

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. Our relationship with those 'in charge' of us changes when we sense that not only are they in charge, but they care. Remember the difference this made for you as a child, and give thanks for the caring adults who were part of your life.
2. The good shepherd 'lays down his life for the sheep'. When has your care for another led you to 'lay down your life' for that person, e.g., as a friend, parent, spouse, son or daughter? When you have known another to do this for you?
3. Jesus speaks of the freedom of the Good Shepherd in laying down his life. Faced with the needs of others, we can at times feel trapped into looking after them, caught by duty, obligation, or guilt. We can become like the hired hands doing a job without care for the person. Perhaps you have experienced both attitudes, caring for others under duress and caring by your free choice. What difference did it make when you chose to care for the other, even in circumstances where you had little option?
4. What do these experiences of love and care in human relationships reveal to you about God's love for you?

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

25th. April - Fourth Sunday of Easter



PARISH CENTRE

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

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25 April 2021 · 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

"Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal and new life." Janine Di Giovanni

Anniversaries - with love we remember



Sunday 25th. April:

Andrew Byrne, Gould, Month's mind.

Leo Healy, Killinure;

Fintan Murray, Bellshill, Clonmore.

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

Wednesday 21st. April 2021 Numbers: 8, 16, 18, 19

No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €12,000

9 Match 3s win €112 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: 6, 21, 25, 29

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €11,600.

Next Draw: 26th. April In Club house

Lucky Dip Winners: James Keogh; Maureen Keegan, Noreen Hughes; Wendy James

Today is the International Parental Alienation Awareness Day. This day highlights a particular form of domestic abuse that takes place when one parent tries to distance his or her children, without reason or justification, from the other parent when a marriage or relationship ends. Such a denial of the rights of children to have a loving relationship with both parents has long-lasting and damaging consequences for a child. For more information about the issue log on to www.aliolated.ie.