

PARISH NEWSLETTER

18th. August 2024

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Sunday 18th Aug - Kilquiggan:- Margaret & Thomas Foley

Saturday 24th Ballyconnell 7.30 : Michael Cahill & Therese Cahill

Sunday 25th Clonmore : Bill & Babs Carlos - Dublin .

Collections: Weekend: 10/11 August: Envelopes: €290

Baskets: €431; Envelopes ret.51 Bingo:€540

Ballyconnell Bingo: The jackpot this week will be €775

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Wednesday

August 14th, 6,9,11,15 - One winner.

Next week's jackpot €10,000. 33 Match 3 get €31 each.

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers:27,31,24,10 No Jackpot winner. Next week's jackpot €5,300; Next Draw: Monday. 18th August - Lucky Dip winners:William Doyle, Mick Nolan, Michael O'Reilly Jnr. Colm Doyle

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.

Crochet & Beading Classes - Clonmore School - Commencing 18th Sept 7-9pm - €10 per session. Contact Lorna 085 2259100

Clonmore Parish Cancer Society CRAB WALK Fri 23rd to 25th Aug

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