

PARISH NEWSLETTER

25th. August 2024

The 21st. 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 24th Ballyconnell 7.30: Michael Cahill & Therese Cahill

Sunday 25th. Kilquiggan 9.00: Dan & Dorothy Byrne, Munny and deceased family members; Michael Dempsey, Ballyrahan.

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

Saturday 31st. Ballyconnell 7.30: Mick Donoghue and deceased family members.

We pray for P. J. Tierney, Rath, Tullow, Co. Carlow

Tuesday 27th. Mass in Ballyconnell at 9.30

Collections: Weekend: 17/18 August: Envelopes: €212

Baskets: €302; Envelopes ret.44. Bingo: €405

Ballyconnell Bingo: The jackpot this week will be €780

PARISH LOTTO: Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto

Wednesday August 21st. 1, 15, 16, 23. - No jackpot winner.

Next week's jackpot €11,000. 17 Match 3 get €59 each.

Coolkenno GAA Lotto: Last week's numbers: 4, 5, 7, 22. No Jackpot winner.
Next week's jackpot €5,400; Next Draw: Monday. 26th August, in Dying Cow.
Lucky Dip winners: William Griffin, Ashling Deegan; Ciaran Rossiter, Gale Hanbidge.

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

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

Mission appeal will take place at all the masses next weekend.

The White Fathers will speak at all the masses and they will take up a collection at the end of mass.

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