

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th September 2019

Called to 'come to our senses'

The three parables of things lost and found emphasise the unending forgiveness of God, and God's rejoicing for those who return. In each of the situations there is a frantic search for that which is lost and a huge celebration when the lost is found. In the parable of the Lost Son there is much to reflect on. We hear that the younger brother eventually 'came to his senses.' We might pray today that God show us the aspects of our lives in which we also need to come to our senses.

In this Season of Creation, we lament the destruction of God's creation, we reflect on the loss of biodiversity and the loss of human life caused by climate change. We pray that as a global community we might, like the lost son, 'come to our senses' and take the actions that are necessary to change course. It all seems so huge and perhaps we feel there is nothing significant we can do. That is not the case. As parishes, we can lead by example and show our commitment to care for the earth. The future of our environment depends on the action we take now as a society. As with all significant change, it begins with the grassroots.

'I wish to address every person living on this planet...to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home...The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all.' (Laudato Si' 3,23)

Suggestion for the week: Can you encourage your family to make small changes in the home, such as ensuring all waste is correctly recycled, composting, encouraging one another to use public transport or walk/cycle when possible? We start with ourselves.

Collections:

8th September

Envelopes €735

Baskets €485

No of Envelopes 64

Direct Debits 4

Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

Priests of the Parish Collection There is a special envelope in your boxes for this collection which takes place on Sunday 1st September.

Mass Schedule:

Mass on Monday 16th & Friday 20th September at 7.30pm

Mass Tues 17th - Thurs 19th at 10am

Safeguarding: If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Mr. Mick Daly** Mob: 085-8021633, email – dlp@kandle.ie

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie

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Parish Centre: Mon/Wed/Fri 9.30 – 12.30, Tues & Thurs 1pm – 4pm

Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

Kildare / Carlow Pilgrimage (last remaining seats) October 10th 2019 ex Dublin

7 nights for Feast of Miracle of the Sun. Mass in Santarem where the bleeding host took place and Prayers, Mass and Hungarian Stations of the Cross in Fatima. Also, two trips to the seaside and Tour of Lisbon.

Contact James Treacy 086-0572216

Yearly Envelopes *The boxes of yearly envelopes will be ready for distribution from this **Friday 23rd August**. Could those who distribute them call to the Parish Centre for them during the usual opening times? If you are not available this year to distribute them we would be grateful if you would let us know so that we can organise another person to do so. Sincere thanks to everybody who helps in this regard.*

Eist Cancer Support Centre Carlow will hold a 'Survivors and Supporters 5K Walk through Nature' on Saturday 21st September 2019 starting at 2 pm in Rathwood Garden Centre Tullow, Co. Carlow. There is a €10 entry fee (€20 for family of 4) payable on the day. All proceeds go to Eist Cancer Support Centre, Carlow.

There will be a Talk on 'Quality of Life for People Living with and beyond Cancer' presented by Dr. Conor Murphy (St. James Hospital) Surgical Research Fellow in the Talbot Hotel, Carlow on Wednesday 18th September 2019. Doors open at 7 pm - information stands on display - talk at 8 pm followed by Q & A. For further information contact Eist Cancer Support Centre 059 9139684.

Sacred Heart Church 2020 Celebrations

In 2020 our Parish Church in Borris, the Sacred Heart, celebrates its 200th Anniversary. We are looking for ideas on how to celebrate this as a Parish. We would welcome also old photos and stories about the Church which we can integrate into our celebrations. All of these can be emailed to a special email address borris2020@gmail.com **Fr. Rory**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Pope's Monthly Intention

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

Care for the Earth

In the Judaeo-Christian tradition, the word 'creation' has a broader meaning than 'nature', for it has to do with God's loving plan in which every creature has its own value and significance. Nature is usually seen as a system which can be studied, understood and controlled, whereas creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of us all, and as a reality illuminated by the love which calls us together into universal communion [...]

At the same time, Judaeo-Christian thought demythologised nature. While continuing to admire its grandeur and immensity, it no longer saw nature as divine ... If we acknowledge the value and fragility of nature and, at the same time, our God-given abilities, we can finally leave behind the modern myth of unlimited material progress. A fragile world, entrusted by God to human care, challenges us to devise intelligent ways of directing, developing and limiting our power.

Pope Francis, Laudato Si', 76, 78

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK