

PARISH LOTTO

Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for Wednesday 18th. November 2020

€20,000 Jackpot: No Winner

Numbers: 3, 19, 27, 28

23 Match 3s win € 44 each.

Thought for the week

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 22nd. November 2020

1. This judgement scene contains surprises for us. One surprise is that nobody is condemned for doing wrong, but for their failure to do good. Being a disciple of Jesus is a positive choice about how we live and relate to others. Perhaps sin-avoidance has sometimes dominated your view of what was being asked of you. What difference has it made for you when you viewed your Christian life as a daily opportunity to make a positive difference to others?
2. Another way of saying this is that the aim of Christian living is not me-centred (about my personal sanctification) but other-centred (about responding to the needs of others). What happens to you when you get caught up in yourself? Is your life not better, and often more enjoyable, when you can look beyond yourself to others?
3. Another surprise is to hear Jesus tell us that when we do something for another, he considers it done to himself. When has seeing Christ in others helped you in your dealings with them?
4. The story is about the judgement of the whole of humanity. It presents an ideal of society in which human relationships at all levels are governed by the law of love. In your experience what difference has it made to a group to which you belonged when there was a definite sensitivity to the needs of all members?

John Byrne osa

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
22nd. November 2020



PARISH CENTRE

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

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A Different sort of King

Today's gospel leaves us in no doubt as to what Jesus expects of his followers. It is a gospel of contrasts. It begins with a scene of judgement, with Jesus in the role of king, sitting on the throne of glory. It would have been a familiar image to the people of the time, who were expecting a great Messianic king. In the time of Jesus, kings were powerful rulers, and some were tyrants. We know from earlier in Matthew's Gospel that kings like Herod were capable of brutal acts. It is an image that remains familiar to us today, thanks to popular fairy tales, movies and TV shows - the all-powerful ruler sitting on their throne, passing judgement on their subjects.

But the king that Jesus talks about here turns these images upside down. He is not focused on riches or power, or inciting terror or fear. Instead, he is a fair judge, a shepherd who knows his flock. He invites all those who have acted with justice and generosity to take their place in his kingdom. He is in solidarity with the 'least' of his people - a king whose main concern is those who are hungry, displaced, sick or imprisoned. He refers to them as 'brothers'. Jesus' kingdom is centred around charity, compassion and forgiveness. He expects us to treat everyone we encounter with welcome. There are simple acts of kindness we can carry out each day. Such love for others is love for God: 'In so far as you did this to the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.'

'In the evening of life, we shall be judged on love.'

St John of the Cross

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 & Margaret Hennessey, Raheen; Pat, Breda, Kieran & Bridget Kelly, Rath. Willie Moran, formerly Kilquiggan, passed away in Hartford shire, England, last Sunday.

Sunday 15th. November: Ballyconnell: Mark Joyce, Clonmore.

MASS SCHEDULE during Level 5 lockdown via webcam



Mass
Schedule

Saturday: Ballyconnell at 7.30;

Sunday Ballyconnell at 10.30

Wednesday 25th. Mass in
Ballyconnell at 9.30.

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

Collections

12th/13th November.

Envelopes €490; Baskets €230; Lotto: €995

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 3, 31, 19, 17

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €10,400.

Next Draw: 23rd. November In Club house

Lucky Dip Winners: Karl Ti9mmins, Paul Walterton, Mick Rossiter, Ned & 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. For the mass we would suggest that you have a candle in your home to light during the mass remembering your loved one who died.