

PARISH NEWS

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th July 2016

A parable brought to life

Listeners to Joe Duffy's Liveline radio programme may have heard the story earlier in the summer of an American tourist who was beaten and robbed of his valuables during a violent mugging in Dublin. Forty-six year old Donnie Brown, who was travelling alone on his first holiday in Ireland, was attacked after stopping to ask a woman for directions back to his hostel. The gang held a knife to his throat and stole his wallet, bag, and phone, before leaving him lying bloodied in a lane. Donnie recalled how he had found help in a local shop and from Gardai who drove him around the area in the hope of identifying his attackers. However, after his story was aired on the radio, he experienced a real outpouring of kindness. A bed and breakfast owner offered him free accommodation, and he received more than 40 offers of help from all over Ireland, including free use of a rental car. 'I feel like I've won the lottery,' he said afterwards.

It is extraordinary that such a horrific experience could end with someone feeling so blessed. The man in today's parable must have felt something similar, to be treated with such generosity, from an unexpected source, after his ordeal. Those who helped Donnie in Dublin didn't know him or have any reason to help him. Their kindness to a stranger was very much in the spirit of the Good Samaritan we hear about today.

Collections: 3rd July Envelopes €740 Baskets €670
No of Envelopes 55 Direct Debits 5

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Monday 11th & Friday 15th July at 7.30pm

Mass Tues 12th – Thurs 14th July at 9am

The **Annual Mass for the Sick** will be celebrated on Friday 15th at 7.30pm

Fr. Rory Nolan P.P.

We welcome Fr. Rory to Borris Parish and wish him the best of luck, health and happiness here.

Fr. Rory's contact details are Ph : 087-2714161, email rorypmnolan68@gmail.com

Visiting the Sick Fr. John & Fr. Rory will visit the sick on their list on Tuesday 26th July in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and on Wednesday 27th July in the Borris area.

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Parish Centre: Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday

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

Lough Derg 2016: You may begin the Three Day Pilgrimage on any day up to and including Saturday 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary.

There are various travel options available countrywide. The Lough Derg team can help you to coordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. Telephone Maureen or Lorraine on 071 9861518. Email: info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org

Trócaire Emergency Appeal: The worst drought in decades has left approximately 60 million people, ten times the population of the island of Ireland, facing hunger across the developing world. Trócaire has launched an emergency appeal to get relief to people in Ethiopia, Malawi,

Zimbabwe, Honduras and Guatemala. To donate log on to www.trocaire.org, call 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI).

GOLDEN JUBILEE

I want to thank all who had hand, act or part in the celebration of my Golden Jubilee of Ordination in Ballinkillen recently. It was a memorable night. I am humbled and overwhelmed by the number of people present that night, and by the number of people who also phoned, sent cards etc. I just thank God for each and every person, their family and friends. I also thank God for giving me the privilege to serve them and many more during my priestly ministry. I know I won't be able personally, to thank everyone individually but I will offer Masses for everyone and pray God's blessing on all. May we keep each other in prayer.

Pierce (Fr.)

Graveyard Masses this Summer

Rathanna Pattern : Sunday August 7th 3pm

Ballymurphy Pattern : Sunday August 28th 3pm

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Blessing for a Garden

*God bless this garden
Through which your glory shines,
May we see in its beauty the wonder of your love.
God bless the soil
Rich and teeming with life,
May we see in its fertility the promise of new creation.
God bless our toil
As we dig deep to turn the soil,
May we see in our labour your call to be good stewards.
God bless each seed
That takes root and grows,
May we see in their flourishing the hope of transformation.
God bless the rains
That water our efforts to bring forth life,
May we see in their constancy God's faithful care.
God bless the harvest
Abundant and bountiful in season,
May we see in God's generosity our need to share.
God Bless this garden
As you bless all creation with your love,
May we see in its glory your awesome majesty.
Amen.*

Source : Godspace

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK