

# PARISH NEWS

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**11<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

## **Ever-ready**

Nowadays, many houses have security systems. We can have our homes monitored, 24 hours a day, to make sure they are safe. The really advanced systems even allow us to tap into the cameras from our mobile phones. We don't have to stay awake all night in case someone tries to burgle our home - the system takes care of everything. There are so many technologies available whose focus is to help us be prepared for all eventualities; we have apps for everything from predicting the weather to alerting us to traffic delays.

There are no such luxuries in the parables. The men who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast cannot afford to sleep. They won't receive an alert to their phone when their master arrives home. They have no option but to wait up. In the short parable of the householder and the burglar, Jesus again emphasises the importance of 'standing ready.'

Of course, Jesus is not really talking about watchmen and burglars, or being physically prepared; he is talking, rather, about spiritual alertness. It might seem morbid, but ask yourself this: if you were to die tonight, would you be ready? Your answer might tell you something about the areas of your life that need work. Another way in which we can be 'ever ready' is to be open to the Holy Spirit. When our hearts are alert and open, we are more likely to see God's goodness in those we meet, and be ready to welcome his grace into our lives.

We could not imagine being without our gadgets and apps and all of the things that make our lives easier. Valuable though they are, there is something more valuable - indeed priceless - at stake.

**Collections:**                      4<sup>th</sup>August                      Envelopes €TBC                      Baskets €TBC

No of Envelopes                      Direct Debits

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

### **Mass Schedule:**

Mass on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> & Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm

Mass Tues 13<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Aug. at 10am

**Mass will be held on the Rock of Tinnecarrig on Sunday, August 11th 2019 at 2pm.** Chief celebrant will be Bishop Denis Nulty and will be con-celebrated with local priests. Tea and refreshments will be provided later in local Club House. All Welcome!

### **Cemetery Prayers August**

Ballymurphy August 25<sup>th</sup> 3pm

## ***National Dawn Walk for Cancer***

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019, starts at 5.45am in the Presentation De La Salle College, Bagenalstown, Co Carlow. Registration online [www.nationaldawnwalk.com](http://www.nationaldawnwalk.com) Support of this event is greatly appreciated.

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

**Borris Parish Website:** [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie) **Diocesan Website:** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

**Parish Centre:** Mon/Wed/Fri 9.30 – 12.30, Tues & Thurs 1pm – 4pm

Phone 059 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com) Closed Bank Holidays.

### **Accord Carlow**

#### **Pre – Marriage Courses 2019**

September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Friday Night & Saturday

October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Friday Night & Saturday

**Please note there are no Pre-marriage courses in July or August.**

To reserve a place book on line at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

For further information please contact:

Mary at Accord Carlow phone no 059 9138738

St Catherine's Community Service Centre, St Joseph's Road, Carlow

Email: [accordcarlow@eircom.net](mailto:accordcarlow@eircom.net)

#### **Counselling Service**

Accord offers low cost confidential counselling to couples experiencing challenges or difficulties in their relationship.

For further information contact Mary at 059 9138738

## **Sacred Heart Church 2020 Celebrations**

In 2020 our Parish Church in Borris, the Sacred Heart, celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:borris2020@gmail.com) **Fr. Rory**

*THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*

*Happiness is not a station you arrive at, but a manner of travelling.*

*Margaret B. Rumbeck*

*HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*