

Safeguarding Sunday: On Sunday 19th 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

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 11, 18, 21, 30

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €1,600.

Next Draw: 20th September in Crab Lane

Lucky Dip Winners: Pat Nolan, Ester Walker; Mary Dolan; Cathal Butler

Thought for the week

SEEING YOUR LIFE IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL

1. Jesus uses the time they are travelling along the road to teach his disciples what it means to follow him. Think of the wisdom you have acquired about life, about faith, about what it means to be a Christian. Who have been your teachers? Remember them and give thanks for them.
2. One of the lessons Jesus gives them is that there is a dying to be endured as we move to a fuller life. That was the road he would travel. It is also our journey, not only at the end of this earthly life, but also in small ways through life. When have you found that by dying in some way you came to a fuller life?
3. The sacrifices made by front line health care workers during the coronavirus pandemic were an inspiration to many. They put themselves at risk to care for the sick, and some of them died. Are there other people who have inspired you by their service of others.
4. Achievement, affirmation, recognition, and status are attractive and enjoyable when they come our way. Yet we can be in trouble if, like the disciples, we become caught up in pursuit of them. Jesus tells them that true greatness lies in service of others. Who are the people whose support and assistance help you now? What has helped you to appreciate the value of loving service of others?

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th September - 25th. 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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Welcoming the Child

In today's gospel Jesus is instructing those who will follow on from him and carry on his work for future generations. He took a little child and said to the disciples, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.' As we continue our journey through the Season of Creation, we are reminded of Pope Francis' words in Laudato Si - On Care for Our Common Home, where he challenges us to reflect: 'What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?' (Laudato Si, 160). In the context of the environmental crises our world is facing, how are we welcoming the generations to come? Pope Francis does not hold back when referring to the challenges: 'We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth' (LS, 161). We know that climate change and the biodiversity crisis are driving so many problems in our world at present. 'Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day.' (LS, 25). Yet our pace of consumption does not ease. Young people are standing up and calling governments and world leaders to account, rightly concerned about their future. During this Season of Creation, we must pray for our world, and act. How can we restore our common home and ensure that our world is liveable for the generations who are coming after us? Can your parish explore becoming an Eco-Parish, setting up a care for creation team, turning church grounds in areas which promote biodiversity? There is so much we can do, and no action is too small. We must listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of our young people.

'The one thing we need more than hope is action. Once we start to act, hope is everywhere. So instead of looking for hope, look for action. Then, and only then, hope will come.' - Greta Thunberg.

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 18th Sept: 7.30. Liam & Moira Keely
Kilquiggan
Kilquiggan 19th. 9.00 am. Dan & Dorothy
Byrne and deceased family members.
Clonmore 19th Sep. 10.30:

MASS SCHEDULE

Friday 24th. Mass at 7.30

Collections: Envelopes: €323 Baskets: €314
Envelopes returned: 71 - Bingo: €540 Lotto: €

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

Wednesday 15th. September 2021 Numbers: 20, 27, 30, 31

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

5 Match 3s win €200 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

HAY AND OATS COLLECTION

(Annual collection for Priest of the Parish)

We have come to that time of year again for our Hay and Oats collection. Thankfully, as a country, we are in a much better place than we were this time last year. First of all, I would like to thank you sincerely for your continued and generous support of our parish during this health emergency. We have all done very well in heeding advice and working diligently to ensure the safety of all parishioners and all attending our churches. Together we are weathering the storm. As you may know we have two accounts in our Parish:

1. Parish account; 2. Clergy Account.

Thanks to your continued support during this health emergency our Parish account is in relatively good standing. Our Clergy account has understandably bottomed out and we have had to borrow money from our Parish account to keep the Clergy account solvent. Last year we were unable to organise our Hay and Oats collection, so this year we are hoping to bolster up our Clergy Account. All the contributions that come in from the Hay and Oats will be lodged into the Clergy Account. Representatives in your area will drop in an envelope into your house over the next week or two. It would be greatly appreciated if you could place your donation into the envelope and drop it back to your representative or, into the Parish office. We would be grateful if you could put your correct address and Eircode on the front of the envelope. Once again, a sincere "Thank You" for your continued support. We also appreciate the hard work of our Parish Representatives who voluntarily give of their time to distribute the envelopes and collect them.

Stay safe everyone.

God bless and thank you. Fr. John O'Brien PP



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 3.00. Please spread the word.