

## 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. The image of a boat in a stormy sea is a symbol of life in difficult times and can represent inner turmoil, anxiety and high emotions. When you have been in such circumstances, perhaps a 'Jesus' person' came to your assistance and calmed you down? Recall that person with gratitude.
2. The image can also be applied to a family, a community, a parish, or any other group. Remember people who have had a gift of bringing peace to troubled situations.
3. The significance of miracles in the gospels is that they show Jesus as one who brings God's power to bear on human need and suffering. Have there been times when you have been a channel for this healing power of God, holding a crying child in your arms, calming the anxiety of a friend, or being a peacemaker in a group to which you belong?

*Have a Wonderful Week*

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup>. June - 12<sup>th</sup>. Sunday in Ordinary Time



### PARISH CENTRE

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

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### 'Let us go across to the other side'

'Let us go across to the other side' is an important phrase in Mark's Gospel which occurs many times. Jesus and the disciples are crossing the Sea of Galilee from what is a predominantly Jewish area to a more Gentile (non-Jewish) region. While this phrase signifies Jesus' geographical position, it also suggests that he is inviting the disciples to go a little deeper on their journey. They are perhaps entering into the unknown, moving out of their comfort zones and therefore feeling anxious. The crossing of the water does not go so well for the disciples as a storm begins to brew and eventually the water begins to endanger the boat. To the disciple's astonishment, Jesus is asleep through the whole ordeal. Their anxious call is understandable, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' After all, Jesus has led them, and 'other boats' into this situation and now appears not to care what will happen to them all. In times of turmoil in life, we too may feel totally abandoned, swamped by fear and anxiety, adrift in a storm where even Jesus appears to be asleep. During such experiences, we might remember the words of Jesus from today's Gospel and repeat them, like a mantra, 'Peace! Be Still'. While the wind is howling around us it can be frightening but Christ is always with us, present within our very selves, offering us this deep peace. Often, coming back into this awareness can help us navigate through the storm and remind us that Jesus is very active in our lives, especially when we are entering into unknown territory. What is required of the disciples in this account, is a more mature faith, a deeper trust in their Teacher, that he will not abandon them. 'May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you; May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm; May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you; May he bring you home rejoicing.' (Shane Claiborne).

## 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 19<sup>th</sup>. June: Kilquiggan: 6.30

Sean & Billy Cunningham, Tullow.

Simon Byrne, Aghowle

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>. June: Ballyconnell: 7.30

Edward O'Byrne, Tullowclay

## MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>. June Ballyconnell 9.30; Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mass in

Ballyconnell at 9.30. Friday 25<sup>th</sup>. Mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>. Mass in Kilquiggan at 6.30

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>. Mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>. Mass in Clonmore at 10.30

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

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>. June 2021 Numbers: 13,16,19,32

No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €20,000

3 Match 3s win €334 each.

## 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!

## FIRST COMMUNION & Confirmation 2021

### Ballyconnell NS:

#### First Communion:

1<sup>st</sup>. Pod: Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup>. @ 11.30. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pod: Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup>. @ 1.30

#### First Penance for both pods:

Tuesday July 13<sup>th</sup>. @ 7.30 in St. Mary's Church, Ballyconnell

#### Confirmation:

Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>. @ 11.30

Ceremony of light and confession:

Tuesday July 6<sup>th</sup>. @ 7.30 in St. Mary's Church, Ballyconnell

### SHILLELAGH NS

#### First Communion:

Friday July 16<sup>th</sup>. @ 2pm in Immaculate Conception Church, Shillelagh.

#### First Penance:

Monday 12<sup>th</sup>. July @ 7.30: Immaculate Conception Church, Shillelagh

#### Confirmation:

Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>. @ 2pm. in St. Mary's Church, Ballyconnell

Ceremony of light and confession: Monday July 5<sup>th</sup>. @ 7.30 in St. Mary's Church, Ballyconnell

### TOUR TO SLIGO

July 18<sup>th</sup>. - 23<sup>rd</sup>. 5 nights. Staying in the Sligo Park Hotel

### TOUR TO CORK

August 15<sup>th</sup>. - August 18<sup>th</sup>. 3 nights. Staying in the Clayton Springs Hotel

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