

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

Talk to Tom is about saving lives by breaking down the barriers and stigma associated with Suicide and mental health with financial, emotional and educational support. This includes one to one, group and family counselling and group sessions. Child and adolescent services, bereavement support and community outreach programme. For more information at

<https://www.talktotom.ie>

Thought for the week

SEEING YOUR LIFE IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL

1. If you sow seeds, or watch plants grow, you have ample opportunities to pause in wonder at the whole process of growth. It takes place imperceptibly and comes to fruition in beautiful flowers, majestic trees and abundant harvests. As we come out of the Coronavirus lockdown you may have had the opportunity to rejoice at the renewal of social life.
2. Jesus uses this as a parable about the growth of the Kingdom of God, the kingdom of right relationships with God and with one another. There too growth is slow, development is imperceptible, and then without realising it you have a mature relationship. Recall the stages of such development in your life and give thanks.
3. In the second parable Jesus invites us to reflect on the importance and significance of relationships in our lives as they grow and mature. This is true both of our relationship with God and with others around us. When have you found a relationship in which you could 'make a nest in its shade'?

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

13th. June - 11th. Sunday in Ordinary Time



PARISH CENTRE

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

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'It is like a mustard seed'

Something we may not often think about is Jesus' earthly relationship with creation. Jesus walked everywhere, went to quiet places to pray, preached from mountains, from boats on the water; his followers included fishermen in tune with the rhythm of the sea. In Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home*, he reminds us that Jesus 'was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder' (*Laudato Si'*, 97). Jesus' parables are full of imagery from the natural world and in today's Gospel we have an example of this in the parable of the mustard seed. People of Jesus' time may have preferred the image of the lofty 'cedars of Lebanon' to explain God's kingdom, mustard plants however, only stand a few feet tall. Jesus is turning the ideals of power and triumph on their head. There is an ancient text which forbade planting mustard seeds in Palestinian gardens because the shrub takes over wherever it is planted and attracts unwanted birds. Author and activist, Shane Claiborne, compares it to kudzu, a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas, smother trees, even crack cement buildings. This mustard seed image of God's dream for this world is one which suggests that it will grow even in places where it is not wanted, putting cracks in seemingly mighty structures. The New Testament not only tells us of the earthly Jesus and his tangible and loving relationship with the world. It also shows him risen and glorious, present throughout all of creation (Col 1:19-20). 'The very flowers of the field and the birds which [Christ's] human eyes contemplated and admired are now imbued with his radiant presence' (*Laudato Si'*, 100). As we watch out for traces of the mustard seed kingdom this week, let us also embrace the joy of Christ in all of creation.

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 12th. June: Kilquiggan: 6.30.

Patricia (Patty) Byrne) Ballyrahan

Saturday 19th. June: Kilquiggan: 6.30

Sean & Billy Cunningham, Tullow.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 15th. June Ballyconnell 9.30; Wednesday 16th. Mass in

Ballyconnell at 9.30. Friday 18th. Mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30.

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Sunday 20th. Mass in Clonmore at 10.30

Cemetery Masses: Following guidelines from the HSE our cemetery gatherings will be cancelled this year again. We will have the masses in Ballyconnell on Friday via our webcam - this will also be a public mass. After Mass Fr, John will visit the graveyard in Crecrin to bless the graves.

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

Wednesday 9th. June 2021 Numbers: 1, 18, 20, 27

No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €19,000

12 Match 3s win €84 each. (One local winner)

Announcing the Irish Church Music Association Virtual Summer School

- 'Songs of Love, Faith, Trust & Praise' - July 7th-10th 2021

Streaming on ICMA Facebook and YouTube with workshops Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 8pm and on Saturday at 2pm, followed by closing Eucharist. No booking required. Free event.

An ICMA virtual choir will accompany the summer school. This project is open to all and we hope lots of you will join us for 4 days of music workshops, prayer and liturgical input as we explore the psalms of love, faith, trust and praise!

TOUR TO SLIGO

July 18th. - 23rd. 5 nights. Staying in the Sligo Park Hotel

TOUR TO CORK

August 15th. - August 18th. 3 nights. Staying in the Clayton Springs Hotel

Further information from: Duffy's Coach Hire: 087-2543235;
059-6471681

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day - June 15th.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day serves as a call to organisations and communities to raise awareness about Elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. Research suggests that 4 - 10% of older people experience some form of abuse, most of which will go unreported. This day is to make sure we remain focused on our older populations and ensure that they continue to lead lives of high quality and dignity. You can show your support by wearing a purple ribbon on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15th.

ACCM Zoom Celebration 16 June 2021: Keeping the Music Alive

Details of a zoom celebration to celebrate and support the work of cantors are attached. Please note that details of this event went out to our music contacts earlier. Some may have clicked on to the link to discover it was full - *more spaces have since been added*. This evening is being hosted by the Advisory Committee on Church Music. A similar event will take place for our own diocese in early September, details closer to the time.