

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

Thought for the week

SEEING YOUR LIFE IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL

1. Some special spiritual experiences are almost impossible to describe in words. The Transfiguration was one of these. Jesus had a new and deeper insight into his relationship with his heavenly Father, one that would sustain him through what lay ahead of him. Have you had WOW moments that you found hard to describe to others? How have these sustained you in difficult times?
2. It can be both scary and wonderful to witness transformation in another, especially a person who is close. At times parents get a taste of this when a child's talent blossoms and is recognised by the child. We may also experience it when a dear friend recognises s/he is in a blind alley and gives up an addiction.
3. 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.' Peter, James and John were particularly close to Jesus, but they were not good at listening to Jesus, especially when he spoke of the painful road of servant discipleship. Jesus is the one we must listen to, even when his message is hard to hear. It is in this message we find life. When have you found this to be true?
4. Strangely this instruction came to the disciples when they were confused and 'in a cloud'. Perhaps you recall a moment of insight coming to you at a time when you were confused.

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

28th. February Second Sunday of Lent



PARISH CENTRE

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

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Transfiguration

Can you recall a time when you had an 'aha moment'? One of those moments when something suddenly makes perfect sense to you. It may have been a long time coming, a combination of various pieces of a jigsaw fitting together or it may be an insight you received from spiritual practice. These are special moments. We are never quite the same afterwards, something changes, even a small thing, but something in us changes. These moments move us outside of ourselves or beyond ourselves in some way. They are moments of transfiguration. In the Gospel today, Peter is desperate to stay on the mountain in that blissful moment with Jesus, so much so that he offers to build tents. One can understand Peter's request, after such an experience of course he would want to stay there. What moments of encounter in your own life do you recall? An encounter where you simply did not want it to end? It may be something very deep and meaningful which gave you a glimpse of God or a moment of complete contentment? As with all blissful moments, the disciples must come down from the mountaintop. Jesus' way involves walking a very different path, a path that will not be so easy. Jesus' way is different to what Peter may have had in mind. These moments of Transfiguration strengthen us all for walking the more difficult paths, sustaining us on the way. 'The Lord is more constant and far more extravagant than it seems to imply. Wherever you turn your eyes the world can shine like transfiguration. You don't have to bring a thing to it except a little willingness to see. Only, who could have the courage to see it?' (Marilynne Robinson)

SOME SUGGESTIONS DURING LENT

1. MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS WHEN LEAVING YOUR HOME/PASSING A CHURCH/CEMTERY/ BEFORE AND AFTER MEALS.
2. GIVE UP SOCIAL MEDIA FOR AN EVENING.
3. TAKE SOMETIME TO GO ON A WALK AND SAY A PRAYER ALONG THE WAY
4. TAKE A MOMENT TO PAUSE WHEN YOU FEEL YU WANT TO GIVE OUT
5. CALL AND CHAT WITH SOEONE YOU NOW IS LIVING ALONE.

Anniversaries - with love we remember

Sunday 28th. February: James Brigid & Gerry McCarthy, Haroldstown.

Sunday 7th. March: James & Nora Clare, Ballynultagh



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

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

PARISH LOTTO

Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for Tuesday

24th. February 2021 Numbers: 3, 4, 16,30

No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €16,000

10 Match 3s win €100 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

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

'Lent reminds us the Lord is always with us' Lenten Pastoral Letter of Bishop Denis Nulty.



Writing to the people of the diocese ahead of Ash Wednesday, Bishop Denis reminds us in his Lenten Pastoral: "Lent is never about adding to the difficulty of what we are all experiencing - far from it. Rather, Lent presents us with the most powerful reminder that, in the face of the turmoil and pain, the tremendous suffering of this world, the Lord is with us, by His Cross we have been healed, by His Cross we have been saved and by His Cross we have hope. The risen Lord walks with us and calls us to rediscover and share with others the grace and joy of life lived with Him."

Stations of the Cross in this time of Pandemic

The Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation, with Bishop Denis, has prepared a *video series of Stations of the Cross*. Each week a set of three stations will be uploaded to kandle.ie and other platforms. The stations will be led by Bishop Denis, with a parish reader proclaiming the scripture passages. Frontline workers and people who have been severely impacted by COVID-19 will read the reflections for each station. You are invited to pray these stations each week and pray them in their entirety during Holy Week.

A special *video invitation from Bishop Denis* to these stations can be viewed

on www.kandle.ie

Lent

