

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

30th. May - The Blessed Trinity.



PARISH CENTRE

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

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I am with you

Today's Gospel is often referred to as the 'Great Commission'. It contains the instructions of the Risen Jesus to the disciples to spread the Good News to the ends of the earth, to teach and to baptise 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. As we celebrate Trinity Sunday today, we pay attention in particular to the very last words of Matthew's Gospel: 'And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' Jesus will be with his followers through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God's presence with us. We read that some of the disciples were hesitant when they encountered Jesus on the mountain. They had lost him to death, and now he was risen and with them again in the flesh. They may have felt they weren't ready or able for the task he was handing over to them. These first disciples were an imperfect group of people, yet Jesus chose them to spread God's vision of love, compassion and justice throughout the world. Perhaps, like some of the disciples, we are fearful or doubtful. At a time when everything is changing so rapidly, it can be difficult to navigate our own faith journey, never mind communicate it to others. Yet we have Jesus' assurance that he is with us, with the love and strength we need. The Holy Spirit is at work, inspiring and guiding us, shaping our lives, helping us to make the love of God present to all we meet. 'Love is the greatest force in the universe. It is the heartbeat of the moral cosmos. He who loves is a participant in the being of God.'

(Martin Luther King Jr)

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 5th. June: 6.30 Kilquigan:
Patricia Kearns (Shillelagh) & Tommy Kearns
Ballynultagh

Sunday 6th. June: Clonmore 10.30.
1st. Anniversary of Louisa Kinsella and
anniversary of Jim Kinsella, also deceased
members of Kinsella & Read families.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 1st. June Ballyconnell 9.30; Wednesday 2nd. Mass in
Ballyconnell at 9.30. Friday 4th. Mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30.

Saturday 5th. Mass in Kilquigan at 6.30

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Sunday 6th. Mass in Clonmore at 10.30

Friday 4th. Fr. John will attend the sick and housebound

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

Wednesday 26th. May 2021 Numbers: 4, 15, 16, 22

No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €17,000

17Match 3s win €59 each.

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

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 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.