

**Coolkenno GAA Lotto:** Last week's numbers: 14, 22, 26, 28

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €9,900.

Next Draw: 19<sup>th</sup>. October In Club house

Lucky Dip Winners: Edel Butler; Mark Timmins; Fiona Butler;  
Antoinette Sutton.

### *Thought for the week*

#### **Do not lose heart - a message in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic from the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference**

Since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic the people of Ireland have endured testing times with courage, resilience, and compassion. Individuals and communities have made great sacrifices for the protection of life, health and the Common Good. Like many others, the Church has endeavoured to support the people of Ireland, north and south, in the face of considerable uncertainty and disruption. We owe a great debt of gratitude to our priests and to the many volunteers whose continued dedication has ensured that our churches have remained very safe places to gather for Mass and the Sacraments. We have also been blessed in the commitment of our school communities who have been supporting our young people in very demanding circumstances, including assisting with their preparation for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Now that more restrictive measures are being put in place, we encourage people to persevere and not to lose heart. Faith and prayer, in the home and in church can be a huge support in difficult times. While we fully support the guidance of the public health authorities, we will continue to engage constructively in the coming days with the civil authorities to ensure that our people have continued access to the support of Mass and the Sacraments and essential spiritual nourishment for these challenging times. The communal celebration of Mass and the Sacraments - even with restricted numbers - is at the very heart of what it means for us to be a Christian community. These are not simply 'gatherings' of people, but profound expressions of who we are as a Church. For parishes, and individual Catholics, the loss of these spiritual supports can be a source of great anxiety, and fear, and can have a detrimental impact on their overall health and well-being. To be continued....

*Have a Wonderful Week*

## *PARISH NEWSLETTER*

*29<sup>th</sup>. Sunday in Ordinary Time. 18<sup>th</sup> October*



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### **Emperor's or Christ's vision?**

Continuing our reading of Matthew 22 today, the Pharisees are not impressed with Jesus' teachings and decide to 'entrap' him, quizzing him about paying taxes. It is a dangerous question they ask because a simple yes or no response from Jesus could mean he is reported to the authorities. Jesus has no time for this and is quite direct with them asking: 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?'

The response is brilliant: 'Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' This text has sometimes been used to argue that religion should stay out of politics, economics or culture. However, the world we live in is one that falls short of the vision and values which Jesus preached: a dream of a world of love, peace, justice and compassion. Being a follower of Jesus means that one is actively involved in striving for this vision and this includes whatever political, economic or cultural issues we are confronted with. The focus in this passage is getting our priorities straight. Yes, give the emperor his taxes but do not forget what belongs to God i.e. God's vision for this world. The 'empirical' view and the 'Christ-view' of issues like direct provision, homelessness, evictions, the Black Lives Matter movement, climate action... are usually very different. The pharisees, we are told, 'were amazed, left him and went away'.

## CHRISTIAN ONE-LINERS

God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead.  
So why should you?

During Level 3 of the 'National Framework for living with COVID-19' we will have online Mass on Saturday at 7.30 pm. in Ballyconnell and we will have Mass on Sunday at 10.30 am in Ballyconnell.

### Anniversaries - with love we remember

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>. October: Ballyconnell:** John Timmins Snr. & John Timmins Jnr. Michael & Nancy Dempsey - Ballyrahan.  
Pray for Noel Morris, Stratnakelly who passed away recently Sean Roche, Wexford, who died during the week.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>. October Ballyconnell:** James McCall, Killalongford also his daughter Josephine Kelly whose anniversary occurs later in the year at Christmas time.  
Esther & James Keogh, Knockeen.



#### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>. Mass in Killinure 7.30.  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>. Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.30;  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mass in Killinure at 7.30.

### Collections

10<sup>th</sup>. / 11<sup>th</sup>. October: Envelopes €; Baskets €  
Lotto: €

### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

## PARISH LOTTO

A Sincere thank you to all the people who signed up for our Parish Lotto. There has been a wonderful positive response. Our Lotto will take place every Wednesday. If you need to check to see how long you have paid up until you can contact the Parish Office or Fr. John. We would like more people to sign up for our Lotto, forms are available from Fr. John and in the Parish Office. If anyone of our former sellers would like to sell some tickets, books of tickets are available in the Parish Centre or from Fr. John.

### Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020

€20,000 Jackpot: No Winner

Numbers: 3, 28, 30 31

Next Week's Jackpot €20,000

7 Match 3s win € 143 each

<u>WINNER</u>	<u>PROMOTER</u>	<u>PARISH</u>
J & M	Olivia Aylesbury	Askea
Olive Molloy	Anne Molloy	Rhode
Maggie Glennon	Maggie Glennon	Rhode
Lil Bennett	Michael Parkinson	Raheen
Tony Boyle	Margie Sheridan	Kildare
Christy Ryan	Louise Kavanagh	Raheen
Joanne O Halloran	Lotto Office	Newbridge

### The Hook of Faith Zoom Conference

The team at 'The Hook of Faith' ([www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)) are pleased to announce a Zoom Conference for the month of October that focuses on 'EVANGELISING IRISH CULTURE TODAY'. Each session will be led by an expert speaker followed by 10 mins of Q and A. Each session will begin at 8pm. We hope that as many as possible participate in this event for the missionary month of October.