

PARISH LOTTO
Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results
for Wednesday 11th. November 2020

€20,000 Jackpot: No Winner

Numbers: 1,12, 21, 32

11 Match 3s win €93 each.

Thought for the week

15 November 2020 • World Day of the Poor

1. A gift given in love, is given to be enjoyed, treasured, and used. Through fear, one servant failed to recognise the loving trust being shown to him and buried the talent. When have you found that overcoming fear helped you to make the most of opportunities in life?
2. On the level of our own personal life, faith is not given to us to be locked away, but to be "traded" with. We trade with it when we believe in its value, trust it, and use it, bringing it into the experiences we have in daily life. Can you recall times when relying on your faith has brought you rewards?
3. Likewise, with our own personal gifts and talents. We can fall into the trap of seeing these as our personal possession so that we can do with them as we like, rather than share them as gifts so that they can be multiplied. What is your experience of hoarding or sharing your own gifts? When did you feel most alive?
4. Pope Francis in his letter *The Joy of the Gospel* wrote, 'I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelization in their respective communities. ... The important thing is to not walk alone, but to rely on each other as brothers and sisters.' EG (33) How is your parish responding to this call?

John Byrne osa

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Thirty Third Sunday – 15th. November 2020



PARISH CENTRE

The Parish centre will be open on
Tuesday and Friday from 9.30 - 1.30

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Rising to the challenge

It is hard not to feel sorry for the third servant in today's gospel. The first two servants are praised for making the most of the 'talents' (money) given to them by their master. In return, they are promised even greater things. The third man, paralysed by uncertainty, buries his small amount of money in the ground instead of doing something with it. His actions are based in fear - he has heard the master is tough and he does not want to take any risks. At least he is able to return what he has been given; he reasons.

But he is shocked to learn that instead of praise, or even a neutral reaction to match his own neutral actions, he is reprimanded as 'wicked and lazy' and cast out. This parable has been described as a story of 'tragic miscalculation'. The servant didn't do anything awful - which is why we tend to have some sympathy for him - but he didn't do his best either. The real tragedy is not that he didn't make any more money; it is that he failed to appreciate the opportunity he had been given and to make the most of it.

We are all dealt different cards in life, and undoubtedly some are much tougher than others. We are like the servants in the parable who are given different amounts of money to look after. The point is not the amount of 'talents' given to each. It is not the circumstances of our lives or our natural gifts that are important, but how we use them. Jesus was cautioning against playing it safe. Instead of turning inwards or living in fear, we are called to meet challenges head on and discover what wonderful things might happen.

'Talent is like electricity. We don't understand electricity. We use it.'

Maya Angelou

CHRISTIAN ONE-LINERS

"These days of November, make me remember. They send me to the cemetery, at least inwardly, and make me aware that I am not the giver of my own life. Into the cloak of my life is woven all the affection and tenderness of the people who are no longer here and whom I remember" (Dorothee Soelle: The Mystery of Death).

Anniversaries - with love we remember

Saturday 14th. November: Ballyconnell: Patrick & Anastasia Keogh, Killinure, Myles & Clare Keogh Killinure

Sunday 15th. November: Ballyconnell: The Doyle Family, The Castle, Clonmore, Peter & Mary Doyle, sons and daughters.

MASS SCHEDULE during Level 5 lockdown via webcam



Mass
Schedule

Saturday: Ballyconnell at 7.30;

Sunday Ballyconnell at 10.30

Wednesday 18th. Mass in
Ballyconnell at 9.30.

POSITIVE NEWS: Parish Office will be open on
Tuesday and Friday from 9.30-1.30

Collections

23rd/24th October; 30th /31st October; 6th/7th November.

Envelopes €590; Baskets €215; Lotto: €580

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 11, 14, 26, 32

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €10,300.

Next Draw: 16th. November In Club house

Lucky Dip Winners: Roisin Cushe; Eadoin Byrne; Roisin Dolan;
Helen Rossiter

'Childminder is urgently required to mind two children and to do school runs. Please contact Ann-Marie on 087 1301101.'

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

A sincere **thank you** to all who have sent in their Annual Collection for priests of the Parish (Formerly Hay and Oats). This year has been a very challenging year for all of us and I sincerely appreciate your donations. If you have not sent in your Hay & Oats yet, please send it in in an envelope when you get a chance. The Parish office will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays. You can also drop it into the Post box outside the Parish Office.

NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DEAD

It is that time of the year again when we remember our loved ones who were such an important part of our lives. You have a special envelope in your envelope boxes for this occasion. Please put the names of your loved ones in this envelope with your donation and drop it into the post box in the Parish Centre, or into the collection box in the back of the churches. If you do not have an envelope in your envelope box you can place the names into an ordinary envelope. Masses will be offered for your loved ones throughout the coming year.

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.

We remember those who have died during the year.

We have a long history of funerals in Ireland, it is very much part of our shared faith and of our culture. As the intangible coronavirus spreads, its effects make themselves felt in every corner of this land, and in every land across the globe. We will have a mass to remember those who died during the year and this will be held on Wednesday 25th. November in Ballyconnell Church via our webcam. If you would like people to be prayed for at this mass, please leave the names into the Parish Centre or contact Fr. John via email or mobile. The people prayed for at this Mass do not necessarily have to be from the Parish, we will include relatives who have died in other parishes as well.