

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

Pope Francis urges Catholics to pray in May for end to Covid-19 pandemic.

The Pope has dedicated the month of May to a 'marathon' of prayer, to ask for the end of the pandemic, which has afflicted the world for more than a year now, and to ask for the resumption of social and work activities. Each day a different shrine across the world has been chosen to lead the praying of the Rosary. The Shrine of Our Lady of Knock had the honour on May 10th Click here for the broadcast of the Prayer from Knock O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith. "Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

23rd. May - Pentecost.

PARISH CENTRE

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

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The Spirit will guide

In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus is comfortable with an element of mystery. Speaking to the disciples before his arrest, Jesus is preparing them for the gift of the Spirit. The word he often uses is 'Advocate', meaning helper or comforter, indicating the disciples will not be left to struggle on alone. We hear Jesus say that the complete truth is too much for the disciples now. The mysteries of his life, death and Resurrection, and the implications for his followers - all will become clearer in due course. The Spirit will guide you; he says. Not everything is revealed at once. Then in our first reading from Acts, we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, just as Jesus promised. The disciples are gathered together when they have a powerful experience of the Holy Spirit, urging them out into the streets, proclaiming the Good News. The time has come. They must have remembered Jesus' promise then, finally understanding what he meant when he said the Spirit would lead them, when the time was right. The Spirit is still at work in our world. As our journey continues - as humanity, as church, as individuals - the Spirit unveils God's message for our place and time. The Spirit is that life-giving force that animates our world, inspiring and energising us. Our task is to listen, to be awake to the many ways God speaks to us and calls us into the life of God. 'I have always pleaded for a deep listening to the voice of the artist in our midst, and also to the supreme artist who tries to lead us to completion, the Holy Spirit of God.'

(Mark Patrick Hederman)

Christian Motivational Phrases

The basic rule of a crisis is that you don't come out of it the same. If you get through it, you come out better or worse, but never the same... This is a moment to dream big, to rethink our priorities - what we value, what we want, what we seek - and to commit to act in our daily life on what we have dreamed of. From **Pope Francis 'Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future' 2020**

Anniversaries - with love we remember



Saturday 22nd. May: Kilquiggan 6.30.

Margaret Wilson, Stratnakelly, Eilish and Eamonn Dempsey Mullinacuff.

Ballyconnell 7.30. Josephine Timmins, Killinure.

Sunday 6th. June: Clonmore 10.30.

1st. Anniversary of Louisa Kinsella and anniversary of Jim Kinsella

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 25th. Ballyconnell 9.30; Wednesday 26th. Mass in

Ballyconnell at 9.30. Friday 28th. Mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30.

Saturday 29th. Mass in Kilquiggan at 6.30

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Sunday 30th. Mass in Clonmore at 10.30

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

Wednesday 19th. May 2021 Numbers: 5, 15, 17, 25

No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €16,000

19 Match 3s win €53 each.

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

Are you being called to the Permanent Diaconate?

Permanent Deacons are ministers of the Word, the altar and service. Bishop Denis is inviting expressions of interest in learning more about formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin. The Permanent Diaconate is open to men aged between 30 and 60 who have a genuine sense of vocation to this calling. Deacons are self-supporting and continue in their family lives and secular employment. A new programme of discernment and formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese will commence in October 2021. For further information please contact Rev. John McEvoy before Saturday July 31st. Tel: 059 9161114

Email: permanentdiaconate@kandle.ie

'You did not choose me but I chose you' - John 15:16

Statement from Bishop Denis regarding Sacraments.

On Wednesday last, 19th. May, Archbishop Dermot Farrell was communicating with the office of the Taoiseach seeking further clarification, and guidance, on the celebration for the Sacraments at this time. The subsequent advice that was issued for the office of the Taoiseach, was "It is advised that other religious ceremonies such as First Holy Communion and Confirmations should not take place in May and June. Further advice will follow on resumption of these ceremonies when it is safe to do so"

It is with sadness that I request that there be no celebrations of the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmations in Kildare and Leighlin in these months.

Bishop Denis.

Christian community.' Note: Instituted ministries are typically characterised by training and formation, stability, public recognition and the mandate of the bishop, arising out of a gift/charism of the baptised person.

Pope Francis and the expansion of ministry in the Church In recent months Pope Francis has issued two significant letters that underscore the understanding that ministry in the Church is a facet of the life of the baptised and not just reserved to the ordained. On January 11, Pope Francis changed Church law officially to recognise female ministry and allow women to be instituted into roles previously reserved to men, namely those of lectors and acolytes, which are both public ministries. The role of lector includes reading the scriptures during Mass while an acolyte assists a priest as an altar server. In many ways this was simply Church law catching up with the reality of pastoral practice on the ground. Explaining the changes, the Pope said he was following the reforms of the Second Vatican Council which saw "an urgent need" to "rediscover the co-responsibility of all the baptised in the Church...certain ministries instituted by the Church are based on the common condition of being baptised". As recently as May 11 the Pope issued a letter, "Antiquum Ministerium", instituting the ministry of catechist. Notwithstanding the bishop's role as primary catechist in the diocese, the Pope stated that 'recognition should be given to those lay men and women who feel called by virtue of their baptism to cooperate in the work of catechesis.' He went on to say that 'The role played by catechists is one specific form of service among others within the