

## Revised Mass Schedule



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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.

## Thought for the week

### Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel

1. This marks a turning point in the life of Jesus and of the disciples. It is the first time that his disciples recognise him as the Messiah. Recall turning points in your own life when you came to some deeper understanding of who Jesus is.
2. 'Who do you say that I am?' This is possibly the most important question that Jesus puts to us. In your heart of hearts, how do you answer this question?
3. Jesus praises Peter for his faith, and comments that this was not his own doing but a gift of God. Perhaps there have been times when you have been more than usually conscious that faith is a gift. Be thankful for the gift you have received.
4. These are troubled times for the Church, and the promise of Jesus that 'the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it' is an encouragement. What helps you to draw strength from this promise of Jesus? What signs of hope do you see in the Church today?

*John Byrne OSA*

*Have a Wonderful Week*

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

21<sup>st</sup>. Sunday in Ordinary Time. 23<sup>rd</sup>. August



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### 'But You...'

*'Christ asks for a home in your soul,  
where he can be at rest with you,  
where he can talk easily to you, where  
you and he, alone together, can laugh  
and be silent and be delighted with  
one another.'*

**CARYLL HOUSELANDER**

There is something very exciting about really getting to know someone. Whether it's talking to a like-minded new friend, or the first flush of romantic love, there is nothing like the thrill of getting close to someone and enjoying their company, discovering who they are and being truly ourselves with them. Today, Jesus asks an important question: Who do you say I am? He sets up the question by first asking the disciples: 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' He gets answers based on the gossip and chatter about him: 'John the Baptist, Elijah, one of the prophets.' But then Jesus gets to the heart of the matter with the burning question: 'But you, who do you say I am?' He knows that his disciples know him better than anyone, and so it proves to be, when Peter immediately answers: 'You are the Christ.' There is an intimacy and a confidence in this response, based on the time they have spent together and the close and loving relationship between them. Jesus asks us that same question today: 'But you, who do you say I am?' The 'but you' is crucial. He is not asking what we have heard

about him. Of course, we learn about Jesus from the Scriptures. Most of us have been learning about Jesus ever since we were children, listening to stories and parables in school or at home. But do we know him? Do we pray and talk and spend time with him? Perhaps we could reflect in the coming days on this question: Who is Jesus, to you? 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

God does not propose to judge a person until he/she is dead. So why should you?

### Anniversaries - with love we remember

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>. Ballyconnell at 7.30: Michael & Margaret Fitzpatrick and their son Martin, Liscolman.

#### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>. Mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30 pm

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>. Mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30 pm

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>. Mass in Clonmore at 10.30 am.

### Collections

15<sup>th</sup>. /16<sup>th</sup>. August: Envelopes €575; Baskets €340

### Message from Bishop Denis

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

**Coolkenno GAA Lotto:** Last week's numbers: 10, 15, 19, 25

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €9,100.

Next Draw: 24<sup>th</sup>. August In Club house

Lucky Dip Winners: Ann Doyle; Conor Cummins, Rosin Cushe; Meabh Byrne.

## FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCHES

At this time, both in Northern Ireland and in the Republic of Ireland, the governments have not formally made mandatory the wearing of face coverings at services of worship. This is, in part, due to the fact that as churches we are committed to maintaining 2 metre physical distancing between household groups and strict adherence to all government guidance on hand hygiene, cleaning, ventilation etc. It however remains our responsibility to ensure that our services of worship are safe places for all who join with us. It has become increasingly clear that the wearing of face coverings, in conjunction with hand washing etc, is likely to reduce the spread of Coronavirus, thus helping to protect others. Their use is therefore one way in which we can evidence protection for the most vulnerable, support for our health workers and practical love for our neighbours. Following further recent consultations with public health authorities, I, along with other Christian church leaders all over this island, am formally recommending and encouraging the use of face coverings at all Masses and other liturgical celebrations, along with the ongoing maintenance of 2 metre physical distancing, from Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>. August 2020, and earlier if practicable. I understand that some people are exempted from the wearing of face coverings, as outlined in the two jurisdictions:

I also recognise that whilst it may not be appropriate for the celebrant and some others (for example ministers of the Word) to wear face coverings, they should at all times continue to maintain at least 2 metre physical distancing from one another, and four metres physical distancing from the front row of the congregation.

Archbishop Eamon Martin