

Revised 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 Clonmore at 10.30 am.

Thought for the week

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel

1. 'I was there first'. Envy easily comes to the surface when faced with the good fortune of others, especially when compared to what seems less favourable treatment of ourselves. Can you recall that feeling in yourself and what it did to you? Can you also recall times when you were content with your lot, even though it seemed others had greater gifts, better opportunities, etc.
2. A parent or teacher who gives a lot of time to a difficult child does not love the others less, but if we are one of those other children, we may not see that. Recall a 'Jesus person' in your life who helped you to overcome feelings of envy and helped you appreciate that the apparently more favourable treatment of another did not mean a lessening of love for you.
3. This leads us to the core message of this parable, namely, that God's love is a free gift, and not earned. Recall moments when you were particularly conscious of the gifts that God has given you by counting all the blessings that you have, no matter how small.
4. 'It is too late now' are words sometimes uttered to justify doing nothing about a situation. This parable tells us that where love is involved, it is never too late. Can you recall times when you got a positive response after taking action when you thought it was 'too late'?

John Byrne OSA

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

25th. Sunday in Ordinary Time. 20th September



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Unequal opportunities

Jesus does not see things as we do. Time and time again in his parables, he turns our expectations upside down and helps us to see things in a different light. Today, he tells the story of the landowner who pays the same wages to all his workers - those who were hired at the crack of dawn and those who only joined late in the day. Naturally, the 'early birds' are put out by this - they feel it is unjust, even though they received the wage they were promised. Maybe we sympathise with the complainers. In our individualistic society, we can fall into the trap of thinking that only certain people deserve good things. Those who work hard, who are law-abiding, who make the most of opportunities - they deserve a decent standard of living. Think of how often we hear people complaining about those who are struggling, saying they do not deserve assistance or 'handouts'? Such criticisms fail to take into account that not everyone has the same opportunities or privileges in life. But in this parable of Jesus, the landowner treats everyone the same, regardless of their productivity. He recognises that not all of them had the same opportunity - some were just luckier than others, in the right place at the right time. God is just and generous, and he expects us to have the same respect for everyone, regardless of their position in life. Sadly, we do not live in an equal world where everyone's dignity is respected and everyone has equal opportunities. In this Season of Creation, we are mindful in particular of the world's poor who suffer most as a result of environmental destruction - damage that is often caused by the comfortable lifestyles of others. 'Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out.' (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*)

Triona Doherty

CHRISTIAN ONE-LINERS

If you speak ill of your neighbour you are not welcome in this church.

Anniversaries - with love we remember

Saturday 19th. : Kilquiggan: Theresa & John Keegan, Kilquiggan

Saturday 19th. 19th.: Ballyconnell: Liam Kiely, Kilquiggan, Tom, Annie & Kathleen Dempsey, Coolkenno.

Saturday 26th.: Kilquiggan: Aidan Kearns, Ballynultagh.

Saturday 29th. Ballyconnell: Geraldine Healy, Killinure; Leo Healy Killinure; Thomas Shephard, Killinure; Peter & Mary Coleman, Ballykilduff.

Sunday 27th. Clonmore: Daniel Lawlor, Ballykilduff; Thomas Lawlor, Tobinstown.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 22nd. Mass in Killinure 7.30. Wednesday 23rd. Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.30; Thursday 24th. Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.30.

Friday 25th. Mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30 pm.

Holy Hour with music, prayers and scripture reflections in our Lady of the Wayside Church, Clonmore, on Wednesday evening at 7.30 - 8.30 pm, starting this Wednesday. All are welcome.

Collections

12th. /13th. September: Envelopes €330; Baskets €265

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 4, 6, 9, 31

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €9,500.

Next Draw: 21st. September In Club house

Lucky Dip Winners: Tom Dagg; Eileen Waterton; Michelle Bowes; Michelle Moriarity.

OUTDOOR BINGO



Following on from the success of our outdoor bingo on 2nd. August, we have programmed another outdoor bingo. It will take place on Sunday 4th. October at 2. pm in the carpark behind the church in Ballyconnell. Please spread the word.

PARISH LOTTO

During these past few weeks, we've had a few exploratory meetings about the future of our Parish Lotto. Our Parish Lotto was a welcome boost to our Parish Collections. Since the emergence of the virus Covid 19, our Parish collections are down €45,000. If this is to remain the pattern for a prolonged period of time, it would raise all sorts of issues around sustainability. With the introduction of an extra weekend mass (each church has a weekend mass now), our collections have increased marginally. We are planning in October, in collaboration with the Diocese to set up a Parish Lotto. The Lotto draw takes place on a Wednesday of every week and the jackpot at the moment is €20,000. Every week there is also a prize of €1,000 divided between those who have 3 numbers. Our plan would be to have as many people sign up for yearly, half-yearly or quarterly or other periods as outlined below.



For Office Use Only:

Date Received: _____

Amount Received: _____

Received By: _____

Clonmore Parish Lotto Membership Application form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact No (if known): _____

I / we wish to enrol as a member of Clonmore Parish Lotto for

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Quarterly From: _____ to _____ | Cost €25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Half Year: From _____ to _____ | Cost €50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Full Year: From _____ to _____ | Cost €100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other: From _____ to _____ | Cost € |

Numbers Chosen: (Between 1-32)