

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 2, 4, 24, 32

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €1,700.

Next Draw: 27th. September in Crab Lane

Lucky Dip Winners: Paula Ha\skins; Sharon Doyle; Rachel

Birmingham; Cillian Rheimish

5 Km. Walking quiz Sunday 3rd. October at 2 pm. €10 entry fee

for adults; €5 entry fee for teenagers and under 12's free. No bikes nor dogs. Registration, collection of question sheets and staggered starts from 2pm - 2.30 pm. Prize giving and light refreshments after the walk.

Annual Threshing & Vintage day: Dunne's Muskeagh from 1.30.

Thought for the week

SEEING YOUR LIFE IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL

1. John objected when a person, who was not in their group, cast out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus himself had no problems with this. Jealousy can poison our outlook even when what is done by another is good. 'S/he is invading my patch.' Perhaps you have seen, in yourself or in others, the negative effect of jealousy and the contrasting positive effect of being able to rejoice that good is being done, irrespective of the person doing it.
2. In strong terms Jesus condemns those who are destructive of the life of others, particularly the 'little ones'. Just as Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full, we likewise are here to make a positive difference to others. What was it like for you when you were able to do something that was helpful to another?
3. Rather dramatically Jesus tells us to cut off a hand, or tear out an eye, rather than harm another. It is not to be taken literally but it does mean that we should not be casual about our efforts to live a good life. When have you experienced the benefits of an element of seriousness in your approach to life?

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th September - 26th. 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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26th. Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the second reading from St James today we hear of a condemnation of the rich who exploit the weak. This theme carries on into the Gospel where Jesus has harsh words for anyone who would try to bring down 'the little ones'. It is a lesson in tolerance and a call to care for the weak and vulnerable. During this Season of Creation, we are reflecting on the call to Restore Our Common Home and care more deeply for God's creation, to live out our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork. This means being aware of the facts of the crisis so that we can discern where we are being called to act. Scientists tell us that we are now living through the 6th mass extinction of life on our planet because of the catastrophic destruction of biodiversity due to human activity. We have plundered the earth. We are also aware that our world faces a devastating climate crisis. This Autumn, two vital UN conferences are due to take place, the UN Conference on Biodiversity (known as COP15, in China) and the UN conference on Climate Change (COP26 in Glasgow). Catholics all over the world have been invited to sign a petition addressed to the Presidents of these conferences, to raise our voices for God's Creation and encourage world leaders to take the necessary action. The petition is called 'Healthy Planet, Healthy People' and has been endorsed by the Vatican as the main action for Catholics to take during this Season of Creation. It is something we can all easily do by going to www.thecatholicpetition.org and inviting our families and friends to do the same. Parishes, dioceses, universities, businesses, congregations can also sign. By taking part in this way, we are standing in solidarity with young people, with the poor who suffer the most from environmental destruction and with creation. Let us always be conscious of our responsibility to be carers of creation, to connect more deeply with the wonderous world around us, to take action against all that threatens our common home.

You can find this year's Season of Creation resources on www.catholicbishops.ie

Christian Motivational Phrases

If you're too busy to pray you are too busy

Anniversaries - with love we remember



Ballyconnell 25th Sept: 7.30.

Kilquiggan 26th. 9.00 am. Willie Moran (RIP 8/11/2020) Bernadette Moran (RIP 25/4/2021) & Tina Moran whose anniversary is on the 25th, September and all deceased family members.

Aiden Kearns, Ballynultagh

Clonmore 26th Sep. 10.30: Daniel Lawlor, Ballykillduff; Thomas Lawlor, Tobinstown; Geraldine Healy, Killinure

Ballyconnell 2nd. October: 7.30:

Mary & Peter Coleman, Ballykilduff;
Tom Shepherd, Killinure

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 28th. Mass at 9.30; Wednesday 29th. Mass at 9.30

Friday 1st. October Mass at 7.30

Friday 1st. October: Fr. John will attend the sick and housebound.

Collections: Envelopes: €479 Baskets: €216

Envelopes returned: 90 - Bingo: €650. Lotto: €40

PARISH LOTTO:

Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for

Wednesday 22nd. September 2021 Numbers: 3, 5, 19, 23 One Winner.

Next week's Jackpot €10,000 33 Match 3s win €31 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

Sharing the Good News of our Faith: A short online survey of those who have returned to parish celebration of Mass

The Social Media working group of the Diocesan Pastoral Council and the Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation have issued a short online survey that they are asking people who have returned to the public celebration of Mass to complete. The feedback given will give us great information for helping to build on and enrich our parish celebrations. The survey can be accessed on Kandle.ie or directly on the following

link: <https://forms.office.com/r/nye9bBH7MG>