

PARISH NEWS

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10th August 2014

How often are we motivated by fear? Fear of looking silly, fear of being laughed at or rejected, fear of failure, fear of losing everything we have worked for – some of these fears will be familiar to us. In the Gospels fear is often the opposite of faith. Peter has enough faith to get out of the boat and start walking on the water, but as soon as he feels the force of the wind he becomes afraid and begins to sink. Sometimes we start out fine but lose motivation or momentum along the way. Events seem to conspire against us, we get tired and fearful, and it is easier to just give up. Some of the most powerful and consoling words of Jesus are contained in this Gospel passage: 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' When we are afraid, Jesus is there to lift us out of our fear. When we lose faith, doubt ourselves, and feel as though we are sinking, Jesus stretches out his hand to us. Next time you are panicking, stressed or fearful, spend some time in prayer. If you struggle to find the words, why not echo Peter's cry, 'Lord! Save me!' Let Jesus lift you back into the boat and help you get back on track.

Collections: 3rd Aug 2014 Envelopes €573 Baskets €646

No. Of Envelopes Returned 59 Direct Debits 7

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

Mass Schedule : Mass at 7.30pm on Mon. 11th Aug
Mass at 9.00 am Tues 12th & Wed 13th Aug
Vigil Mass on Thursday 14th Aug in St. Patrick's Ballymurphy at 7.30pm
Mass on **Friday 15th August**, The Feast of the Assumption, will be in Rathanna at 9.30am
and Borris at 11am

Visitation Of The Sick Fr. John will visit the sick people on his list in Ballymurphy and Rathanna on Tuesday 12th August and in the Borris area on Wednesday 13th August.

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan website www.kandle.ie

Parish Centre: The Parish Centre is open as usual Mon. – Fri. from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.
Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank holidays.

The Parish Centre will be closed from Thurs 14th Aug to Fri 22nd Aug (Incl.)

A Word of Thanks We would like to thank the **Rathanna Religious Group Fund** for their kind contribution of **€18699.27** The timing of this contribution is very appropriate as we have had to undertake major repairs in St. Fortchern's Church, we have painted the church, repaired and redecorated the brass works, and replaced two gas heaters, all of which required considerable funds. Once again we would like to thank the Parishioners of Rathanna. **Fr. John O'Brien**

Eist Cancer Support Centre -The Eist Cancer Support Centre will close for two weeks from Thurs the 31st of July at 4pm and will re-open Tues the 19th of August at 9.30am
Should you need any support during that time, please contact the Irish Cancer Society on 1800 200 700 Eist Cancer Support Centre Carlow, The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow Town 059 91 39684
www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie Visit us on facebook

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL and the Road Safety Authority have arranged the "**Check It Fits**" service team in Carlow and Tullow next week. Parents are urged to have their child's car seat checked free of charge to ensure they are correctly fitted in:
SuperValu, Sandhills Shopping Centre, **Carlow** on Monday 18th August from 10am to 5:30pm and SuperValu, Bridge Street, **Tullow**, Co. Carlow on Tuesday 19th August from 10am to 5:30pm.

Sponsored Walk, Kilkenny to Bennettsbridge - Nore Valley Walk, Sun 24th August in aid of Cystic Fibrosis Ireland. Walk starts at picnic tables in Maudlin Street (bottom of hill) @ 11am sharp. Registration @ 10.30am. €10 entrance fee which goes directly to the charity. Length – 11km each way – 3.5-5 hrs (both ways). Option of one way - lifts can be organised back to Kilkenny
Contact Aoife 085 8107890 or charitywalk14@gmail.com for further details or for a sponsorship card

Camino de Santiago For those who are travelling with us on the Camino - we will have a get-together on Wednesday 20th August @ 8.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church Borris.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

AND THEN IT IS WINTER

You know, time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is - the 'back nine' of my life and it catches me by surprise. How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember vividly seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that 'I was only on the first hole' and the 'back nine' was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is . . . my friends are retired and getting grey. They move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me, but I see the great change. Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant . . . but like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd become. Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore . . . it's mandatory! 'Cause if I don't on my own free will, I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so, now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!

But, at least I know, that though I'm on the 'back nine' and I'm not sure how long it will last, this I know for sure, that when it's over on this earth . . . it's over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done . . . things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not on the 'back nine' yet . . . let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether you're on the 'back nine' or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life . . . so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember, and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK