

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

Results for Wednesday 14th. June: Numbers: 10, 13, 24, 25 - No Winner - Next week's jackpot €18,000 - 13 Match 3's - €77 each.

## Coolkenno GAA Lotto

Last week's numbers: 1, 5, 20, 22 No Winner. Next week's jackpot €10,800. Next Draw: Monday 26th. June in the Crab Lane. Lucky Dip Winners: Paul Murphy; Jim Cushe. Waterton Family; Chloe Beth Cushe Fitzpatrick

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

### SEEING YOUR LIFE IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL

1. The image of a boat in a stormy sea is a symbol of life in difficult times and can represent inner turmoil, anxiety and high emotions. When you have been in such circumstances, perhaps a 'Jesus' person' came to your assistance and calmed you down? Recall that person with gratitude.
2. The image can also be applied to a family, a community, a parish, or any other group. Remember people who have had a gift of bringing peace to troubled situations.
3. The significance of miracles in the gospels is that they show Jesus as one who brings God's power to bear on human need and suffering. Have there been times when you have been a channel for this healing power of God, holding a crying child in your arms, calming the anxiety of a friend, or being a peacemaker in a group to which you belong?

## HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

25th. June 2023

The 12th. Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Parish Office will be closed this coming week and will reopen on Tuesday 4th. July.

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### LET US GO ACROSS TO THE OTHER SIDE

"Let us go across to the other side" is an important phrase in Mark's Gospel which occurs many times. Jesus and the disciples are crossing the Sea of Galilee from what is a predominantly Jewish area to a more Gentile (non-Jewish) region. While this phrase signifies Jesus' geographical position, it also suggests that he is inviting the disciples to go a little deeper on their journey. They are perhaps entering into the unknown, moving out of their comfort zones and therefore feeling anxious. The crossing of the water does not go so well for the disciples as a storm begins to brew and eventually the water begins to endanger the boat. To the disciple's astonishment, Jesus is asleep through the whole ordeal. Their anxious call is understandable, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' After all, Jesus has led them, and 'other boats' into this situation and now appears not to care what will happen to them all. In times of turmoil in life, we too may feel totally abandoned, swamped by fear and anxiety, adrift in a storm where even Jesus appears to be asleep. During such experiences, we might remember the words of Jesus from today's Gospel and repeat them, like a mantra, 'Peace! Be Still'. While the wind is howling around us it can be frightening but Christ is always with us, present within our very selves, offering us this deep peace. Often, coming back into this awareness can help us navigate through the storm and remind us that Jesus is very active in our lives, especially when we are entering into unknown territory. What is required of the disciples in this account, is a more mature faith, a deeper trust in their teacher, that he will not abandon them. 'May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you; May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm; May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you; May he bring you home rejoicing.' (Shane Claiborne)

## Christian Motivational Phrases

“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, “Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?” Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

Marianne Williamson, *A return to love: Reflections on the principles of “A course in miracles”*

## ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER



Sunday 25th. Clonmore 10.30 am

John & Annie Gahan, Knockatomcoyle

Saturday 1st. July Ballconnell 7.30

Edward O'Byrne, Tulloclay

Sunday 2nd. Kilquiggan 9.00

George Hickey, Ballynultagh

Sunday 2nd. Clonmore 10.30

John & Mary Gregan, Knockatomcoyle

Mick Keogh formerly of Clonmore, died recently in Wales.

## Mass Schedule

Tuesday 27th. Mass at 9.30.

Wednesday 28th. Graduation mass for 6th. class for Ballyconnell NS at 9.45. All are welcome.

Friday 30th. Mass in Kilquiggan Cemetery at 8.00

Collections: Weekend: June, 17/18

Envelopes: €475 Baskets: €335 - Bingo: €680

Lotto €. Envelopes returned: 46

Bingo in Ballyconnell hall on Sunday @ 8 PM. The jackpot this week is €1075 if you check on 50 numbers.



It's almost here!! We are now just 1 WEEK away from the Rally for Life!! The last few weeks have flown by and we cannot believe we are now in the final days before we gather together once again to be a witness to life! Excited is an understatement! We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 1st July in Parnell Sq assembling at 1pm. We also have a fantastic line up of speakers including, Isabel

Vaughan-Spruce, Senator Sharon Keogh, Dr Trevor Hayes, Mattie McGrath TD, Conor O'Dowd and more! Don't miss out on this chance to hear these inspiring people and come to the Rally for Life! Don't forget to bring your pro-life tee and posters - but remember posters will be provided and more t-shirts available to buy at the Rally! The RALLYFEST is set up to give pro-lifers the chance to engage within the pro-life community. There will be stalls, fun activities for adults and children, and a chance to grab a cup of coffee and a chat. It will begin from 11am on Saturday 1st July in Abbey Church right in Parnell Sq., so why not pop in before the Rally? We recommend registering ONLINE NOW to ensure access as places will be limited - but registration at the door will also be accepted, depending on numbers. To register or for more information visit our website.