

Coolkenno GAA Lotto

Last week's numbers: 13, 14, 17, 27. No Winner.

Next week's jackpot €7,200. Next Draw: Monday 17th. Oct. in Club House

Lucky Dip Winner: Mick Masterson, Charlotte Hill; Danny Butler, Celine Nolan

Thought for the week

Harvest Thanksgiving

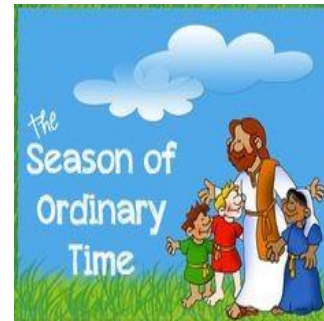


A cascade of cabbage and carrot, A kaleidoscope of curly kale, A trumpeting of tubers and a bursting of sprouts, A partnership of parsnip, celery and mushroom, A blush of beetroot

in a line-up of leeks, A winsome onion and a scintillating cucumber, A broccoli-crowned turnip nudging a cauliflower, All pressing around an incongruously exotic pineapple. Harvest is a time for the giving of glory, Fruit of the earth and work of human hands. Gathered and gatherers sing the Giver's praises In the gentle glory of an October evening.

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER



16th. October Twenty-Ninth
Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Parish Office will be open on Tuesday and

Friday from 9.30 - 1.30.

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Emperor's or Christ's vision?

Continuing our reading of Matthew 22 today, the Pharisees are not impressed with Jesus' teachings and decide to 'entrap' him, quizzing him about paying taxes. It is a dangerous question they ask because a simple yes or no response from Jesus could mean he is reported to the authorities. Jesus has no time for this and is quite direct with them asking: 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?' The response is brilliant: 'Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' This text has sometimes been used to argue that religion should stay out of politics, economics or culture. However, the world we live in is one that falls short of the vision and values which Jesus preached: a dream of a world of love, peace, justice and compassion. Being a follower of Jesus means that one is actively involved in striving for this vision and this includes whatever political, economic or cultural issues we are confronted with. The focus in this passage is getting our priorities straight. Yes, give the emperor his taxes but do not forget what belongs to God i.e., God's vision for this world. The 'empirical' view and the 'Christ-view' of issues like direct provision, homelessness, evictions, the Black Lives Matter movement, climate action... are usually very different. The pharisees, we are told, 'were amazed, left him and went away'.

Christian Motivational Phrases

"The older your get, the quieter you become. Life humbles you so deeply as you age. You realize how much nonsense you've wasted timer on.

ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER



Saturday 15th. October Ballyconnell 7.30

John Timmins Snr. & John Timmins Jnr.
Alastair McNeill, Greystones

Sunday 16th. October, Kilquiggan 9.00

Nancy Dempsey, Ballyrahan

Sunday 16th. Clonmore 10.30

Mary Kehoe, Cronaskeagh – Month's Mind

Saturday 22nd. October, Ballyconnell 7.30

Hugh Nolan, Liscolman, James and Margaret Nolan;
Pat & Breda Kelly, Rath.

Sunday 23rd. October, Kilquiggan, 9.00

Esther & James Keogh, Knockeen; Joe Gahan, Boley

Clonmore 23rd. October, Clonmore, 10.30

Michael Keogh Cronaskeagh; James McCall,
Killalongford and also his daughter Josephine Kelly

Mass Schedule

Friday 21st. Mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30.



Mass
Schedule

Collections: Weekends: 8/9 October

Envelopes: €251 Baskets: € 364 Envelopes returned:49

Bingo: - €370 Lotto: €-

A sincere thank you also to all those who support us online by direct debits, and on Diocesan website.

Ballyconnell Bingo

There will be bingo Sunday 16th. October @ 4.30 PM. Please spread the word; and thanks for your support

We will be returning to the Hall for our weekly bingo from Sunday 6 November at 8.00 pm.

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto

Results for Wednesday 12th. October 11, 14, 23, 24 - No Winner -

Next week's jackpot €17,000 - 10Match 3's - €100 each.

Mass for those who have died during the year.

Our annual mass for those who have died during the year will take place this year in Clonmore Church on Wednesday 2nd. November at 7.30. During the next two weeks there will be a sheet in the back of each church, can you please note the people you would like prayed for at this mass on the 2nd. November. You can also call the Parish office to add people to the list.

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. First of all, I would like to thank you sincerely for your continued and generous support of our parish. As you may know we have two accounts in our Parish: 1. Parish account; 2. Clergy Account. Thanks to your continued support 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. 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.