

## CHRISTIAN MOTIVATIONAL PHRASES

'When fear knocks on your door send faith to answer. Fear is a feeling that has only the power we give it. You can feel fear and still do anything you know you need to do, even if you do it afraid'. Joyce Meyer

### 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*

#### FASTING THIS LENT

Fast from hurting words and say kind words

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope

Fast from worries and trust in God

Fast from pressure and be prayerful

Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled

Fast from words, be silent so you can listen.

Pope Francis.

*Have a Wonderful Week*

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

7th. March Third Sunday of Lent

*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



### PARISH CENTRE

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

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### A Question of Authority

It is tough at times, to figure out who has authority on certain issues. There are 'experts' everywhere, telling us how we should eat, exercise, manage our finances,... the list goes on. Something that has struck me during the current pandemic is how hard it can be to know who to believe. We hear from doctors and virologists, politicians and economists, and their opinions don't always align. It can take us a while to trust the voices, we hear in the media. The Temple scene in today's gospel, sparks a debate about Jesus' authority. While he certainly cuts an authoritative figure as he drives out the stall-holders and money-changers, he is immediately questioned. The Jews demand a sign to explain his provocative words and actions,, as if to say, 'who do you think you are?' It is interesting to note in John's gospel, this scene takes place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry (unlike the Synoptic gospels where it comes towards the end). This would explain the disbelief of the witnesses. In calling the Temple 'my Father's house' Jesus identifies the source of his authority. But his interrogators do not understand, nor do his disciples, though we are told it later makes sense to them after the resurrection. This scene offers more than an angry Jesus, and a clueless audience. It is a public revelation of Jesus' identity and authority, as the one in whom God's presence dwells. It also emphasises the radical new way of living that Jesus has come to bring about. As we journey through Lent, we ask ourselves where the message of Jesus has become obstructed in our lives, and how we might open our hearts again to his presence and guidance.

*'I invite all Christians, everywhere to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them. The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.'* ( Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*)

Triona Doherty.

## 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 7th. March: James & Nora Clare, Ballynultagh. Marie Nolan, Rath and Sinead Doyle No. 1 School Road, Clonmore. Elizabeth Kavanagh, Knockatomcoyle (Monday morning of Facebook). Sean & Lillian Ryan, Millbank House, Shillelagh



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.

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

## PARISH LOTTO

Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for  
Wednesday 3rd. March 2021 Numbers: 1,3, 24 25  
No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €17,000  
7 Match 3s win €143 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

Third Sunday of Lent - Some suggestions for this week.

1. Persevere in your chosen resolution for lent and remember that their purpose is to bring you closer to God
2. Think of one habit you can create to help keep Sunday holy in your home.
3. Go for a walk and contemplate the beauty of God's creation,
4. Do a Friday penance.

## 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](http://www.kandle.ie)