

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11th October 2015

Giving it all up

If your house was on fire and you could save one thing, what would it be? We often hear this question posed, and our response is supposed to tell us something about ourselves and our priorities. Many say they would choose to save treasured family photos, letters, gifts or heirlooms. Others might rescue a laptop or their music or book collection. The question makes us think about what is really important to us. Often people conclude that once their loved ones were safe, they would be happy. Everything else is just stuff. And yet we accumulate so much of it! Of course, we need to feed and clothe ourselves and our families, and to keep a roof over our heads, and we all have our little luxuries and indulgences. But where do we draw the line? What would we give up easily – and what would be more difficult?

For the man who approaches Jesus in today's Gospel, the stakes are too high. He is living a good life and keeping God's commandments, but he is unable, or unwilling, to make the final push and give up his attachment to wealth and possessions. There is no doubt that it is a radical demand that Jesus makes of him. It might seem impractical to us who hear this message today. How do we give everything away to follow Jesus?

Start today: think about your contributions to charity or to your parish-do you really give as much as you can afford? Is there some luxury-a daily take-away coffee, for example-that you could forego and give the money to charity? Could you spare some time for a good cause? Start heading down this path and who knows where it will lead!

Collections: 4th Oct. Envelopes €396 Baskets €587

No of Envelopes 60 Direct Debits 5

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

Mass Schedule:

Mass on Mon 12th & Fri. 16th Oct at 7.30pm

Mass at 9am Tues 13th to Thurs 15th Oct.

Annual Envelopes – Should anyone not have received a box of envelopes for the coming year please let us know in the Parish Centre and we will organise one for you.

Visiting The Sick Fr. John will visit the sick on his list in Rathanna & Ballymurphy on Tues. 13th Oct and in Borris area on Wednesday 14th Oct.

PPC Meeting A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held in the Parochial House on Wednesday 14th October 2015 at 8.30pm.

Parish Centre: The Parish Centre is open as usual Mon. – Fri. from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.
Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

The Parish Centre will be closed on Wednesday 7th October

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

World Missions Ireland is the official Mission Charity of the Catholic Church in Ireland. Funds collected on Mission Sunday (**18th October**) are sent to mission projects throughout the world. Please continue to support and give as generously as you can. There is a Charlie Bird 'Report on the Missions' DVD available in the parish centre to borrow for viewing.

Irish Catholic The price of Irish Catholic is now €1.80. It is on sale every weekend at the back of the parish churches and in Kiernan's shop.

ACI-the Association of Catholics in Ireland are hosting a discussion forum on the recent encyclical from Pope Francis "Laudato si" (on the care for our Common Home-The Environment) on Thursday 15th Oct at 8 pm in the Parish Centre Leighlinbridge, Co.Carlow. Speakers -Fr Sean McDonagh SSC the well known environmentalist who advised the team drafting the encyclical and a speaker from a Concern, All Welcome

Accord Pre-Marriage Courses Accord Carlow have only a few places left on their October 9th &10th and November 6th & 7th courses. Couples getting married in early 2016 should book a course now
Booking can be made at www.accord.ie or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information

Meeting for Parents of First Communion & Confirmation Children A meeting has been arranged for the parents of First Holy Communion & Confirmation Children on Tuesday 20th October in Borris Mixed National School at 7.30pm. The meeting from 7.30pm – 8.15pm will be for the parents of First Holy Communion children. There will be a break from 8.15pm – 8.30pm and the meeting for the parents of Confirmation children will follow from 8.30pm to 9.30pm

Last Sunday 4th October was the 'Day for Life 2015'. Its theme this year is 'Cherishing Life, Accepting Death'. Day for Life is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

Day for Life 2015 Prayer

Pray for a good death, the intercession of St. Joseph:
O blessed Joseph,
who breathed your last in the arms of Jesus and Mary,
obtain for me this grace:
that I may breathe forth my soul in praise,
saying in spirit, if I am unable to do so in words:
'Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give Thee my heart and my soul.'
Amen.

'How great a lie... to make people think that lives affected by grave illness are not worth living!'

Pope Francis

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

GOD OF AUTUMN

God of autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green, letting of what has been. We too, have our moments of surrender with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to do so. God of fallen leaves lying in coloured patterns on the ground, our lives have their own pattern. As we see the pattern of our own growth, may we learn from them.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights, there is always the dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives. We always need to recognise your power filled presence. May we gain strength from this. God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain, may gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender. We must wait for harvest in faith and hope. Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings. God of geese going south for another season, your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried into the future. We yearn for insight and vision. God of flowers touched with frost, and windows wearing white designs, may your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the empty seasons.

God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us, you entrust us with the freedom to choose life. For all this we are grateful.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK