

PARISH NEWSLETTER

11th. August 2024

The 19th. Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Parish Office will be open
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ANNIVERSARIES - WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER

Saturday 10th. Ballyconnell 7.30: Tom & Annie Dempsey, Coolkenno; Kieran & Bridget Kelly, Rath. Annie Waterton

Sunday 11th. Kilquiggan 9.00: Mary & Patrick Rooney, Rath & Statia Nolan, Rath.

Saturday 17th. Ballyconnell 7.30: Christy Nolan, Rath Cross - Bridget Nolan. Margaret & William Butler and deceased family members.

Thursday 15th. The Assumption of our Lady: Holy Day of obligation. Mass will be on Thursday evening in the Old Church in Clonmore and blessing of graves after mass. Fr. Thomas O'Byrne will celebrate the mass.

Collections: Weekend: 3/4 August: Envelopes: €389
Baskets: €220; Envelopes ret. 62. Bingo: €710

Ballyconnell Bingo: The jackpot this week will be €775

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto
Wednesday August 7th, 8, 11, 13, 22.4, 20, 29. One winner.
Next week's jackpot €10,000. 31 Match 3 get €33 each.

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 3, 6, 10, 24. No Jackpot winner.
Next week's jackpot €5,200; Next Draw: Monday. 12th. August in Dying Cow. Lucky Dip Winners: Avril Rooney, Darren Keogh; Mick Nolan, Tommy Wafer

Maintenance person required, all exterior work: Contact: 087-0667961

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

Uphill struggle

Have you ever felt like giving up? Elijah certainly did. In today's first reading we meet a prophet who has had enough. He is fleeing from trouble and things seem so hopeless after a day's journey that he sits under a bush and begs God to take his life. Life has a way of getting on top of us, such as when we are grieving a loss, when we are hurt by a friend, when illness strikes, or when we are simply exhausted. We experience the feelings described in the famous anonymous poem Don't Quit: 'When things go wrong as they sometimes will/ When the road you're trudging seems all uphill...' At these times of struggle, it is helpful to pause and to refuel for the journey. Elijah was visited by an angel who offered him comfort and respite, giving him the strength, he needed to carry on. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again say he is the living bread. Some people have been complaining about his teaching. Surely this is the son of Joseph, they say, demonstrating their lack of understanding of who Jesus really is. Again, he explains that he is the bread of life - more than physical food, more than an ordinary man, he is the living bread and he is God. In all our struggles, especially when we feel like giving up, Jesus offers us nourishment for the journey. This gift is there for us especially in the Eucharist, offering comfort and strength.

'The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.' (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*)

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK