesus can see that she is a person of strong faith, clever and determined. She is not easily dismissed. In allowing her to state her case, Jesus also presents a challenge to the religious and social status quo. This pagan woman (Jesus' reference to 'house-dogs' tells us a lot about her status) exhibits more faith than his own disciples. Jesus does not want us to be silent, compliant or complacent. He rejoices in those who are brave and persistent, and eager to challenge the injustices they see around them - those who have the gift of changing minds and hearts. We might call it the gift of prophecy.

Triona Doherty

CHRISTIAN ONE-LINERS

Quit griping about your church, if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

Revised Mass Schedule



Mass Schedule

Revised mass schedule for Clonmore Parish to take effect from the weekend 5/6 of September.

EVERY Saturday night Mass in Kilquiggan at 6.30 pm.
Every Saturday night Mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30 pm.
Every Sunday morning mass in Our Lady of the Wayside Church in Clonmore at 10.30 am. Please spread the word.

Anniversaries - with love we remember

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 15th. Mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30 pm.

Sunday 16th. Mass in Clonmore.

Saturday 22nd. Mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30

Sunday 23rd. Mass in Kilquiggan at 10.30.

Collections

8th /9th. August: Envelopes €275; Baskets €290

Message from Bishop Denis

In light of the latest guidelines coming into effect from NPHE and Government regarding shops and public buildings, I suggest that all attending Mass are encouraged to wear a face mask or a visor.

THE Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, You have given the world its true light, Jesus, your Son - the Son of God. You abandoned yourself completely to God's call and thus became a wellspring of the goodness which flows forth from him. Show us Jesus. Lead us to him, so that we too can become capable of true love and be fountains of living water in the midst of a thirsting world.

Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*

How stand before him to whom nothing is hidden? How answer for the days and years squandered which were given to serve him alone? Oh! Turn then, poor soul, and look to Mary. Look to her who is all merciful that she may obtain for you pardon and mercy. She is kind and loving; she has a mother's heart full of pity for the erring, a Mother of Mercy to the sinner and the fallen.

Fr Willie Doyle SJ

TIME TO SMILE.



Sunday 2nd. August, we had Bingo in our Parish. It was a wonderful experience and a great success. I would like to thank all the people who helped out. It was a brilliant occasion and once again highlights the remarkable community spirit we have in this community. This community spirit is something money can't buy.

The proceeds from the bingo was €2790. It was such a wonderful experience and success that we decided to repeat it and our next Bingo will be on Sunday 4th. October at 2 pm. Please spread the word.