

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th September 2016

'The Lost Parables'

The three parables of things lost and found emphasise the unending forgiveness of God and God's rejoicing for those who return. In each of the situations there is a frantic search for that which is lost and a huge celebration when the lost is found.

In the third parable of the Prodigal Son there is much to reflect on. We hear that the younger brother eventually 'came to his senses'.

As with all parables, we are left thinking and wondering, disturbed even. A sheep and a coin we can rejoice over, but when it is a person who has done us harm, hurt us in some way, it is a much deeper and more painful process. The elder brother in the third parable feels hard done by, is deeply hurt, full of anger and resentment. Luke, being the excellent storyteller that he is, does not tell us the outcome of the story; it is for us to finish for ourselves. The elder brother has two options: he can walk away full of resentment or he can try to let go of the anger he feels towards his brother. The latter is a more difficult path but it is the only one that leads to life, no matter how painful the journey may be. The father stands there pleading for the elder brother to come in.

'Forgiveness isn't about releasing someone from accountability for his actions. It is about letting go of our anger and resentment.'

Collections: 4thSeptember Envelopes €574 Baskets €664
No of Envelopes 64 Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Monday 12th & Friday 16th September at 7.30pm
Mass Tues 13th – Thurs 15th Sept. at 9am
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 10th Group 1

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.

Yearly Envelopes We would appreciate if those people who usually distribute the Parish Envelopes could call to the Parish Centre to collect them please.

You're Invited: Opening of Final Diocesan Jubilee Door

The parishes of St Mullins and Gaignamanagh have been working hard preparing for the opening of the Holy Door in Duiske Abbey on September 11. They now extend an invitation to people from across the diocese to join them and Bishop Denis for this special celebration.

Assembling in St Mullins at 1.00 pm with prayers at St Moling's Well; proceed to walk the Barrow track, to arrive at Upper Tinnahinch Lock for 3.30pm; merge with groups coming from St Fiachra's Well, Ullard and St Michael's Well, Tinnahinch; proceed to Door of Duiske Abbey; 4.00 pm opening of Door and Mass of Thanksgiving, followed by refreshments in Abbey Hall.

Why not put the date in your diary and join us for this unique event marking the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Polish Mass will be celebrated this month in Fr. John's new Parish of Clonmore-Ballyconnell on Saturday 24th September at 7.30pm in Ballyconnell Church. All Welcome

Special Mass & Celebration A Special Farewell Mass for Fr. John will be held on Sunday 2nd October in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris at 3pm. The Installment Ceremony for Fr. Rory will also be held at this Mass and Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Nulty. There will be refreshments afterwards – further details on this next week. From this weekend envelopes will be placed at the back of the 3 Churches should you wish to donate towards this celebration. You can put these in the offertory basket, in the wooden envelope boxes at the back of the Churches or you can drop it in to the Parish Centre during the next few weeks.

Pre-Marriage Courses Accord Carlow are currently taking bookings for Pre-marriage courses on Sept 2nd & 3rd, October 7th & 8th, Nov 4th & 5th. All couples getting married in the Catholic Church are obliged to attend a Pre-marriage Course. To reserve a place book on line at www.accord.ie or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information.

Volunteer Befriending : If you are a good listener and are interested in getting to know an older person who may be feeling lonely and like a chance to make a difference to their lives, we'd love to hear from you! Befriending is all about offering companionship once a week on a time and day which suits you and the older person.

If you are interested and would like to apply or just to find out more, please ring Mary on **059-9136340** or **086-4108902**

Aspiro – Ireland's leading choir for children & young people have a limited number of places available in all primary and secondary school groups as well as Aspiro Inspired Adult Community Choir who meet Friday mornings. Contact info@aspirochoir.ie or ph: 085-7451111

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje & Dubrovnik from the 14th. September – 21st. September. 4 nights Medjugorje and 3 nights Dubrovnik. Price €995 (Incl. all airport taxes and charges) This pilgrimage is going ahead , there are places still available. If you are interested please contact Fr. John or Tully's Travel. *Fr. John*

Blood Donor Clinic Lord Bagenal Hotel, Leighlinbridge on Wed. 14th & Thurs. 15th September from 4.30pm – 8.00pm

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A Prayer for a New School Year

Spirit of God, fill our hearts with a desire to seek truth and rejoice in beauty.

Help us to know what is pleasing to you and to understand what is right and good in your sight.

Give us the spirit of learning that we may please you by our thoughts and love you in your creation.

Give all teachers your constant encouragement and guide them in their good work.

Spirit of God; make us effective witnesses of your truth to all whose lives we touch.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Amen.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK