

## Thought for the week



The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

Listen to the Voice of Creation: The theme for the Season of Creation 2022 is "Listen to the Voice of Creation". "I have heard their cry...I know their sufferings...Come, now! I will send you...I will be with you" (Ex 3: 1-12). The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice. On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice. In this Season of Creation, this symbol of God's Spirit calls us to listen to the voice of creation, to the voices of those who suffer the impacts of climate change, to the voices of those who hold generational wisdom about how to live gratefully within the limits of the land. These are voices of the Earth. The global Christian family is called to awaken to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and with each other and to encourage our parish communities to do the same, "for we know that things can change!" (Laudato Si', 13).

Have a Wonderful Week

## PARISH NEWSLETTER



25<sup>th</sup>. September Twenty sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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## All are Invited to the Banquet

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of a great banquet to explain God's vision for our world. He speaks of a place where those who consider themselves entitled to the highest seats at the table take the low seats. He urges us to invite the poor, the lame and the blind to this celebration. Jesus encourages us to turn the world upside down in a reversal, an upheaval, where the preferred option is for the poor and those considered least in society. Today is an important day, as we begin the Season of Creation (from 1 September until the Feast of St Francis on 4 October). Pope Francis asks all Christians to embrace this season in prayer, in living more sustainably and in raising our voices in the public sphere. We are invited to think more deeply about what is happening at present to the Earth, the environmental destruction which now threatens our world, our common home. The theme this year is 'The Web of Life.' The most vulnerable among us are suffering most deeply as this web of life begins to unravel. Our faith calls us to respond to this crisis with urgency. Let us hear the Gospel message today, where we are called to consider those on the margins, including those most at risk from climate change, and let us commit to working towards a world where all are seated at the banquet. Suggestion for the week: Find out more and see what you can do as a parish community during this season of creation at [www.seasonofcreation.org](http://www.seasonofcreation.org)

### Christian Motivational Phrases

"Don't waste your time with explanations. People only hear what they want to hear." Paulo Coello

### ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER



Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>. Ballyconnell 7.30

Geraldine Healy, Killinure.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>. Kilquiggan 9.00

Joseph Doyle, Boley, First Anniversary  
Aidan Kearns, Ballynultagh

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>. Clonmore 10.30.

Daniel Lawlor, Ballykilduff, Thomas Lawlor,  
Tobinstown.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>. October Ballyconnell 7.30

Kathy Doyle, Knockballystine; Thomas Sheppard,  
Killinure.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>. October Clonmore 10.30.

Billy & Babs Carlos, Dublin

### Mass Schedule



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Friday 30<sup>th</sup>. Mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30

Collections: Weekends: 17/18 September

Envelopes: €390 Baskets: €390 Envelopes returned: 73

Bingo: - €445 Lotto: €

A sincere thank you also to all those who support us online by direct debits.

### Ballyconnell Bingo

There will be bingo Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>. September @ 5.00 PM.

Please spread the word; and thanks for your support

### PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto

Results for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>. September 2,8,15,18 - No Winner -

Next week's jackpot €14,000 - 24 Match 3's - €42 each.

### Coolkenno GAA Lotto

Last week's numbers: 2, 6, 14, 30. No Winner.

Next week's jackpot €6,900. Next Draw: Monday 26<sup>th</sup>. in Club House

Lucky Dip Winners: Michael Byrne; Mark Timmins; Grace Nolan; Joe McCarthy

Rosary for October: Have you 20 minutes to spare? Please join us to pray the rosary at Our Lady's grotto, Clonmore Cemetery, every Thursday in October at 7:30pm. (If there is inclement weather, it will be said inside the church).

Youth Choir: We are hoping to set up a youth choir in Clonmore Church. If you are young and like to sing or play an instrument, please join us. For more information, please contact Una on 087-2639106

Alzheimer's Society Tea Party & Fundraiser  
Ballyconnell Hall on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>. October 2.30 - 5.30

My Life in your Hands: A book is to be published shortly containing a selection of writings by the late Fr. John Cummins PP of Abbeyleix & Ballyroan and native of Newbridge. A deep thinker, an accomplished preacher and a Doctor of Divinity, God's word and message were central to his vocation. This book reveals Fr. John's gentle sharing of his love of God through his reflections each Sunday and other occasions with the Christian communities of Abbeyleix & Ballyroan, Carlow and Naas. *My Life In Your Hands* will be a useful companion as we journey through the coming liturgical year. For the casual reader, it is an opportunity to engage with the Christian faith.

Clonmore Parish Council Meeting: in St. Mary's Church Ballyconnell on Monday October 10<sup>th</sup>. at 8.p.m. Agenda for the meeting, Analyse and reflect on recent Pastoral letter from Bishop Denis: "Put out into Deep Water".