

## Coolkenno GAA Lotto

Last week's numbers: 15, 19, 22, 23. No Winner.

Next week's jackpot €7,400. Next Draw: Monday 31<sup>st</sup>. Oct. in Club House

Lucky Dip Winner: Bridget Timmins; Catherine Doyle, Martina O'Toole; Emily O'Reilly

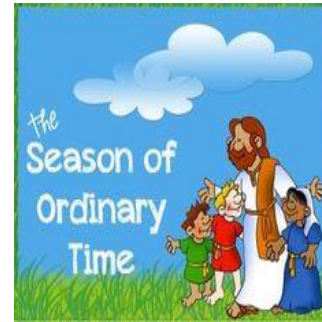
## *Thought for the week*

### THAT NOVEMBER FEELING

The year quickens to a close nature slows down its activity. Traditionally November is a time when we remember the dead in a special way. Gravestones, Memorial cards, Cemeteries, Anniversaries Masses, are really about the same thing - keeping our dead alive. Years on, it keeps us in touch with our deceased. We speak about respecting the dead. There is much more to it than that. These are simple ways in which we continue the regard that we held for our family members in life. It is also our way of saying thanks to people who helped the Word to become not only flesh, but helped the Word to become fresh. Our memory of them is a kind one, which like our God who is more anxious to search out what is good, than to condemn. Not that all our dead were saints, but somehow, in November, we view them at their best. The parents who taught us our first prayers and guided us in so many ways, the infant, the child, the teenager, the grandparent - each of them no matter how long they lived, for seconds or years, give us cause for being grateful for their companionship in life. We look back, are inspired and are thankful. We look forward and hope that our legacy to a new generation will be no less generous. 'Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again. Bring them into the light of your presence'.

## *Have a Wonderful Week*

# PARISH NEWSLETTER



30<sup>th</sup>. October Thirtieth First  
Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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## Zacchaeus

In today's Gospel we hear the familiar story of Zacchaeus. It is a story that may remind us of our childhood, our first confession, or, as in my case, it might bring a school song to mind that you can't get out of your head! As with all familiar Gospel stories, we are invited to read again with fresh eyes and hear again as if for the first time. For this story is very rich and we risk losing the meaning due to our familiarity with it. Like many people today, Zacchaeus was a 'seeker'. We read that he was anxious to see what Jesus was like. Clearly, he was drawn to Jesus in some way, was searching for something or someone. Zacchaeus was an outcast, a tax collector, considered a sinner by the community. Yet Jesus reaches out to him in a gesture of hospitality and friendship. In return, Zacchaeus offers the strictest requirement, as noted in the Jewish scriptures, for restitution: 'four times the amount' of money he had taken from people. But notice that Jesus reaches out in love before Zacchaeus offers compensation for his crimes. The encounter with Jesus has led Zacchaeus to be a witness to restoration and solidarity. He wants to restore Justice where he has acted unjustly. Whether it was the crowd, greed, politics or corruption that was preventing Zacchaeus from seeing Jesus, he has been welcomed back to the table. Jesus is waiting to be invited to his home today. Complaints and negativity continue in the background, but none of those matters. This man is a 'son of Abraham'. It was the affection of Christ, not the condemnation of the town, that reversed the situation.

Who do you need to reach out to today in a similar way?

### Christian Motivational Phrases

"If we could look into each other's hearts and understand the unique challenges each of us faces, I think we would treat each other much more gently, with more love, patience, tolerance and compassion. Marvin Aston

### ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER



Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>. October, Ballyconnell 7.30.

Eileen O'Reilly and her son Jimmy, Killinure.

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.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>. October, Clonmore 10.30

Patrick & Margaret Farrell, Ballykilduff and deceased family members.

Clonmore 6<sup>th</sup>. November, Clonmore 10.30

Thomas & Rosie Kealy, Redbog;

John Dowling Ballaghaclay

### Mass Schedule



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Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>. November Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.30. Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mass in Clonmore for those who died during the year at 7.30 Friday 4<sup>th</sup>. Mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30.

Collections: Weekends: 22/23 October

Envelopes: €377 Baskets: €299 Envelopes returned:

Bingo: - €565 Lotto: €100

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 30<sup>th</sup>. October @ 3.00 PM. Please spread the word; and thanks for your support. We will be returning to the Hall for our weekly bingo from Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>. November at 8.00 pm. A sincere thank you to the organising committee for all their hard work in keeping our community bingo running.

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto

Results for Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>. October 2, 6, 7, 24 - One Winner -

Next week's jackpot €10,000 - 22 Match 3's - €46 each - one local winner

### Mass for those who have died during the year.



Our annual mass for those who have died during the year and their families will be remembered at a mass on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>. November at 7.30 in Our Lady of the Wayside Church Clonmore. A family member will be invited to light candle in their memory. Also, there are parishioners who have lost loved ones, parent or siblings and also natives of our Parish, whose funerals were celebrated

elsewhere. If you would like them to be remembered by name at our bereavement mass, on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. November can you please note their names on the sheets in the back of the church. You can also call the Parish office to add people to the list.

Community Social & Line dancing classes in Ballyconnell

Hall on Friday 4<sup>th</sup>. November from 8-9. Admission €10

### NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DEAD - ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD.



There was due to be an envelope with the list for our November list of the dead. Our supplier just added the list and not an envelope. There are envelopes in the back of the churches for our November list of the dead. Please note those you would like to be remembered in these masses on the list and place the list and your donation in the envelope. Thank you.