

PARISH LOTTO

Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for Wednesday 4th. November 2020

€20,000 Jackpot: No Winner

Numbers: 7, 20, 25, 30

16 Match 3s win €63 each.

Thought for the week

Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel Prisoners' Sunday

1. While the parable has clear end-of-time applications it can also be applied to any moment of grace. It reminds us that moments of grace come unexpectedly, and we need to be awake to receive them. Recall times when you were alert for such a moment. What were the consequences for you?
2. Grace can also be disturbing. We can be coasting along in life and suddenly an opportunity or a graced moment arrives and we are shaken out of our routine in order to respond. Perhaps you can recall both moments when you were unprepared, and moments when you were able to respond. What lessons have you learned from such experiences?
3. We may be tempted to judge the wise virgins as being selfish for not sharing with the others, but perhaps Jesus is teaching us that there are some things that other people cannot provide for us. We have to acquire them ourselves. What qualities in life do you see as the essential oil that you must provide for yourself?

John Byrne osa

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Thirty Second Sunday – 8th. November 2020



PARISH CENTRE

The Parish centre will be closed during level 5 restrictions.

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The time is now

I am a procrastinator. If a task is awkward or unpleasant, I am likely to put it off till another day. In any given week, I have a 'to-do' list I need to get through. The most important items always get done - things that can't be avoided, like work deadlines or paying bills. But bigger projects often get put on the long finger and I find myself transferring items to the following week's list. It is part of life to learn how to prioritise, and to be prepared to tackle the important things. Even when we are not ready to face a certain situation, sometimes we need to push ourselves to just dive in.

Among the wedding customs in Jesus' time was a night-time procession from the bride's home to the grooms. The bridesmaids would go out with torches lit to welcome the groom and his entourage. The parable in today's gospel sets two groups in contrast - the 'foolish' bridesmaids who run out of oil because they have failed to prepare, and the 'sensible' ones who are ready with their lamps and oil, who recognise the importance of the task. Only one group was ready when the groom approached.

This parable encourages us to focus on the here and now, to nurture our relationship with God in the present and to live well. There is no point in procrastinating, or waiting until the bridegroom is at the door. As well as having the light of faith, we need the fuel - the actions - to keep it lit so we are ready when the Lord comes.

'It's a terrible thing, I think, in life to wait until you're ready. I have this feeling now that actually no one is ever ready to do anything. There is almost

no such thing as ready. There is only now. And you may as well do it now. Generally speaking, now is as good a time as any.'

Hugh Laurie

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 7th. November: Ballyconnell: Tom & Gerard Cahill,

Sunday 8th. November: Ballyconnell: Tom & Gerard Cahill

We pray for those who have died during the week.

Bridget Sandes, Kilquiggan; Larry Byrne, Late of Ballyrahan. John Cole Ballyconnell.

MASS SCHEDULE during Level 5 lockdown via webcam



Mass
Schedule

Saturday: Ballyconnell at 7.30;

Sunday Ballyconnell at 10.30

Wednesday 11th. Mass in
Ballyconnell at 9.30.

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

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 2, 11, 15, 21

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €10,200.

Next Draw: 9th. November In Club house

Lucky Dip Winners: Colin Murphy, Nancy Brennan,
Mary Corcoran; Colm Walker

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

The annual collection for the priests of the Parish (formerly called Hay & Oats) for obvious reason will be somewhat different this year. We will not be distributing special envelopes. I would be very grateful if you could place your donation in an envelope and drop it into the parish centre post box, or into the collection boxes in the back of the churches. During level 5 lockdown I will try to be in the Parish office for a couple of hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Your contributions are especially grateful during these challenging times.

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.

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.

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.