

PARISH LOTTO

Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results
for Wednesday 27th January 2021

Numbers: 10, 14, 17, 29

No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €12,000
13 Match 3s win €77 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. In this first chapter Mark familiarises his readers with the type of things Jesus did to proclaim the kingdom, the Reign of God. Our passage today touches on two of these, the first being that 'he taught as one having authority'. It makes a difference when you listen to someone who is clearly speaking from experience and personal knowledge. Remember people who impressed you in this way.
2. Jesus' combined teaching with healing, and he drove the evil spirit out of the man. The power of God that worked this wonder through Jesus is also at work in and through us today. When have you been freed from some bad habit?
3. The evil spirit convulsed the man before it left him. The path to liberation can be a painful struggle. If you have found it so, who was the Jesus person that helped you through the struggle to freedom?
4. It is not only individuals but groups that can be struggling with an evil spirit - jealousy, rivalry, malicious gossiping, abuse of power, etc. Sometimes a Jesus person comes into the group and drives out that evil spirit. Have you experienced this? Perhaps you yourself have been this person on some occasion?

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

31st. January – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Genuine authority

'But man, proud man,
Dress'd in a little brief authority,
Most ignorant of what he's most assur'd...'
Measure for Measure

William Shakespeare

We probably wouldn't have to think too hard to come with examples of people who seem to fit the above description. Puffed up with a sense of their own importance, they are anxious to be seen as the expert on everything, in spite of limited knowledge or experience. We tend to criticise politicians and other public figures if we feel they are blind to the struggles of ordinary people. They don't know what it's like, for example, to live on a minimum wage, to care for a family member with a disability, or to be at risk of homelessness. On the other hand, it is refreshing when those in power have either faced some of these issues themselves or have made the effort to do some research and really listen to people. We can tell when someone is speaking with genuine authority, care and compassion.

In today's gospel, those who listen to Jesus' teaching in the synagogue know there is something different and exciting about him. His teaching is in sharp contrast to the scribes they are used to hearing, and makes a deep impression on them. The difference, as stated twice in this passage, is his authority and it leaves his audience 'astonished'. He does not use his position the way we might use our 'little brief authority' to make ourselves look good. Instead he uses his authority to serve, to love, and to bring mercy and freedom

CHRISTIAN ONE-LINERS

Health does not always come from medicine. Most of the time it comes from peace of mind, peace in our heart and peace of soul. It comes from laughter and love.

Anniversaries - with love we remember

Sunday 31st. Anthony Wilson, Stratnakelly, Month's Mind. Josephine Connolly, Month's mind. Matthew & Mary Quinn, Knockeen. Donnacha Mulvihill, Ballyconnell. Fergus Coleman, Tobinstown. Mary Healy, Killinure; Thomas & Mary Fitzharris and their son Billy, late of Bellshill, Clonmore.

We remember Kathleen Nolan, Aughrim (mother of Helen Rossitor) who passed away this week.



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

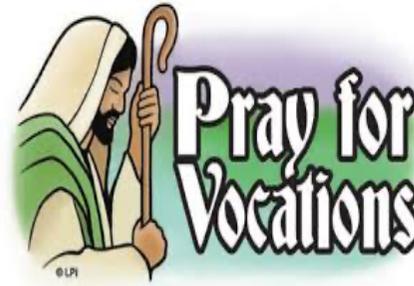
ANYBODY IN OUR COMMUNITY OR PARISH WHO NEED ANY ASSISTANCE COLLECTING PRESCRIPTIONS OF MESSAGES FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ANY MEMBER OF COOLKENNO GAA OR CONTACT FR. JOHN. WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER AND TOGETHER WE WILL OVERTCOME IT.

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 reassurance where necessary. The support line is one seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024

If you would like to receive a weekly email with our Parish newsletter, please provide us with your email address.

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS



"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts."

Open your heart to the possibility that Christ is calling you to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Speak to your local priest or your Diocesan Vocations 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



Feast of St Brigid.

On Monday 1st February, we celebrate the Feast Day of St Brigid or Mary of the Gael. Bishop Denis is inviting parishes to share and encourage parishioners to join in praying a *prayer to St Brigid* as a diocesan family. The image used in the prayer is taken from a mosaic in the Irish College in Rome for which there is a commentary attached. Parishes might like to post this commentary along with the prayer on websites or elsewhere

Bishop Denis will preside at Mass on the Feast of St Brigid in the Church of St Brigid, Kildare town at 11 am