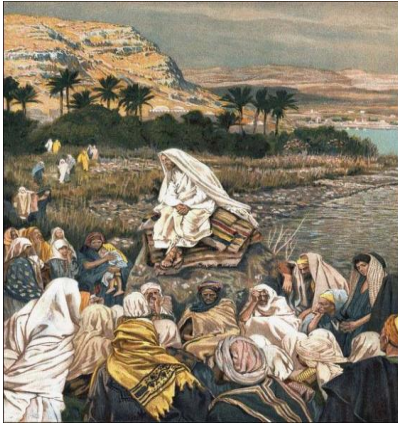


PARISH NEWSLETTER

21st. July 2024

The 16th. Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER

Saturday 20th Ballyconnell 7.30: John Wilson, Ballynultagh

Sunday 21st Kilquiggan 9.00: Andy O'Toole, Kilquiggan,

Gerry & Kitty Frayne, Cronelea

Sunday 21st Clonmore 10.30: Thomas & Margaret Pollard, Red Bog -
Patrick Connolly, Minvaud, Margaret McDonald Oldtown, Clonmore.

Wednesday 24th Ballyconnell - Liam Byrne, Ballyconnell.

Saturday 27th Ballyconnell 7.30: Sean & Phyllis Byrne, Coolkenno,
William Bowes, Killinure.

Sunday 28th Kilquiggan: Months mind Mass, Bridget Grace
Stratnakelly.



MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday 23rd. Funeral mass in Clonmore for James Molly.

Wednesday 24th. Mass at 9.30. Friday 26th. Mass in Ballyconnell at
7.30 and blessing of graves in Old Kilquiggan graveyard after mass.

Collections: Weekend: 13/14 July: Envelopes: €313

Baskets: €469; Envelopes ret 53. Bingo: €318

Ballyconnell Bingo: The jackpot this week will be €700

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto: Wednesday 17 July.
15, 17, 25, 26. No Jackpot winner. Next week's jackpot €20,000. 8 Match 3 get €125 each.

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 1, 2, 17, 25. No Jackpot winner.
Next week's jackpot €4,900; Next Draw: Monday. 22nd. July in Crab Lane. Lucky
Dip Winners: Eileen Hiney, Pat O'Shea; Michael Butler; Bernie Colgan.

Coolkenno GAA Golf classic 26th. July Coolkenno Golf Club. To book or contribute
contact: Ned Rossiter 087-9347275 or Bobby Keogh: 0871141331

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: There are still a few places available on
our pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 28th. August - 4th. September.

Take a break

We all need a break sometimes. I remember once reading a selection of entries for a Mothers' Day competition, in which people were asked why their mother deserved to win a prize. They all had themes in common - she never does anything for herself; she's always thinking of other people; I can't remember the last time she took a break. In today's Gospel, the disciples need a break. They have returned from their mission, eager to catch up with Jesus, but there is so much happening that they barely have time to eat. Jesus sees their need, and invites them to take a boat with him to a quiet place and rest for a while. But there is no time for rest, as the crowds have followed them on foot. Jesus is moved by them because they are 'like sheep without a shepherd'. He is the Good Shepherd who always cares for his flock, and he responds with compassion and love. No doubt the disciples are drafted in to help: it turns out it is not break time! We can imagine their exhaustion. We all feel tired or overwhelmed from time to time, from work or family pressures or simply trying to balance everything. Postponing our own needs to care for others is familiar to every parent or caregiver. We don't know if the disciples got a rest at that point, but we know that Jesus valued time apart as he later sends the disciples off in the boat again while he goes away by himself to pray. In the chaos of life, even when there are demands on our time and energy, it is important to take some time to reflect and to pray.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK