

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

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 15, 24, 25, 26

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €12,800.

Next Draw: 19th. July In Club house

Lucky Dip Winners: Sean Smyth; Paddy Dalton; Marie Tallon;
Jo McCarthy

Thought for the week

SEEING YOUR LIFE IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL

1. The apostles reported to Jesus all that they had done and taught. Perhaps you have had the experience of being able to check in with somebody and share an experience. What was that like for you?
2. Jesus saw that the apostles needed to rest and eat. What has been your experience of finding a restful place after a busy day? What kind of nourishment have you found necessary in order to maintain energy and enthusiasm? Did your experience during the Covid19 pandemic give you any new insights about this?
3. When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and reached out to them. Who has been a Jesus person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus person in that way?
4. It sometimes can be difficult to strike a balance between responding to the needs of others and meeting our need for rest and nourishment. What has helped you to keep the balance right?

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

18th. July - 16th. Sunday in Ordinary Time



PARISH CENTRE

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

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Take a break

We all need a break sometimes. I remember once reading a selection of entries for a Mothers' Day competition, in which people were asked why their mother deserved to win a prize. They all had themes in common - she never does anything for herself; she's always thinking of other people; I can't remember the last time she took a break. In today's Gospel, the disciples need a break. They have returned from their mission, eager to catch up with Jesus, but there is so much happening that they barely have time to eat. Jesus sees their need, and invites them to take a boat with him to a quiet place and rest for a while. But there is no time for rest, as the crowds have followed them on foot. Jesus is moved by them because they are 'like sheep without a shepherd'. He is the Good Shepherd who always cares for his flock, and he responds with compassion and love. No doubt the disciples are drafted in to help: it turns out it is not break time! We can imagine their exhaustion. We all feel tired or overwhelmed from time to time, from work or family pressures or simply trying to balance everything. Postponing our own needs to care for others is familiar to every parent or caregiver. We don't know if the disciples got a rest at that point, but we know that Jesus valued time apart as he later sends the disciples off in the boat again while he goes away by himself to pray. In the chaos of life, even when there are demands on our time and energy, it is important to take some time to reflect and to pray.

Christian Motivational Phrases

"God has a purpose behind every problem. He uses circumstances to develop our character. In fact, he depends more on circumstances to make us like Jesus than he depends on our reading the Bible." - **Rick Warren**

Anniversaries - with love we remember



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

- Saturday 17. Kilquiggan 6.30
Gerry & Kitty Frayne Crondale.
Saturday 17th. July: Ballyconnell 7.30
James & Breda Osborne,
William Byrne Castledermot.
Sunday 18th. July: Clonmore 10.30
Thomas & Margaret Pollard, Redbog
Saturday 24th. Kilquiggan 6.30
Andy O'Toole & John Wilson,
Ballynultagh
Sean & Pyllis Byrne, Coolkenno
Sunday 25th. July: Clonmore 10.30
Margaret McDonald, Oldtown

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 20th. July Ballyconnell 9.30; Wednesday 21st. Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.30. Friday 23rd. July. Mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30.

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 September 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

Collections: Envelopes: €285 Baskets: €250

3 weekends of Bingo: Bingo: €730



GREAT NEWS: For all our bingo aficionados' enthusiasts, we are happy to let you know that we will continue our Bingo in the Car Park at the back of the Church in Ballyconnell every Sunday evening at 7.30. Please spread the word.

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

Wednesday 14th. July 2021 Numbers: 2, 9, 20, 28

No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €11,000

18 Match 3s win €56 each.

A wonderful way of supporting our Parish financially, and also be in with a chance of winning €20,000, 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; or in the back of the churches. If you wish to know when you are due for renewal you can contact the Parish Office or contact Fr. John

VACANCY: Manager required in St. John's caring centre (for older people), Hacketstown, Co. Carlow. 19.5 hours (3 days) per week.

Please send CV to: The Chairman, St. John's Caring Centre, Main Street, Hacketstown, Co. Carlow. Email: stjohnscaringcentre@gmail.com

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the lough shore is now open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option, and several information boards highlight features of particular interest. Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre. A guided walk experience will be offered on Sunday 25th and Saturday 31st July, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. Further dates for these guided walks will follow for late August and early September.

For bookings and further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0(0353)

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