

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

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus we believe that you continue to scatter the seeds of vocation in the hearts of young people today. Help us to nourish those seeds with encouragement and support so that they will take root, grow and bear fruit. Give to all who are called the courage they need to take a first step on a journey of discovery, which will lead them to that place where they will encounter you Lord. And discern the road you invite them to follow.

Lord fill young hearts with a spirit of loving service care and respect for themselves and others. Provide your church with humble shepherds who will work with their sisters and brothers in a spirit of co-responsibility for your church. Amen.

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

2nd. May - Fifth Sunday of Easter



PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Centre will be open Tuesdays and Fridays from 9.30- 1.30

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Day of Prayer for Vocations The Good Shepherd

In Jesus' time, being a shepherd was not a pleasant job. Sheep became easily lost and the shepherd's job was to guide them back to safety. There were many dangers and the sheep were totally dependent on the shepherd. Shepherds would round up their sheep in the evening and guide them into their pen. But it had no gate, so the shepherd would have to lie across the space in case the sheep were attacked in the night. The shepherds literally lay down their lives for their flock. John compares the sacrifice of the shepherd to the 'hired hand' who is not really committed to the flock. He does what he has to but flees at the first sign of trouble. This Good Shepherd Sunday the Gospel describes Jesus as the 'genuine' Shepherd who wants a personal relationship with each one of us and who would lay down his life for us. The Gospel emphasises the importance of relationship as the shepherd knows his flock and cares for them. They 'Follow Him' and it is not a Facebook or Twitter type of following, rather it is a genuine relationship. Everyone matters to the Good Shepherd, regardless of their situations. We are told 'I know my own and my own know me'. We are called today to follow Jesus in a more personal more intimate way. Even when we stray off the path and get lost, it is then especially that the Good Shepherd comes looking for us.

'We think we are feeling from God, but in fact we are running into his arms'. (Meister Eckhart)

Christian Motivational Phrases

God be with the days when we had congregations in church.

The red glow of the sanctuary lamp caught the eye of a distracted and bored child. She nudges her dad and whispers: 'Da, when that light goes green can we go?'

Anniversaries - with love we remember



Sunday 2nd. May: Stephen Cole, Ballykilduff.

Sunday 9th. May: James Tallon, Ballyshane,
Owen Dolan Stratnakelly, Betty Mary & Johnny
Dolan Ballyrahan

GOOD NEWS Following on from the easing of restrictions on Thursday, we are delighted to let you know from the weekend of the 15/16 of May we will revert to our normal schedule of Masses.

Saturday 15th. Mass in Kilquiggan at 6.30

Saturday 15th. Mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30

Sunday 16th. Mass in Clonmore at 10.30

Friday 7th. May. Fr. John will attend the sick and housebound, please spread the word. If there is anyone who would like to be added to the sick and housebound, please let us know.

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

Wednesday 28th. April 2021 Numbers: 16, 23, 30 32

No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €13,000

2 Match 3s win €500 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

TAX RELIEF ON CONTRIBUTIONS.

We have a system set up in our Parish where we are able to claim back tax on contributions that you generously make during the year. Some of you will receive a letter from me with the contributions you have made last year. You will need to sign this form and send it back to the Parish Office. We have included a stamp addressed envelope. We would encourage you to send this form back as soon as possible, because we cannot claim anything back until you sign this form. Thank you

The Bishops want to know: What would be your preferred option for engagement in a conversation process about a national synod?

The Irish Catholic Bishops announced at their Winter 2020 meeting a new Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland, leading to the holding of a National Synodal Assembly within the next five years. Before embarking on an initial two-year phase of consultation, bishops are inviting submissions between Easter (5 April) and Pentecost (23 May), 2021 to reflect on what methods/models would be best to adopt in these coming two years of conversations. For example: focus groups, parish hall meetings, questionnaires, deep-listening sessions; written submissions; family-focused gatherings; summary of findings of assemblies that have already taken place across dioceses; and/or conferences.

Parish teams, parish pastoral councils and other parish groups, as well as individual parishioners can make their submissions, in not more than 300 words, via the Bishops Conference

webpage: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/synod/submissions/>

Following on from the guidelines and invitation issued by the Irish Catholic Bishops; we are inviting anyone who would like to submit any suggestion of what methods/models would be best to adopt. If you have any suggestion we would invite you to forward it on to the Parish email

clonmoreoffice.parish@gmail.com; or if you wish you can send in your suggestion to the Parish office and we will collate all the suggestions and forward them on to the diocese before the 23rd. May.

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 2, 4, 9., 16

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €11,700.

Next Draw: 3rd. May in Club house

Lucky Dip Winners: Brian Plunkett; Byrne Family; Catherine Walsh;

Anna Marie Keogh