

PARISH LOTTO

Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results
for Wednesday 20th January 2021

Numbers: 15, 17, 18, 25

No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €11,000
9 Match 3s win €112 each.

A wonderful way of supporting our Parish financially is through the Lotto. If you would like to renew your lotto subscription (those are due for renewal) and if anyone wishes to join our lotto, you can get forms in the Parish Centre. If you wish to know when you are due for renewal you can contact the Parish Office or contact Fr. John.

Thought for the week

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel

1. 'The time is fulfilled' - this is a decisive moment in the life of Jesus. His public ministry is about to begin. Recall turning points in your own life when something new happened and with hindsight you can say the time was ripe for it to happen, 'the time was fulfilled'.
2. 'Repent and believe the good news'. Jesus was not preaching a new doctrine, but calling for a change of heart, as a response to the good news of the gospel message. A new way of understanding God leads to a conversion in how we relate to God, a change of heart. A growth in awareness of who we are can lead us to a new level of self-confidence, another change of heart. Can you recall times when 'good news' led you to a change of heart?
3. The Spirit of God who was at work in Jesus calling the disciples continues to work in our day and in our lives. That is why the gospel message is one of GOOD NEWS. When has your understanding of the gospel message led you to a different style of life? Who was the 'Jesus person' through whom the call came to you? To whom have you been a 'Jesus person' in this way?

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

24th. January – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Now is the time

More than 50 years ago, in his famous 'I have a dream' speech, Martin Luther King Jr talked about 'the fierce urgency of now'. He urged people to take positive action and to march forward together to address inequality and injustice, and his energy and conviction brought about massive change. That sense of 'fierce urgency' seems to grab Jesus and the disciples in today's Gospel. In the opening chapters of Mark's Gospel everything happens 'at once' or immediately. There is a sense of hurry; the time has come, the kingdom of God is near, and Jesus needs helpers to work alongside him. Simon, Andrew, James and John are certainly ready, so ready that they are prepared to leave behind their livelihoods, and even their families, to attend to the urgent business of spreading the Good News. Jesus asks the same of us, his modern-day disciples: 'Follow me'. We are summoned too. We are challenged to set aside our worldly concerns, to see the world in a new way, and to begin a new adventure with Jesus. For every person in our world who is suffering or oppressed or in need, there is a 'fierce urgency of now'. The work of the kingdom is too immediate to wait. 'This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilising drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children... The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.'

Martin Luther King Jr

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 24th. January 2021 - 10.30 Ballyconnell:

Sunday 31st. Anthony Wilson, Stratnakelly, Month's Mind. Matthew & Mary Quinn, Knockeen.



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



"The Kingdom of God is at hand."

Is the Lord calling you to lead others to His Kingdom as a priest or consecrated religious? 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

Sunday 24th.

Sunday of the Word of the Lord.

"This word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance" (Dt. 30.14)



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