

Christian Motivational Phrases

'The will of God will never take you to where the grace of God will not protect you'

Bernadette Devlin.

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. The injustice and brutality of the Passion of Jesus make it a difficult story to read as good news. Yet in the midst of that cruelty the courageous, faithful and self-sacrificing love that Jesus showed for us shines through. Recall moments when the account of the Passion has moved you in a special way. How have you experienced blessing through it?
2. Human love can also be painful. When have you experienced the courage, fidelity and self-sacrifice of others in their love of you? When have you shown that kind of love to others, as a parent, a spouse, or a friend, or in some other relationship?
3. We read the Passion story in the light of the resurrection. What seemed a humiliating and shameful failure for Jesus was not the end of the story. Perhaps with hindsight you can look back on something in your own life that seemed like a tragedy at the time but out of that tragedy new life and new possibilities followed for you.
4. For each of us there arise situations in which we feel things are outside our control and we are utterly helpless and powerless. We are not alone in this experience. In his Passion Jesus is one with us in this human helplessness. When have you found that the presence of another with you helped you through a crisis? When have you been able to help another with your presence?

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

28th. March - Palm Sunday of Lent



PARISH CENTRE

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

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The journey of discipleship

Our opening reading from Mark's Gospel captures the elation of the crowds who welcome Jesus in Jerusalem. They spread greenery on the road in front of him, they lift their voices in praise, singing 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!' But their hope and loyalty is short-lived, as we discover in our reading of the Passion. Jesus is left almost alone to face humiliation and death. His followers have heard his radical message of reversal and upheaval, but when it comes down to it, the challenge is too much. We are told 'they all deserted him and ran away'. While Peter follows Jesus at a distance, he is soon denying he even knows him. Soon, the crowds are shouting for Jesus to be crucified. We are very familiar with the Passion Gospel and it can be tempting to allow ourselves to tune out, particularly when it comes to the unpleasant parts. We do not like to think of ourselves as part of the mob shouting 'Crucify him!' Yet if we enter fully into the experience, we can see ourselves in the story. When things are going well, it is easy to praise God and shout 'Hosanna!', and promise we will not lose faith. There are other times we fall asleep, become complacent. And then there are days when we struggle, when we are confused or do not know what God expects of us or whether we are able to handle the difficult times. We pull away from God. The different disciples display this range of human reactions and emotions. This week, Holy Week, we are the disciples walking with Jesus on a journey that leads to the cross. And yet here at the cross, we find Mary Magdalene and the other female disciples, and Joseph of Arimathea. We know the story is not over for these disciples, or for Peter and the others. The journey of discipleship is just beginning.

'We don't have to be able to articulate all the logic of what is happening now. But Christians walk on with the conviction that there is One who does make sense of the apparent madness of shattered human dreams.' (Bishop Donal McKeown)

Anniversaries - with love we remember

Sunday 28th. March: Nora Kearns, Ballynultagh.

Sunday 4th. April: First Anniversary Dan Lawlor, Ballykilduff and extended members of Lawlor Family.

Vincent Blake, Mullinacuffe and his sister Maureen Clifford.

A Most Special Holy Week

For Christians, Holy Week is the most important week of the year. Holy Week lasts from Palm Sunday until Easter Sunday and reaches its high point in what we call the Easter Triduum, those three great days from the evening Mass of the Lord's supper to Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Reflecting on the scriptures and turning to rituals and symbols, Christians throughout the world, journey with Jesus, through those final days of his life, his passion, his death, and resurrection. In the process, we experience God's redemptive presence, our faith is deepened, our hope is renewed and our commitment to living a life of love of God and one another is strengthened. Again this year, our celebrations will be very different due to the restrictions in place because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. As a Christian Community we cannot gather together for our usual religious services. This will not prevent us from uniting spiritually and taking time to pray, to reflect and to make this Holy Week a truly enriching experience of the presence of God in our lives. We are blessed that many of the traditional ceremonies associated with Holy Week will be live-streamed over the internet or broadcast on radio or television. While recognising that this cannot fully substitute for being present at the ceremony For those who wish, the liturgical texts of the various ceremonies are available daily at <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/readings/>

Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 10.00 on our Facebook Page.

PARISH LOTTO : Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for

Wednesday 24th. March 2021 Numbers: 10, 19, 20 24

One Winner. Next week's Jackpot €10,000

23 Match 3s win €44 each (1 local winner)

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

Turning to God for Forgiveness this Lent



As we move closer to Holy Week, many people's thoughts turn to the sacrament of reconciliation as part of the journey of Lent. Unfortunately, at this time of restrictions our parishes are not in a position to make this sacrament freely available to people. But, of course, the forgiveness of God is always available to us and there are many ways in which we can experience God's mercy, love and forgiveness as we anticipate

Alternatively, in your own time, you can spend some time in prayer to God and make what is known as an act of perfect contrition. This involves two things on the part of the person: firstly, to pray an act of contrition out of love of God and secondly, to make a firm commitment to go to confession when that becomes possible.

An Act of Contrition

O my God, I thank you for loving me. I am sorry for all my sins, for not loving others and not loving you. Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again. Amen.

Reminder of the words of Pope Francis in Lent 2020

"It [the Catechism] is very clear: if you do not find a priest to hear your confession, speak to God, he is your Father, and tell him the truth...Promise him: 'Later I will confess, but forgive me now.' And immediately you will return to the grace of God."