

## Coolkenno GAA Lotto

Last week's numbers: 11, 14, 17, 27. No Winner.

Next week's jackpot €7,300. Next Draw: Monday 24<sup>th</sup>. Oct. in Club House

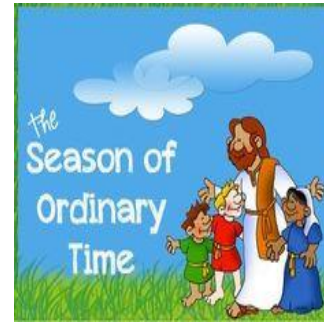
Lucky Dip Winner: Ann Walker; Brian Plunkett; Billy Lucas; Tom Walker

## *Thought for the week*

Who is blind? Who is blind in today's gospel? The obvious answer, of course, is the blind man! Bartimaeus is blind and desperate. He has not been blind all his life, so he knows about the wonderful gift of sight he is now missing. His faith is strong, and his courage is stronger still; no matter how much he is scolded and silenced, he calls to Jesus all the louder. Though he is physically blind, he sees plenty. Who sees Bartimaeus? Certainly not the followers of Jesus. They do not think of Bartimaeus as someone worthy of meeting Jesus. To the extent that they think about him at all, he is an irritation, a poor beggar to look down on, hardly a person. They are utterly blind to his needs. I'm struck by the irony of the crowds summoning Bartimaeus with the word 'Courage'. He has already shown tremendous courage. Minutes previously Jesus' followers had been content to pass him by and silence his cries for help, but their master has given an order and they must obey. How they must have squirmed, calling him over. The blind man sees Jesus, and Jesus sees the blind man. Everyone else is blind to both of them. Everyone else fades into the background of the story, just as Bartimaeus was pushed to the back of the crowds. Perhaps it is time for an eyesight test. Do we see Jesus for who he really is? Do we pay attention to those around us, or are we blind to their needs? Do we hear the cry of the poor, or are we complicit in silencing them

## *Have a Wonderful Week*

# PARISH NEWSLETTER



23<sup>RD</sup>. October Thirtieth  
Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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## The meaning of life

After the Second World War, a Greek man named Alexander Papaderous founded an Institute of Peace and Understanding on the island of Crete, as a response to the atrocities that had taken place there during the war. One day, while taking questions at the end of a lecture, someone asked him 'What is the meaning of life?' In response, Papaderous took a small mirror out his wallet, and said: 'I am a fragment of a mirror whose whole design and shape I do not know. Nevertheless, with what I have I can reflect light into the dark places of this world - into the black places in the hearts of men and women - and change some things in some people. Perhaps others may see and do likewise. This is what I'm about. This is the meaning of my life.' Papaderous was a person of great humility, aware of how small and seemingly insignificant each one of us is, but full of faith that we can still do great things. Like the tax collector in the parable, we hear today, he was aware of his unworthiness, but open to light and hope. In today's Gospel we are invited to put ourselves in the shoes of the Pharisee, who regarded himself as superior to others, and the tax collector, who throws himself on the mercy of God. Which of them sees the bigger picture

### Christian Motivational Phrases

"Once you've matured, you will realize that silence is more important than proving a point".

### ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER



*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*

#### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>. October, Ballyconnell 7.30

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

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>. October, Kilquiggan, 9.00

Esther & James Keogh, Knockeen; Joe Gahan, Boley  
Donal Troy, Killabeg.

#### Clonmore 23<sup>rd</sup>. October, Clonmore, 10.30

Michael Keogh Cronaskeagh; James McCall,  
Killalongford, also his daughter Josephine Kelly;  
Donal Troy, Killabeg

#### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>. October, Kilquiggan, 9.00

Noel Lanigan late of Dublin & Millbank, Shillelagh.  
Laurence (Larry) Byrne, Ballyrahan.  
Emmett Doyle, Killinure.  
Joe Carroll, Cronalea.  
We pray for Tommy Doyle, Kilquiggan who died  
during the week.

### Mass Schedule



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Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>. Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.30.  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>. Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.30  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup>. Mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30.

#### Collections: Weekends: 15/16 October

Envelopes: €480 Baskets: €425 Envelopes returned: 56  
Bingo: - €410 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup>. October 1, 12, 16, 18 - No Winner -  
Next week's jackpot €18,000 - 15 Match 3's - €67 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.