

## 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, 6, 12, 32

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €1,200.

Next Draw: 23<sup>rd</sup>. August in Dying Cow

Lucky Dip Winners: Sharon Doyle; Paula Haskins; Jim Murray;  
Katie Donoghue

*Thought for the week*

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

1. In this chapter Jesus teaches that the meaning of his life, and the meaning of all human life, lies in being prepared to give of oneself. Perhaps you can identify with what Pope Francis says: 'Those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others ....' (Pope Francis: The Joy of the Gospel, No.10)
2. 'This teaching is difficult', complained his hearers, including some of his own followers. Perhaps at times you also have wondered if you could go along with it. What helped you to overcome your resistance?
3. 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life.' In the midst of your doubts perhaps you have held on to your faith in Jesus because, like Peter, you found a more hopeful message in Jesus than you could find anywhere else. How has the gospel message been more attractive to you than any other?
4. 'The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life'. Recall the words and phrases of Jesus that are words of life for you.

*Have a Wonderful Week*

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

22<sup>nd</sup>. August - 21<sup>st</sup>. Sunday in Ordinary Time



### PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Centre will be open Tuesdays and Fridays  
from 9.30- 1.30: Tel. 059-9156890

[clonmoreoffice.parish@gmail.com](mailto:clonmoreoffice.parish@gmail.com)

Fr. John: 086-2403787; email: [frjohn51@gmail.com](mailto:frjohn51@gmail.com).

Website: [www.clonmoreparish.ie](http://www.clonmoreparish.ie)

## Leap of faith

Children are often adept at looking beyond the practicalities and seeing the possibilities. Where a parent or guardian might only see a messy room in need of tidying, a child sees an obstacle course, a castle, a jungle, a magical fairy forest. It can be refreshing to take a breath and remember that there is more to life than our physical, tangible world with its daily routines and to-do lists. Sometimes circumstances can leave us blinded to life's beauty or meaning. In today's Gospel, some of Jesus' followers are finding it difficult to see beyond the physical. He has been teaching them that he is the living bread, but it is hard for them to accept. They dismiss it as 'intolerable language' and they wonder 'How could anyone accept it?' His teachings are too difficult to comprehend and they are annoyed and offended. Some of them even walk away. But Jesus is offering something more than the practicalities, more than physical food or drink: he offers the bread of life, living bread, his very self. It is a difficult message, but Simon Peter gets to the heart of it: 'You have the message of eternal life, and we believe.' He is able to see beyond the obvious, to hear the truth at the heart of Jesus' words. Jesus demands a lot of his followers, who must each decide whether or not they want to follow. Are we ready to make that leap of faith?

## Christian Motivational Phrases

"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows; it empties today of its strength." - Corrie Ton Boom

## Anniversaries - with love we remember



Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>. August: Kilquiggan 6.30

Christy Nolan; Rath.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>. August: Ballyconnell 7.30

Alice Dempsey; Shillelagh

## MASS SCHEDULE

There will be no mass this coming week.

Collections: Envelopes: €305 Baskets: €350

Envelopes returned: 71; Bingo: 2 Bingos: €1915. Lotto: €400



**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 6.00. Please spread the word.

### Clonmore Parish Cancer Society

Annual Crab Lane walk will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>. - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>. August to allow for social distancing. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Sponsorship cards are available or you can come and walk on the day and drop a donation into the box. A draw will take place as soon as the cards have all been returned.

Affordable Live-in Homecare provides live in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on 087 991 6791 or 087 744 0729. Our

website is [www.alhomecare.ie](http://www.alhomecare.ie)

## 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)

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

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>. August 2021 Numbers: 15; 23; 28; 31

No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €16,000

18Match 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

## Community Employment Scheme Vacancies

Environmental Operative, Clonmore (1) - Vacancy No. CES-2146074

Caretaker Community Hall, Hacketstown (2) - Vacancy No. CES-2146076

Environmental Operative, Hacketstown (2) - Vacancy No. CES-2146078

Environmental Operative, Rathvilly (1) - Vacancy No. CES-2146082

St. John's Caring Centre, Hacketstown (1) Vacancy No. CES-2166722

Please contact your local DSP Employment Services / Intreo Office to check your eligibility and to apply for this vacancy. Job Reference Number will be required.

Applicants must be resident in Ireland and also be in receipt of an Irish social welfare payment for 1 year or more. Applicants should supply suitable character references and be prepared to complete a Garda vetting application form if required.

To check your eligibility, please Contact: Mary Gahan - 059-9153481 / Brian Foley - 059-9153481 Or for details contact Hacketstown Community Employment Scheme at 059-6472923