

Coolkenno GAA Lotto

Last week's numbers: 4, 10, 11, 13. No Winner. Next week's jackpot €8,500.

Next Draw: Monday 16th. Jan. in Club House

Lucky Dip Winner: Frank Bailey; Ciaran Flynn; Eilish O'Neill; Alice Molloy

Thought for the week

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospel

1. John opens his Gospel with a profound reflection on the meaning of creation, of life and of Jesus. Remember when you had a special awareness of the gift of life that filled you with gratitude to God for creation, and the beauty and wonder of the world: 'All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being.'
2. We often listen to a reading from the gospels. Sometimes it goes in one ear and out the other. Then there are occasions when it made us feel more alive, times when it helped us see the way ahead, like a light that shines in the darkness. Recall when the gospel gave you hope in the midst of anxiety or sadness and helped you to see what action would be most life giving for you and for others.
3. Bring to mind people who have had a prophetic voice in the world - speaking the truth for the world to hear, like as a witness to testify to the light. Some of these may have been public figures. Others were ordinary people who have helped you see the 'light' by the witness of their own lives and words.
4. 'No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son of God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him know.' Jesus came to us to teach us about God and put a human face on God for us. For the people of his day, and for us, that was a mission of getting us to think again about how we see God, and to believe in a God who is a God of love. Who, or what, has helped you along this journey?

John Byrne OSA

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

PARISH NEWSLETTER



15th. January 2023
Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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

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Taking Root

We talk about having 'roots' as a way of describing our connection to a place or people. Being rooted somewhere means we are part of that place. When we are ready to settle down, to become part of a community, maybe to buy a house or start a family, we talk about 'putting down roots'. It means we are making this place our home. It is a rich metaphor from the plant world. The roots of a tree or plant represent its relationship with the soil it is planted in and the elements around it. The deeper the roots, the more connected a plant is to its environment. It becomes part of the place where it's planted. We use this expression in everyday language too - when an idea 'takes root' in us, it is something that becomes a part of us, inseparable from our very selves. Today's first reading speaks of the wisdom of God 'taking root in a privileged people'. It describes it another way as 'pitching a tent'. These images offer us a way into understanding the complex language of today's gospel, which talks about God's relationship with us by sending Jesus: 'The Word was made flesh, he lived among us'. By becoming human, God put down roots not just in our physical world, but in humanity itself. God pitched a tent among us and became one of us. It is a connection that cannot be broken - the roots go too deep. We are in God, and God is in us. This is the mystery we celebrate in this season of Christmas - that in Jesus, God became part of the very world that God created, and part of us: 'He was in the world that had its being through him.' We are indeed a

privileged people! '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

Christian Motivational Phrases

"Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction" Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Saturday 14th. Ballyconnell 7.30

John Dowling; Sarah Bowes, Killinure; Josephine Connolly. Catherine & William Byrne, Aghowle Lr.

Sunday 15th. Clonmore 10.30.

Jane Hickey. Raheen

Saturday 21st. Ballyconnell 7.30

Michael & Aice Furlong, Crieclin

Rita & Jerry McCarthy, Ballyconnell

Collections:

Weekends: 31 Dec/1st. Jan, 7/8 Jan.

Envelopes: €1194 Baskets: €1101 Envelopes

Bingo: - €220. Lotto: €255

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

Diocesan website.



Mass Schedule

Tuesday 17th. Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.30.

Wednesday 18th. Friday 13th. Mass in Killinure at

7.30. Friday 20th. Mass in Killinure at 7.30

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto

Results for Wednesday 11th. January: 5, 11, 15, 23 - One Winner -

Next week's jackpot €10,000 - 28 Match 3's - €36 each

There's a story told about 4 people: Somebody, Everybody, Anybody and Nobody. There was one important job to be done. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Somebody got angry about it because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it. Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

BALLYCONNELL NS



BALLYCONNELL NS are now accepting enrolments for September 2023. Please contact Sinead on 059-9156226 for an admission form, if you plan on enrolling a child.