

# PARISH NEWS

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of The Sick

11<sup>th</sup> February 2018

'Stretched out his hand...'

Jesus, in today's gospel, cures a leper by the healing touch of his hand. A leper was completely outcast from society, and still today there are many people in our own society who are completely alienated and stigmatised. Jesus is moved with pity for this man. What moves you with pity? Who do you pity? What alienates you from others? Who is alienated in our communities? Who is it that we need to reach out to? Jesus' pity also conveys anger at the leper's situation. Jesus sends the man to the priests, as a testimony to them. It is the religious of Jesus' time who have alienated this man. What they are incapable of doing, Jesus has done by 'stretching out his hand' in love.

Jesus, in Mark's Gospel, is forever asking people to be quiet and not tell anyone about what he does. Yet, after such a radical encounter with God which frees this man from all that keeps him trapped, of course he would be shouting from the roof tops. Why would Jesus want his miracles to be kept a secret? Jesus wants to be able to fulfil his mission without attracting the wrong kind of attention. Eventually those who are against him will compile evidence but, for now, the less they know the better. We might think today of those who bravely speak out, even if it means they are punished in some way. May all of us have the courage, like the man who is healed in the gospel today, to proclaim the truth, even if it costs us.

**Collections:** 28<sup>th</sup> Jan Envelopes €877 Baskets €613  
No of Envelopes 65 Direct Debits 5

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

**Mass Schedule:** Mass on Mon 12<sup>th</sup> & Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 7.30pm  
Mass Tues 13<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10am

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Feb **Group 2**

**Confessions** in Sacred Heart, Borris from 11.30 – 12 noon every Saturday morning. All welcome.

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

**Parish Centre:** Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday  
Phone 059 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie)

**RTÉ's Nationwide** is to feature a segment on the 'Walk with Willibrord' on Monday 12th February at 7.00pm. Featuring the journey of the relic of St. Willibrord, Patron Saint of Luxembourg from St Laserian's Cathedral, Old Leighlin to the Cathedral of the Assumption in Carlow.

[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.

The cost would include the following;

#### **Transport & Accommodation**

- 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

#### **Tours & Religious Programme**

- Introductory tour of the Grotto Domain, visiting the Grotto, Baths, Basilicas and the Stations of the Cross
- Guided walking tour of Lourdes visiting places associated with the life of St. Bernadette
- Religious processions in Lourdes led by Spiritual Director: Blessing of the Sick, Blessed Sacrament and Torchlight Marian Procession
- Full services of guides and representatives throughout the pilgrimage and at airports

For booking forms please call to the Parish Centre.

### **World Meeting of Families Host a Pilgrim**



#### **Do you have a spare room in your home and want to help?**

Thousands of people will be travelling from very distant places to participate in World Meeting of Families 2018 (Dublin, 21-26 August 2018). Many would be unable to come if they also had to cover the cost of accommodation. Do you have a spare room? Would you be willing to host a person, a couple or a family next August? Help us welcome visiting families to Ireland and have a home-from-home experience. Learn more at [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/hostafamily](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/hostafamily). Email us at [hostingteam@worldmeeting2018.ie](mailto:hostingteam@worldmeeting2018.ie) or call us on 01 567 6800.

#### *THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*

##### **Prayer for the Sick**

Jesus Christ, Source of Hope and Healing.

Source of Peace,

All over the world, we are sending up prayers,  
at bedsides and at altars and in waiting rooms.

Across the world, we light a galaxy of candles.

for those tossed in the rapids of illness...

for those lost in the maze of addiction...

for those locked in broken bodies...

for those caught in the dark night of despair...

we pray.

Loosen the grip of pain, and soothe their suffering.

Throw open a wide way free...

a path of kindness and compassion, understanding,  
quiet strength and sweet serenity.

All over the world, we are sending up prayers.

*Deborah D. Cooper*

*National Association of Catholic Chaplains [www.nacc.org](http://www.nacc.org)*

#### *HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*

