

PARISH NEWS

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th June 2018

'He has gone out of his mind'

In the gospel today we hear that Jesus made a visit home. Word about this radical teacher had gotten around and the religious leaders are not happy. In an effort to protect their son and brother, Jesus' family try to restrain him in order to protect him. The people who have gathered try to dismiss Jesus' teachings saying that he has 'gone out of his mind'. The religious leaders even go so far as to say that he is possessed by a demon! Perhaps their way of explaining away someone that they could not cope with. Who in our society today is explained away? Who do we wish would stop speaking out because it makes us uncomfortable? Who do we know who is speaking the truth and yet is dismissed by those in authority? Who tries to silence others?

One of the criticisms of Christians today is that we are not Christ-like or we are no longer challenged by the gospel message. Sometimes it is easier to 'keep your head down'. But Jesus knows that in order to bring change, to work for God's kingdom of love and justice and peace, this involves sticking your head above the parapet, whether that be in our communities, our families or in our church.

'I began to wonder if anyone still believed Jesus meant those things he said. I thought if we just stopped and asked "what if he really meant it?" it could turn the world upside down. It is a shame Christians have become so normal.'

Shane Claiborne,
The Irresistible Revolution

Collections: 3rd June Envelopes €707 Baskets €548
 No of Envelopes 63 Direct Debits 5

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

Mass Schedule: **No Mass from Monday 11th to Thurs 14th June**
 Mass on Friday 15th June 7.30pm
 Ballymurphy Servers Sat 9th June **Group 2**

Retired Priests Collection: We are appealing for the support of the parishioners of the diocese to help us in providing an allowance to retired priests and to assist them with their accommodation and healthcare. Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese thank you for your ongoing contributions for priests' collections and in particular for your support. There is an envelope in your box for this purpose, also part of the basket collection on the 1st weekend in June will be for this purpose.

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.

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

Clothes Collection supporting Friends of Calcutta (CHY 13218) on **Friday June 8th** collecting at Borris Church at 10am, Rathanna at 11am and Ballymurphy at Noon. All items of clothing, footwear, curtains etc most welcome and can be left earlier that day up to Collection time. To view a short film which captures the joy of what the collection funds please visit 'Rajiv 18' on YouTube. All enquirers to Michael Hopkins 087 9073074

GRAVEYARD MASSES & PRAYERS

Kiltennel Cemetery 24th June Rosary & Blessing of Graves

Sacred Heart Cemetery Mass Friday 29th June 7.30pm

Clonagoose Cemetery Mass on Sunday 1st July 3pm

Rathanna August 5th 3pm

Ballymurphy August 26th 3pm

Annual Mass of the Sick Friday 6th July 7.30pm - Borris

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

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes: The Parish Pilgrimage this year 5 night package starting on **Tuesday 07 August 2018**. The cost would be EUR 755.00 per person sharing a twin / double room and EUR 155.00 for the single room supplement. **For booking forms please call to the Parish Centre.**

The cost would include the following;

Transport & Accommodation

- Transfer to and from Dublin airport
- Flight from Dublin to Lourdes
- Transfer on arrival from the airport to the hotel with guide assistance
- Accommodation in the Hotel Paradis
- Breakfast, lunch and evening meal served each day at hotel
- Transfer to Lourdes Airport for return flight
- Luxury air-conditioned coach for all transfers and tours

Registration for WMOF 2016 Congress

As of now, one-day bookings can only be made for Wednesday or Thursday. Three-day bookings are still available. Remember, our day at the Congress is Wednesday, August 22.

Kandle Family Fun Day

Do you remember Punchestown? Well, if you enjoyed Punchestown, you'll love what we have planned for the Kandle Family Fun Day, taking place in the grounds of Carlow College, St Patricks on **Saturday, June 16** from 2-6. If you didn't get to Punchestown, don't miss out on this afternoon of family fun, hosted by our diocese as part of its preparation for the World Meeting of Families in August. Bring a picnic and from 2 o'clock onwards enjoy the music of the Garda Band, Music Generation's own youth trad orchestra – Reelig, Carlow Youth Orchestra, Presentation School Band and many other musicians and dancers. Official opening by Bishop Denis will take place around 3 pm, after the Garda band.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

PRAYER BEFORE AN EXAMINATION

Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me.

Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together.

Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way.

As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked.

Help me to remain focussed and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me.

Amen.

Salesians of Don Bosco, Ireland

We would like to wish all students the very best of luck in their exams.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK