

## Coolkenno GAA Lotto

Last week's numbers: 8, 29, 30, 32 No Winner.

Next week's jackpot €6,400. Next Draw: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>. August in Rathwood

Lucky Dip Winners: Helen Rossitter; Percy Fitzharris; Brona Cushe; Ann Cloke

### *Thought for the week*

#### Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel

1. This marks a turning point in the life of Jesus and of the disciples. It is the first time that his disciples recognise him as the Messiah. Recall turning points in your own life when you came to some deeper understanding of who Jesus is.
2. 'Who do you say that I am?' This is possibly the most important question that Jesus puts to us. In your heart of hearts, how do you answer this question?
3. Jesus praises Peter for his faith, and comments that this was not his own doing but a gift of God. Perhaps there have been times when you have been more than usually conscious that faith is a gift. Be thankful for the gift you have received.
4. These are troubled times for the Church, and the promise of Jesus that 'the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it' is an encouragement. What helps you to draw strength from this promise of Jesus? What signs of hope do you see in the Church today? John Byrne OSA

*Have a Wonderful Week*

## PARISH NEWSLETTER



21<sup>st</sup>. August Twentieth First  
Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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### 'But You...'

'Christ asks for a home in your soul, where he can be at rest with you, where he can talk easily to you, where you and he, alone together, can laugh and be silent and be delighted with one another.' CARYLL HOUSELANDER

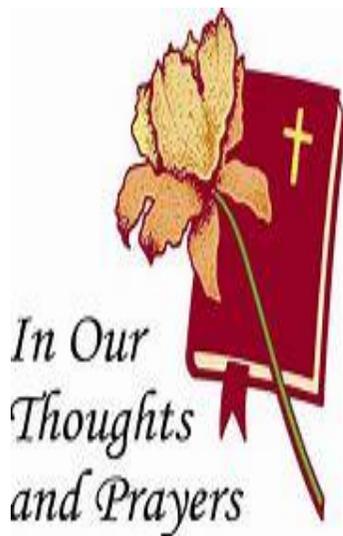
There is something very exciting about really getting to know someone. Whether it's talking to a like-minded new friend, or the first flush of romantic love, there is nothing like the thrill of getting close to someone and enjoying their company, discovering who they are and being truly ourselves with them. Today, Jesus asks an important question: Who do you say I am? He sets up the question by first asking the disciples: 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' He gets answers based on the gossip and chatter about him: 'John the Baptist, Elijah, one of the prophets.' But then Jesus gets to the heart of the matter with the burning question: 'But you, who do you say I am?' He knows that his disciples know him better than anyone, and so it proves to be, when Peter immediately answers: 'You are the Christ.' There is an intimacy and a confidence in this response, based on the time they have spent together and the close and loving relationship between them. Jesus asks us that same question today: 'But you, who do you say I am?' The 'but you' is crucial. He is not asking what we have heard about him. Of course, we

learn about Jesus from the Scriptures. Most of us have been learning about Jesus ever since we were children, listening to stories and parables in school or at home. But do we know him? Do we pray and talk and spend time with him? Perhaps we could reflect in the coming days on this question: Who is Jesus, to you? who are brave and persistent, and eager to challenge the injustices they see around them - those who have the gift of changing minds and hearts. We might call it the gift of prophecy. **Triona Doherty**

### Christian Motivational Phrases

"The spirituality of family love is made up of thousands of small but real gestures. In the variety of gifts and encounters which deepen communion, God has his dwelling place. Pope Francis.

## ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER



### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>. Ballyconnell 7.30

Christy Nolan, Rath Cross, Tullow.

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>. Kilquiggan 9.00

Michael Dempsey, Ballyrahan

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>. Clonmore 10.30.

Jim & Willie McCall, Ballyshane

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup>. Ballyconnell 7.30

Therese Cahill, Killinure

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>. Ballyconnell 7.30

1<sup>st</sup>. Anniversary Mass: Marion Leahy (nee Friel) Glencoagh, Mount Charles, Donegal (sister of Cathal Friel)

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>. Kilquiggan 9.00

Month's Mind mass Tom Doyle, Seskin

## Mass Schedule



Mass  
Schedule

There will be no mass on Tuesday and Wednesday  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup>. mass at 7.30

Collections: Weekends: 13/14 August + 15<sup>th</sup>. August - Holiday of Obligation  
Envelopes: €244 Baskets: €526 Envelopes returned:41  
Bingo: €200 Lotto: €



### Ballyconnell Bingo

There will be bingo Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>. August @  
5.00 PM. Please spread the word; and  
thanks for your support

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>. August 2022 Numbers 5, 21, 24, 28 - No Winner -  
Next week's jackpot €18,000 - 9 Match 3's - €112 each.

National Synthesis of synodal process: The national synthesis - which has now been submitted to the Synod Secretariat in the Vatican as part of the global synodal process announced by Pope Francis for the Church is available to read and download on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) Dr Nicola Brady, Chair of the Synod Steering Committee, said, "We invite everyone to read the national synthesis and reflect on what we are called to do, as individuals and as a church community, as a result of what we have heard. The issues raised are not new, but the honesty and clarity with which they have been articulated in this process, and the relational approach that has characterised the work to date, offers a strong foundation to build upon. Some of the findings are stark, many of the experiences shared are painful, but there have also been many hopeful and encouraging aspects, notably the importance many people have placed on this process and the skills and experience we will take forward into the subsequent phases of this work. Important questions have been set out for deeper reflection and pastoral action at every level of Church life and there will be many more opportunities for people to get involved and help shape this process."