# PARISH NEWS

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017 *Community living*

No community is without its problems. Wherever two or three are gathered, there will be two or three different opinions!

Today's gospel has a valuable message about community. When we think of our own parish or church community, we might feel uncomfortable with the advice on how to deal with sin. But this passage is just as relevant now as it was to the early Church. First of all, it acknowledges that the Church is not perfect; it is made up of sinners, who will go astray and disagree at different times. It emphasises the importance of dialogue – if a brother (or sister) sins, the first step is to discuss it with them, and then to enlist the help of the community if necessary. Presumably the other members will do the same for you, if and when you need it. We all have as responsibility, as members of the Church, to help those who are struggling or lost.

If you have a spare few minutes, read the passages that come immediately before and after this one in Mathew's Gospel. Before, the parable of the lost sheep tells us that God rejoices when one who has gone astray is found. After, Jesus tells us we should forgive each other as many as seventy-seven times. The context is God's generous love and forgiveness, on which we are expected to model our Church. Jesus is present where two or three meet in his name – even with our human struggles and disagreements and sins. We have a responsibility to be present to each other, and to forgive one another. That's what it means to be Christ's Church.

Collections:3rd SeptEnvelopes €667Baskets €633No of Envelopes 61Direct Debits 3Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

 Mass Schedule: Mass on Mon 11<sup>th</sup> & Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 7.30pm Mass Tues 12<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> at 9am Ballymurphy Servers Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Sept Group 1
Confessions in Sacred Heart, Borris from 11.30 – 12 noon every Saturday morning. All welcome.

This Weekend 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>Sept. We have our Annual Collection for the Priests of the Parish. Our Christmas and Easter collections and the proceeds from the November List of the Dead and from Weddings and Baptisms are entered into this account. The proceeds from the special envelope and the basket collection of the first week in September are also entered into this account. We are totally dependent on your generosity. You have always been very generous in your contributions and we appreciate the major effort you are making. I would like to ask you to be as generous as possible in the special envelope and the Offertory Collection this weekend, please. You have a special green envelope in your box of envelopes for this collection.

#### Fr. Rory

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

**Visiting the Sick –** Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September in Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas and on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September in the Borris area.

### Thank You

Bishop Denis extends a most grateful thank you to all who made the Family Picnic @ Punchestown such a success. It was wonderful to see so many families gathered and we look forward to preparing together for the World Meeting of Families 2018.

#### **Pre-Marriage Courses**

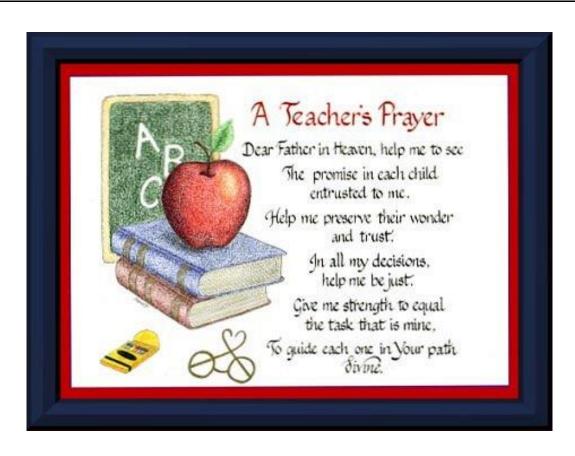
Accord Carlow have a limited number of places available on the following courses this year; Oct 13th & 14<sup>th</sup>, Nov 17th & 18<sup>th</sup> & Jan 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 2018 Couples getting married in the Catholic Church are required to attend a Pre-Marriage Course. Please book now on <u>www.accord.ie</u> and avoid disappointment. For further information phone Mary at 059 9142590

#### Holy Hour Rathanna

<u>'Spare an Hour for The Lord'.</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Thursday from 1pm until 8pm. If you can give an hour in prayer please leave your name and the time that suits with Ann in the Parish Office 059-9773128

## Parish Envelopes – would those who distribute the parish envelopes please collect them from the Parish Office – they are now ready for collection.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK