

## 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: 5, 8, 10, 20

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €13,000.

Next Draw: 9<sup>th</sup>. August In Club house

Lucky Dip Winners: Irene Kane; Marcella Farrell; Bridget Timmins;  
William Griffin

*Thought for the week*

### SEEING YOUR LIFE IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL

1. Jesus distinguishes between food that gives quick satisfaction and food that gives lasting nourishment. It is a mark of wisdom to be able to say 'no' to enticing but delusory attractions in order to choose things of lasting value. From your life experience what advice would you give to another about where things of lasting value are to be found?
2. Jesus reminds his listeners that God is the source of all good things. What difference does it make in your life when you are aware that life, the world, everything you have is gift, and you live in a spirit of gratitude?
3. The work of God is that we 'believe in the one whom God has sent'. In what ways has your faith in Jesus enriched and changed your life? How has Jesus satisfied your hungers or quenched your thirsts?
4. As Jesus came down from heaven to give life to the world, so each one of us is here to be a source of life to others. Think of people who have been a source of life to you, and give thanks for them. For whom have you also been a source of life?

*Have a Wonderful Week*

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

1<sup>st</sup>. August - 18<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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## Food that satisfies

Growing up, did you hear any 'old wives' tales' about food - eating carrots helps you see in the dark; bread crusts will make your hair curly; an apple a day keeps the doctor away...? These wise old sayings, passed down the generations, were employed to encourage us to eat certain foods, mainly healthy fruit and veg. Many even had an element of truth. These days we can easily establish the accuracy of such claims, but many parents still find themselves falling back on these nuggets of wisdom. Behind it all is a desire to see children grow up strong and healthy.

Recent years have seen an increased focus on health, both physical and mental. Nourishing one's body and mind and keeping them healthy are essential long-term projects, the work of a lifetime. In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about a different type of nourishment - bread that gives life, food that satisfies, food that endures. 'I am the bread of life,' says Jesus. It is Jesus who nourishes us at the very core of our being, who knows our every need and gives meaning to our lives. He tells us today: 'Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.' As we continue on our way, learning how to best nourish our body and mind, let us not forget to nourish our spirit with Jesus, the bread of life.

'I invite all Christians, everywhere, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ... The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.' (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium)

## Christian Motivational Phrases

"Remember who you are. Don't compromise for anyone, for any reason. You are a child of the Almighty God. Live that truth." - Lysa Terkeurst

## Anniversaries - with love we remember



Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>. July: Ballyconnell 7.30

Eddie O'Brien, Knockeen

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>. August: Kilquiggan 6.30

William Bowes, Killinure

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>. August: Ballyconnell 7.30

Michael Cahill, Killinure

## MASS SCHEDULE

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>. August. Mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30.

**Fr. John will attend the sick and housebound on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>. August.**

Collections: Envelopes: €468 Baskets: €220

Bingo: Bingo: €315. Lotto: €

### 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](mailto:permanentdiaconate@kandle.ie)

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



**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 28<sup>th</sup>. July 2021 Numbers: 5; 6; 15; 20

No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €13,000

40 Match 3s win €25 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

## PARTING WORDS

A priest spoke to his congregation at the end of mass. "Years ago," he told them, "Jesus asked me to become a priest. He knew that I had many gifts and talents and asked me to use them through the years and I have used them to the full. Jesus asked me to move to different appointments and I never said no. Everywhere I went; I did amazing work for him. Ten years ago, Jesus asked me to move to this parish and I have worked tirelessly and achieved so much. Jesus is so grateful to me and now Jesus has asked me to move to another parish and so this is my last Sunday here". The choir sang "What a friend we have in Jesus".

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone 0(0353)

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