

TIME TO SMILE.



In the spirit of St. Philip Neri, who wanted people to become more human rather than less as they became holier, these may make you smile: Turning vegan would be a big missed steak I have a chicken-proof lawn, its impeccable. When the fog lift in California. UCLA. Drink wine. It isn't good to keep things

bottled up. Electricians have to strip to make ends meet. Our mountains aren't just funny. They're hill areas. Puns about communism aren't funny, unless everyone gets them. Well, to be frank... I'd have to change my name!

Wishing you happy whatever-doesn't-offend you!

Thought for the week

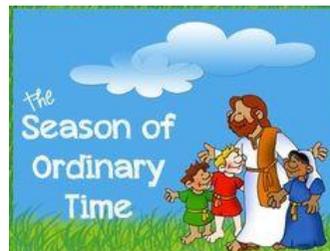
Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel

1. Have you ever found yourself saying 'that was worth it' after giving up something (time, pleasure, money, etc.)? What was the treasure that made the sacrifice worthwhile?
2. The 'kingdom of heaven' is when God is really the ruler in our life. What treasures have you obtained when you allow God to be at the centre of your life?
3. In life, we gather a lot of things, some good and some bad. The wise person in the kingdom of heaven is one who knows how to sit down and make decisions on what to keep and what to discard. When have you undertaken that kind of discernment? What have you discarded? What have you retained?

John Byrne OSA

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER



24th. July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Parish Office will be open on Tuesday and Friday from 9.30 - 1.30.

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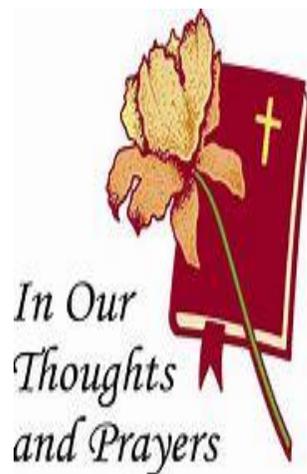
Over the past few weeks, we have been reading Matthew 13, with its parables on the Kingdom of Heaven. Matthew uses this phrase to describe what our world might be like if we really lived like Jesus lives. This vision is not one focused on power, even though the word 'kingdom' might be misleading! It is more a web of relationships. Like the seed parables show us, God's Kingdom grows quietly, in unexpected places; like seeds, it sometimes grows in the darkness, unseen. Today's parable focuses on treasure, something very precious. When we are obsessed with finding something, it consumes us. We will put all our resources, time or money, into finding it. In this parable, Jesus urges us to strive for the ultimate treasure, i.e. God. During the Covid-19 crisis, many people have been thinking about what is most important in their lives. A break from the 'rat race' forced all of us to slow down, to step back, to 'pull the emergency brake.' We saw who the real heroes in our society are. We witnessed many acts of kindness and community spirit. We stepped back, paused. No doubt, things will not be the same again over this pandemic. But hopefully we will have awakened to what our 'treasure' really is. 'Historically, pandemics have forced humans to break with the past and imagine their world anew. This one is no different. It is a portal, a gateway between one world and the next. We can choose to walk through it, dragging the carcasses of our prejudice and hatred, our avarice, our data banks and dead ideas, our dead rivers and smoky skies behind us. Or we can walk through lightly, with little luggage, ready to imagine another world.'

Arundhati Roy, 'The Pandemic is a Portal,' Financial Time

Christian Motivational Phrases

"Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and, in any place, on the street, in a city square, during work on a journey". Pope Francis

ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER



Saturday 23rd. Ballyconnell 7.30:

Sean & Phyllis Byrne, Coolkenno

Sunday 24th. Kilquiggan 9.00

John Wilson, Ballynultagh.

Sunday 24th. Clonmore 10.30

Margaret McDonald, Oldtown, Clonmore

Mick Kelly, Blackhill, Clonmore.

Sunday 31st. Kilquiggan 9.00

Andy O'Toole, Ballyconnell

Saturday 30th. Ballyconnell 7.30:

Mary (Ciss) Keogh & Michael Keogh, Ballyconnell

Eddie O'Brien and deceased family members.

Collections: Weekends: 16/17 July

Envelopes: €506 Baskets: €351 Envelopes returned:67

Bingo: €46 Lotto: €

Ballyconnell Bingo

There will be bingo Sunday 24th. July @
5.00 PM. Please spread the word; and
thanks for your support



FACEBOOK - FAKE NEWS.

At least once a week, I find myself taking to Facebook to ask those in my timeline to 'please stop sharing fake news.' Fake news can range from people sharing a Happy Birthday message to Pope Francis in July (his birthday is in December) to those sharing a story about how clicking and liking a photo will see Facebook donating a dollar or a euro to support a family with a sick child (they won't). From the silly to the serious, I see fake news in my timeline every single day. I try to do my bit to gently correct, or in some cases to clearly call out, the person posting the fake news. I also find myself having to block chain messages that come into my inbox on Facebook Messenger. People share these messages and forward them without questioning where they have come from or considering how the content might affect the person receiving them. Facebook in particular seems to be perpetually in the grip of an epidemic of fake news and foul chain messages. Facebook feels more like Fakebook every day. This type of fake news sharing happens all the time within personal Facebook pages, but increasingly I am seeing fake news being shared without question on official pages belonging to parishes and other organisations. This is an unacceptable trend that we need to be mindful of if we are looking after social media pages for a parish, diocese or other church organisation.

To be continued next week.

Ms. Brenda Drumm

Cardiac Rehab Podcast "It's Cardiac Rehab" - A podcast series bringing together experts in cardiac rehab and patients who have attended cardiac rehabilitation. Topics included are exercise, medication, healthy eating and the psychological impact of living with heart disease. If you have had a cardiovascular event such as a heart attack, coronary artery stenting or coronary artery bypass surgery - log onto <https://irishheart.ie/services-for-you/its-cardiac-rehab-podcast/> for information and support.

Coolkenno GAA Lotto Last week's numbers: 5, 6, 17, 30 No Winner.

Next week's jackpot €5,900. Next Draw: Monday 18th. July in Rathwood

Lucky Dip Winners: Frances Coleman; David Carton; Jane Butler; Irene Kane

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

Wednesday 13th. July 2022 Numbers 2, 5, 23, 26

No Winner: Next week's Jackpot €14,000. 1 7 Match 3s win €59 each.