

PARISH LOTTO

Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for Wednesday 13th. January 2021

Numbers: 04, 07, 11, 16

5 Winners of €12,000 Jackpot; €2,400 each

104 Match 3s win €10 each. -

2 of these in our Parish, Pat Timmins and Mary Brown

Next Week's Jackpot €10,000

Thought for the week

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel

1. John pointed the disciples towards Jesus as the one they should follow. Remember the people in your life who have pointed you in a new and life-giving direction? Perhaps in some cases this may have involved directing you away from your association with them – e.g., leaving home, changing jobs, etc.
2. Jesus invited the disciples to come and see how he lived. How have you come to learn how Jesus lived, and what he was looking for in life? How has this attracted you to follow him?
3. What is your experience of gathering in small groups to learn to live like Jesus by listening to the gospel together? Where two or three are gathered in his name, Jesus is there with them. What group experiences have helped your faith to grow?
4. Andrew did not keep the good news to himself but also invited his brother to join him in following Jesus. What is your experience of receiving, or giving, an invitation to join in some worthwhile venture?

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

17th. January – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Come and see

There is a Brazilian proverb used when a visitor is leaving one's home: 'Whoever drinks of this water keeps coming back'. Offering a beverage such as a cup of water or tea to a visitor is a universal gesture of welcome and hospitality. Today we hear how Jesus invites two of his disciples to 'come and see' where he lives. He welcomes them into his home and they stay with him for the rest of the day, undoubtedly eating and drinking and conversing with him. Jesus' invitation is simple, yet intimate. We don't know where he lived or what his living arrangements were, but we know he wanted his friends to spend time with him and get to know him. This precious early time with Jesus must have set his friends up for a lifetime of discipleship. We too are invited to 'come and see', to spend time with the Scriptures and in prayer to get to know Jesus. He welcomes us with open arms. As we reflect on the inviting love of Jesus, we are also encouraged to extend a warm welcome to others in a spirit of friendship. Pope Francis has often spoken of our responsibility, as individuals, communities and church, to welcome everyone - including those who are homeless or who have been forced to leave their home or country. Our welcome is a response to the Lord's supreme commandment to love the other, the stranger, as ourselves. We all have opportunities to do this in our communities. Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age.'

Pope Francis.

CHRISTIAN ONE-LINERS

I think when the dust settles we will realize how little we need, how very much we have and the value of human connection.

Anniversaries - with love we remember

Sunday 17th. January 2021 - 10.30 Ballyconnell:

Month's Mind mass for Patti Hickey, Ballynultagh; Josie Keogh Ballyconnell; Michael and Aice Furlong, Creicrin; Sarah Bowes, Killinure; Jimmy O'Byrne and deceased family members.

1st. Anniversary Mass for Luke Hunt will be on Wednesday morning at 10.00 on our Facebook Page.

Please pray for Dina Horan (nee-O'Neill) who has passed away in Nottingham, England on January 12th. Dinah was originally from Liscolman and lived a long life with her husband Tim who predeceased her in 2018. A mass will be offered for Dinah - we will let you know when.



Mass Schedule

Following HSE guidelines we will have mass online via our Parish Webcam on Sundays at 10.30 in Ballyconnell.

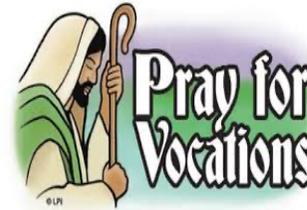
Anniversaries will be prayed for at this mass.

Our weekday masses will be on our Facebook Page at 10.00

ANYBODY IN OUR COMMUNITY OR PARISH WHO NEED ANY ASSISTANCE COLLECTING PRESCRIPTIONS OF MESSAGES FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ANY MEMBER OF COOLKENNO GAA OR CONTACT FR. JOHN. WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER AND TOGETHER WE WILL OVERTCOME IT.

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

"Behold the Lamb of God."



Could it be that you are being called to be a shepherd for the Lord as a priest, a deacon or in the consecrated life? Speak to your local priest or your Diocesan Vocation's Director, or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie

Ballyconnell National School

Secretary Required for Ballyconnell National School - Commencing March 2021. Excellent IT skills required - Experience in school setting would be an added advantage.

Apply in writing with CV and letter of application to -

The Principal, Ballyconnell National School, Ballyconnell, Tullow, Co. Carlow or by email to: ballyconnellnationalschool@gmail.com

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The week of prayer for Christian unity takes place from the 18th. - 25th. January. For 2021, it has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the church and the human family.

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 to the outbreak of Covid-19. 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