

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto

Results for Wednesday 28th. June: Numbers: 5, 11, 16, 26 - No Winner - Next week's jackpot €19,000 - 24 Match 3's - €42 each.

Coolkenno GAA Lotto

Last week's numbers: 6, 25, 28, 29 No Winner. Next week's jackpot €10,900. Next Draw: Monday 3rd. July in the Crab Lane. Lucky Dip Winners: Theresa Byrne Knockballystine; Steven Cushe; Rebecca Bowes; James & Darragh Murray

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A SUMMER PRAYER



'May you breathe in the beauty of Summer with its power of transformation. May you seek and find spaces of repose during these summer months. May these moments refresh and restore the tired places within you. May you be open to times of celebration and recreation that are so much a part of summer. May your eyes see the wonder of summer's colours. May these

colours delight you and entice you into contemplation and joy. May you feel energy of summer rains penetrating thirsty gardens, golf courses, lawns and farmlands. May your inner self be refreshed, restored and renewed. May you enjoy the unexpected and find surprises of beauty and happiness as you travel the roads on summer holidays. Joyce Rupp and Macrina Wiederkehr

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

PARISH NEWSLETTER



2nd. July 2023

The 13th. Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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I'll do it Tomorrow!

Those of us who are procrastinators will identify with today's Gospel. We have the best of intentions, but somehow our 'to do' list for today keeps getting pushed out until tomorrow, and the next day, and the next day, and the next week. There is always an excuse, or something more urgent that needs to be done. The things that we do not prioritise get relegated to the bottom of the list, and sometimes drop off altogether, so that they never get done. In Luke's Gospel, when Jesus invites people to follow him, he gets some similar responses – 'I'll be right with you, I'll add it to my 'to do' list. 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me...'. The excuses these people give are far from feeble: one wants to go and bury his or her father first, another simply wants to say goodbye to their family. But Jesus has what sound like very harsh words for these predicaments. There is no time, there can be no excuses, this is more important. Discipleship is a path that means living in a new and different way. Rather than focusing on the past, we need to move forward and get on with the task. Jesus tells us: 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' There is work to be done, and it cannot wait. People who are hungry, homeless, marginalised or suffering cannot wait. The earth cannot wait. Our 'to do' lists need to be shaken up. If we are to live as disciples, the time is not tomorrow, it is now

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



Saturday 1st. July Ballconnell 7.30

Edward O'Byrne, Tullowclay
Sarah Friel, Killinure; William Carroll, Liscolman
and James Carroll, Ballyconnell

Sunday 2nd. Kilquiggan 9.00

George Hickey, Ballynultagh

Sunday 2nd. Clonmore 10.30

John & Mary Gregan, Knocatomcoyle
Mick Keogh formerly of Clonmore, died recently in
Wales.

Sunday 9th. Clonmore 10.30

Margaret Dowling, Ballaghaclay, Clonmore

Mass Schedule

Friday 7th. Mass in Ballyconnell for those who are buried in Aghowel cemetery and after mass I will bless the graves in Aghowle.

Friday 7th. First Friday: Fr. John will attend the sick and housebound.

Collections: Weekend: June, 24/25

Envelopes: €416 Baskets: €340 - Bingo: €520

Lotto €200. Envelopes returned:78

Bingo in Ballyconnell hall on Sunday @ 8 PM. The jackpot this week is €1100 if you check on 50 numbers.

The Mobile Phone versus the Bible

What would happen if we treated our Bibles in the same way we treat our mobile phones?

- + What if we carried it around in our handbag or pockets?
- + What if we flipped through it several times a day?
- + What if we turned back to get it if we forgot it?
- + What if we used it to receive messages?
- + What if we treated it as though we could not live without it?
- + What if we give it to our children as a gift?
- + What if we used it when we travelled?
- + What if we used it in emergencies?

We do not have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because of an unpaid bill. Jesus has already paid the bill, and in full. And just think - no missed calls, God hears them all.

Retracing the footsteps of St Brigid and St Conleth

An 8km walk on the Curragh Plains led by Bishop Nulty takes place on Saturday 29th July. The walk begins at St Anne's School, The Curragh at 12noon and concludes with a prayer service in St Brigid's Church, Kildare at 4pm. Refreshments will be available and all are welcome to join. To register for the walk please contact Aras Bhride on 045-521352 or email kildareparish@gmail.com

Carlow County Museum: Visit Carlow County Museum and get a snapshot of our great history and see objects of national and international importance. Undertake our children's Museum Detective challenge! Open seven days a week, Free Admission. Carlow County Museum & Carlow Tourist Office, College Street, Carlow Town. Tel: 059-9131554, www.carlowmuseum.ie.