

## Thought for the week

### Prayer for Remembering in November



Lord, the harvest now is gathered, the meadows golden brown, we rest before cold winter the silent sheaves bow down. Barren trees cry leaves into the river, yellow-red they fall floating on the water's edge the lonely trees stand tall.

An old raven perches high above the church tower  
and cries a lonesome sound to the bells of time,  
Now we remember when life is gathered  
and November winds blow memories to the fore  
all the friends who sleep in death I remember more and more.

How short is time lest we forget taking much for granted for life is brief.  
From tree to leaf a tiny seed once planted.

Lord may my memories always be happy ones of love of joy that no time will  
destroy  
for those who have died are gathered to you walking in light in knowledge in  
truth.

May they tell stories may they sing songs in the garden of Eden all sadness  
gone.

But they are so close now a breath on the wind  
may God show his mercy to souls who have sinned.

Where yew trees are planted that catch autumn dew  
where heather is purple and berries are few

So, sleep dear souls in silence beneath the blue moons gaze.

Carved on weathered headstones the years of waiting days, waiting for you O  
lord.

## Have a Wonderful Week

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

31<sup>st</sup>. October - 31<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

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### THAT NOVEMBER FEELING

The year quickens to a close nature slows down its activity. Traditionally November is a time when we remember the dead in a special way. Gravestones, Memorial cards, Cemeteries, Anniversaries Masses, are really about the same thing - keeping our dead alive. Years on, it keeps us in touch with our deceased. We speak about respecting the dead. There is much more to it than that. These are simple ways in which we continue the regard that we held for our family members in life. It is also our way of saying thanks to people who helped the Word to become not only flesh but helped the Word to become fresh. Our memory of them is a kind one, which like our God who is more anxious to search out what is good, than to condemn. Not that all our dead were saints, but somehow, in November, we view them at their best. The parents who taught us our first prayers and guided us in so many ways, the infant, the child, the teenager, the grandparent - each of them no matter how long they lived, for seconds or years, give us cause for being grateful for their companionship in life. We look back, are inspired and are thankful. We look forward and hope that our legacy to a new generation will be no less generous.

*'Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again. Bring them into the light of your presence'*

## Christian Motivational Phrases

Each one of us is the result of a thought of God, willed, loved and necessary

## Anniversaries - with love we remember



Ballyconnell 30<sup>th</sup>. October: 7.30: The Murphy Family and Jane Ryan of Red Bog; The McCaul Family Ballyshane and Anthony O'Toole Ballyconnell.

Kilquiggan 31<sup>st</sup>. October: 9.00. Joe Doyle, Boley, Month's mind. Noel Lanigan, late of Dublin & Mill Bank, Shillelagh. Tom Grace, Andy & Marcela Grace & Annie Kelly, Knockatomcoyle, also Lar & Kitty O'Toole, Stratnakelly.

Clonmore 31<sup>st</sup>. October: 10.30. The Murphy Family and Jane Ryan of Red Bog; The McCaul Family Ballyshane. Patrick & Margaret Farrell and deceased family members, Ballykilduff

## Collections: October 23/24

Envelopes: €472 Baskets: €408

Envelopes returned: 80 - Bingo: €. Lotto: €100

**THANK YOU:** A sincere thank you to all the people who have returned their Hay & Oats collection envelopes. If you did not get a chance to return the envelope yet, I would appreciate it if you could return them as soon as possible, to your area representative or to the Parish Office.

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>. November Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.30. Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.30; No Mass on Friday.

Fr. John **WILL NOT** attend the sick on Friday

**Ballyconnell Bingo:** Ballyconnell Bingo will take place On Sunday & 2 pm in the Car Park behind Ballyconnell Church. Please support our Bingo.

**PARISH LOTTO:** Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>. October 2021 Numbers: 3, 16, 25, 29 No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €11,000. 6 Match 3s win €1676 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

## MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THIS PAST YEAR

This past year has been a challenging year for so many people, especially those people who have lost loved ones and because of the guidelines were unable to give them a merited farewell. November is a special month when we remember our dead. On Friday 19<sup>th</sup>. we will have a special mass in Ballyconnell Church at 7.30 for those people who have passed away during this health emergency. If you want your loved one remembered at this mass, please call the Parish office to include their name. We will also have lists in the back of each one of the churches. We can also include relatives and friends from other parishes.

Come and spend an hour in the presence of the Lord. Holy Hour with scripture, music and reflections every Tuesday in Clonmore Church at 7.30-8.30pm. With special prayers for the Holy souls for the month of November. All welcome.

## TEAM HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Christmas shoeboxes are being collected again locally. You can send the boxes into Ballyconnell NS or contact Irene Donoghue for more information: 087-7719732. Leaflets can also be collected at the Parish Office.