



## PARISH

## NEWSLETTER

1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

The 22nd. 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 31st Ballyconnell 7.30: Mick Donoghue Liscolman and deceased family members.

Collections: Weekend: 24/25 August: Envelopes: €342

Baskets: €284; Envelopes ret.59. Bingo: €680

Ballyconnell Bingo: The jackpot this week will be €780

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

Wednesday August 28th. 16,24,25,29 - No jackpot winner.

Next week's jackpot €12,000. 8 match 3's get €125 each

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 14,3,31,16 . No Jackpot winner. Next week's jackpot €5,500; Next Draw: Monday. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. in Crab Lane , Lucky Dip winners: Martin Murphy, Rachel Roberts, Mgt Roberts, Eamon Dolan .

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

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

Fr. John will be visiting the sick on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Annam , Cara Wicklow, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.15 in Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy. This even is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online meeting. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888888 for any queries

## Leap of faith

Children are often adept at looking beyond the practicalities and seeing the possibilities. Where a parent or guardian might only see a messy room in need of tidying, a child sees an obstacle course, a castle, a jungle, a magical fairy forest. It can be refreshing to take a breath and remember that there is more to life than our physical, tangible world with its daily routines and to-do lists. Sometimes circumstances can leave us blinded to life's beauty or meaning. In today's Gospel, some of Jesus' followers are finding it difficult to see beyond the physical. He has been teaching them that he is the living bread, but it is hard for them to accept. They dismiss it as 'intolerable language' and they wonder 'How could anyone accept it?' His teachings are too difficult to comprehend and they are annoyed and offended. Some of them even walk away. But Jesus is offering something more than the practicalities, more than physical food or drink: he offers the bread of life, living bread, his very self. It is a difficult message, but Simon Peter gets to the heart of it: 'You have the message of eternal life, and we believe.' He is able to see beyond the obvious, to hear the truth at the heart of Jesus' words. Jesus demands a lot of his followers, who must each decide whether or not they want to follow. Are we ready to make that leap of faith?

**HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK**