

## 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 through the lens of the Gospel

1. In the preceding verse Jesus had rebuked the apostles for their lack of faith. Despite this he commissioned them to bring the Good News to the whole world. Witnesses of the Good News do not have to be perfect. There is encouragement to us in this. The lockdown during the coronavirus pandemic prompted many to reach out to others in new and welcome ways. To whom have you brought good news? Who has been a messenger of good news to you?
2. Jesus then tells them, that their witness will have quiet dramatic effects, helping people to overcome demons, bring them peace and healing. Things happen when we have belief in ourselves and in God. Strong faith can enable us to meet and overcome difficulties, in ways that waverers cannot do. Perhaps you have had experience of this?
3. The ascension marked the end of the visible presence of Jesus with his disciples, but he would be with them in other ways. "The Lord worked with them". Sometimes we can experience that death is not the end of the presence of someone significant to us. We can experience the unseen presence and influence of a parent, a friend, or an inspiring leader, after they have died. Has this happened to you? Have you also experienced the hidden presence of the Lord working with you?

John Byrne OS

*Have a Wonderful Week*

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

16<sup>th</sup>. May - The Ascension of Our Lord.



## PARISH CENTRE

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

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## Go Out to the Whole world

Today marks the 55<sup>th</sup>. World Communications Day, and the theme for this year is "Come and See: Communication by encountering people where and as they are". In his message to mark the occasion, Pope Francis emphasises the importance of meeting people where they are., just as Jesus did, with those he encountered: "we need to go and see them for ourselves, to spend time with people, to listen to their stories and to confront reality, which always in some way surprises us". All communication, he says should strive to be clear and honest, whether in the media, on the internet, in the church's preaching, or in social interaction. He has a particular message for all who use social media:

"Thanks to the internet we have the opportunity to report what we see, what is taking place before our eyes, and to share it with others. At the same time, the risk of misinformation being spread on social media has become evident to everyone. All of us are responsible for the communications we make, for the information we share, for the control that we can exert over fake news by exposing it. All of us are to be witnesses of the truth: to go to see and to share" It is fitting that this day coincides with the feast of the Ascension. Before he is taken into heaven, Jesus issues his final instruction: "Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation". Our challenge is to communicate by encountering people where they are and as they are.

*Teach us to go out and see. Teach us to listen, not to entertain prejudices, or draw hasty conclusions.*

Pope Francis's message for World Communications Day.

## 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



Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>. May: Ballyconnell 7.30 pm.

Months' mind mass for Joe and Catherine O'Reilly, Killinure; Elizabeth Lanigan, late of Dublin & Cronalea, Shillelagh

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>. May: Kilquiggan 6.30.

Margaret Wilson, Stratnakelly, Eilish and Eamonn Dempsey Mullinacuff.

Ballyconnell 7.30. Josephine Timmins, Killinure.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>. Ballyconnell 9.30; anniversary mass for Mary O'Farrell

- Cork). Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>. Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.30.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>. Mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mass in Kilquiggan at 6.30

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mass in Clonmore at 10.30

## 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

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

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 3, 14, 20, 24

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €11,900.

Next Draw: 17<sup>th</sup>. May in Club house

Lucky Dip Winners: Irene Kane, Pat & Nancy Hughes, David Timmins; Damien Cahill.

## Association of Catholics in Ireland (ACI) Zoom Events

In preparation for Ireland's five-year Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland leading to a National Synodal Assembly, the ACI is arranging a series of online discussions, led by personalities who are already thoughtful about 'walking together' towards a co-responsible church. The first of these will take place on Zoom on Thursday 20th May, at 8.00 p.m.

Speaker: David Timbs, Catholics for Renewal - Australia

David will outline his hopes and fears for Australia's own imminent 'Plenary Council' of the Catholic Church to be held in October. Admission to the talk is free and registration is not necessary.

To join the Zoom Meeting please use the below link and details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85872779921?pwd=RjQvVEtjUjM1MEdnMDgxU0VSRzVLQT09> Meeting ID: 858 7277 9921 Passcode: 916970

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

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>. April 2021 Numbers: 11, 13, 16, 29

No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €15,000

9 Match 3s win €112 each.