PARISH NEWS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th February 2019

Walking with the Lord

Last July and August, hundreds of people took part in 'Walk While You Can', a walk from Letterkenny, County Donegal to Ballydehob, County Cork, to raise awareness and funds to support those with Motor Neurone Disease. The event was the brainchild of Fr Tony Coote, a priest of the parishes of Kilmacud and Mount Merrion in Dublin, who made the decision to walk the length of Ireland after himself being diagnosed with MND. His boundless energy and zest for life, even in the face of terminal illness, struck a chord with many. People were inspired by his faith. Speaking during an interview on The Late Late Show, Fr Tony said: 'I haven't much time left, I know that. But I believe in a loving God; I don't fear death.'

Fr Tony is an example of someone who is following Jesus as a disciple, while also bringing others to Jesus. In his years as a priest he has preached and lived the Gospel, and since this massive change in his health and circumstances he has found a way to spread the Good News in a new way.

His story came to mind as I reflected on today's Gospel, which tells the story of the call of Peter. We are often struck by how the first disciples 'left everything and followed him'. Are we expected to do the same? Only a rare few will literally leave behind home, friends and family. But following Jesus does require us to offer our whole selves, whatever our circumstances. Whatever our position in life, we have something unique and great to offer.

Collections: 3rd February Envelopes €471 Baskets €576
No of Envelopes 42 Direct Debits 4
Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

Mass Schedule

Mass Monday 11^{th.} & Friday 15thFeb. at 7.30pm Mass on Tuesday 12th – Thursday 14th Feb. at 10am

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie Parish Centre:

New Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday, Wednesday & Friday 1.00pm to 4.00pm Tuesday & Thursday

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

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

Accord Pre-Marriage Courses: Some upcoming course dates for 2019 are: February 8th & 9th and March 8th & 9th.

Blood Donation Clinic – Graiguenamanagh Abbey Hall – 4.30pm to 8.00pm Thursday 7th Feb 2019

Clonagoose Graveyard – Laneway Renovations

Please see on our website some photos (under All Galleries) of the work which has now been completed on the graveyard laneway. Thanks again for generous contributions of our parishioners which made this possible.



The Three Tenors



are in Concert in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris, again on

Saturday 16th February 2019

Tickets are now on sale. Please contact the Parish Centre for further details.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Monday 11th February – World Day of the Sick

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Established in 1993 by Pope Saint John Paul II on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, a different city is chosen each year to host the World Day of the Sick. This year the choice has fallen on Calcutta in India and Pope Francis highlighted the figure of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta as a model of charity who made God's love for the poor and sick visible.

"In all aspects of her life", he said, "she was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defence of human life, of those unborn and those abandoned and discarded... She bowed down before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God-given dignity".

The Pope upheld her further saying that "she made her voice heard before the powers of this world, so that they might recognize their guilt for the crime – the crimes! – of poverty they created".

Volunteers

Pope Francis's message also praised the generosity of so many volunteers who, he said, are so important in health care and who eloquently embody the spirituality of the Good Samaritan.

He thanked the many associations run by volunteers that are committed to particular fields of health care including those who promote the rights of the sick, raise awareness and encourage prevention.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK