

## 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: 2, 8, 14, 27

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €1,500.

Next Draw: 13<sup>th</sup>. September in Crab Lane

Lucky Dip Winners: Robert Keogh, Eamon Dolan; Rosemary Dempsey; Margaret Butler

### *Thought for the week*

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

1. 'Who do you say that I am?' Imagine Jesus putting this question to you. How would you answer it? How would you answer it, not in words taken from a catechism or textbook, but from your own experience of the significance of Jesus in your life? What does Jesus mean to you? What does his gospel message mean to you?
2. Jesus went on to teach his disciples that following him would be hard at times. There would be a price to pay. Perhaps you also have found that imitating the love and compassion of Jesus is not an easy road? Nor does it come easy to have the constant trust in God that Jesus had. Yet Jesus tells us that this is the way to life. Would you agree?
3. There is a natural human tendency to shy away from what is painful or difficult. Yet if that is our standard pattern of behaviour, we will not get far in reaching our potential. We will never find who we are capable of being. When have you found it worthwhile to face difficulties, persevere, 'carry your cross' for a while to achieve some goal that was important to you?

*Have a Wonderful Week*

## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**12<sup>th</sup> September - 24<sup>th</sup>. Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **PARISH CENTRE**

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

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### **'By my words, I will show you my faith'**

In the second reading today from St James we read, 'What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?' And in our Gospel reading we hear: 'The way you think is not God's way but man's...'. These are challenging texts which remind us to reflect on what path we are walking as followers of Jesus. Jesus' path was radically different to what people of his time expected of a Messiah. It was a path that would lead to much sacrifice. Being a Christian today means following Jesus' example, being counter-cultural and making sacrifices for a greater good. Today is also the second Sunday in the Season of Creation, a time we are called to explore our relationship with nature, God's creation. Pope Francis reminds us in Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home that 'We are not God' (LS, 67). He challenges us to re-examine our vocation to care for creation. In the past we misinterpreted God's words in Genesis to mean that we could have dominion over all of creation, own it and plunder it for our own use. Pope Francis invites us instead to explore our role as carers of creation and reminds us that the very first commandment we were ever given was to be protectors of this beautiful world. Yet, we know the earth cries out to us and that we are living through the sixth mass extinction of life on this earth due to human activity. Ecosystems are collapsing; biodiversity is in crisis. Laudato Si' is a hope-filled document, reminding us that we can set out on a new path, that we are capable of turning things around. One key action each of us can take this Season of Creation is to plant a native Irish tree. Each parish, diocese, family, school, university can engage in this symbolic action to help Restore Our Common Home. This week, gather two or three people and explore what can be done, mindful that our Gospel today urges us to walk God's ways not man's.



## Christian Motivational Phrases

Believe in yourself, and the rest will fall into place. Have faith in your own abilities, work hard, and there is nothing you cannot accomplish. - Brad Henry

## Anniversaries - with love we remember



Ballyconnell 18<sup>th</sup> Sept: 7.30. Liam & Moira Keely

Kilquiggan

Kilquiggan 12<sup>th</sup>. 9.00 am.

Clonmore 12<sup>th</sup> Sep. 10.30:

## MASS SCHEDULE

### PLEASE NOTE NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE.

Saturday 7.30: Ballyconnell

Sunday 9.00 am Kilquiggan. Sunday 10.30 Clonmore.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9.30; Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 9.30;

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 7.30

## Revised Dates for First Communion & Confirmation.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>. September @ 11.30: Confirmation for boys and girls from Ballyconnell NS.

Following Diocesan guidelines, we are permitted to have 16 children, plus 2 adults ((parent or otherwise), Plus one sponsor.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>. October @ 11.30: First communion for boys and girls from Ballyconnell NS. Following Diocesan guidelines, we are permitted to have 21 children plus 2 adults (parent or otherwise).

For further information and details you can contact Ballyconnell NS>

Ceremony of Light for confirmation candidates will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup>. at 7.30 in St. Mary's Church Ballyconnell

**First Confession** for boys and girls who will make their first communion will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>. September at 7.30 in St. Mary's Church Ballyconnell

## Collections: Envelopes: €1207 Baskets: €259

Envelopes returned:174 - Bingo: €615. Lotto: €



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.

## Safeguarding Sunday

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September the Diocese celebrates Safeguarding Sunday. On this day we turn the spotlight on safeguarding and remind our communities and parish personnel that protecting vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message. Safeguarding Sunday is about creating an opportunity for parishes to find out all the positive work that has been happening in terms of safeguarding over the past year. Safeguarding in each parish could not happen without the commitment and work of many paid and volunteer personnel including local safeguarding representatives, sacristans, youth leaders, choir leaders and priests. We remember those who have experienced abuse in our Diocese and remind people of the Towards Healing confidential and free counselling service, Ph. 1800 303 416, Monday to Friday 11.00am to 6.00pm. They provide face to face counselling, structured phone counselling, family counselling and a counselling helpline. The Safeguarding Committee has produced a short video to mark this day, and this will be available to view on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

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

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>. September 2021 Numbers: 2, 14, 17, 20

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

14 Match 3s win €72 each.

A wonderful way of supporting our Parish financially, and also be in with a chance of winning €18,000, 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