

# PARISH NEWS

## *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

12<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Under the bush

When a prophet sits under a bush, it's usually a sign that things are not going well! At a particularly low moment in his relationship with God, the prophet Jonah sits, in an angry sulk, under a bush. While there he encounters God and learns a valuable lesson about mercy.

In today's first reading, it is the prophet Elijah who sits under a bush. He is on his last legs, having escaped into the desert to avoid capture and death. At this low point, a day's journey into the wilderness, he has had enough. He finds himself begging God to take his life.

It is a moment that will speak to many of us, particularly those of us facing struggles. Things can get on top of us. We sometimes feel alone, that our road is all uphill, that we are in the wilderness and there is nothing to do but give up. Yet when Elijah is at his lowest point, even getting ready to die, he finds he is not alone. The comforting presence of God is with him, offering sustenance to help him on his journey.

Elijah's response to God is at first reluctant; he lies straight back down again. But with a second round of encouragement (and some more food) he is on his feet and able to continue his journey, replenished and renewed. At the moment he felt the most abandoned and alone, God was closer than ever.

**Collections:** 5<sup>th</sup> August      Envelopes €509      Baskets €737  
No of Envelopes 57      Direct Debits 4

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

### **Mass Schedule;**

Mass Monday 13<sup>th</sup> & Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Aug

No Mass on Tuesday morning - **Vigil Mass on Tues 14<sup>th</sup> August in Ballymurphy at 7.30pm**

**Feast of the Assumption Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

**Mass in Rathanna at 9.30am & Mass in Borris at 11am**

Mass on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Aug at 10am

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Aug **Group 3**

**GRAVEYARD MASSES & PRAYERS : Ballymurphy Graveyard August 26<sup>th</sup> 3pm**

**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)

### **Eist Cancer Support**

Eist Cancer Support Centre will be closing for Summer Holidays from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July and reopening on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018. If you have any queries please phone Eist Centre on 059 91 39684 and leave a voice mail message and we will answer your call on our return on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August, alternatively please contact Irish Cancer Society Nurse line freephone 1800 200 700.

## **Pre-Marriage Courses**

Accord Carlow run Pre-Marriage course's for couples intending to get married in the Catholic Church. It is a requirement of the church that all couples attend a Pre-Marriage course before getting married.

There are a small amount of places available on the forthcoming courses - Oct 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 & January 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 - The Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow.

If you are getting married in early 2019 it is important that you book now.

**Book on line [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) Contact Mary at Accord Carlow 059 9138738 for further information**

**Lough Derg 2018:** You may begin the Three Day Pilgrimage on any day up to and including Monday 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary. For information regarding public transport telephone Lorraine on 071 9851518 (from NI 00353 71 9861518). [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

This summer, DoubleBand Films is making an Irish language documentary for RTÉ and BBC on the pilgrimage at Lough Derg, with the kind permission of Father Flynn and the staff at Lough Derg. The film will be a reflection on what the pilgrimage means to the many people who undertake it, and the sacrifice required to complete such an act of devotion.

We are seeking more Irish speakers who intend to visit Lough Derg between now and 15th August, who would be willing to do a short interview with us about their reasons for doing the pilgrimage and what they get from the experience. Anyone interested can contact Órfhlaith at DoubleBand Films on 0044 289024 3331, or [orfhlaith@doublebandfilms.com](mailto:orfhlaith@doublebandfilms.com) for more information.

### **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES – POPE FRANCIS EVENTS**

Official Opening Liturgy for the Diocese for WMOF will take place in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, August 21 – with light refreshments before the liturgy begins.

With just a few weeks to go to the World Meeting of Families 2018 in Dublin from 21 – 26 August, we are opening up a new opportunity for those who have availability to volunteer for one day for WMOF2018. We are asking for Volunteer Papal Mass Stewards and Holy Communion Team volunteers for the Closing Mass of WMOF2018 which will take place in the Phoenix Park on Sunday 26th August. Go to [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Get-Involved/Volunteer/Volunteer-for-One-Day](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Get-Involved/Volunteer/Volunteer-for-One-Day) for more information.

Some parishes have been asking if tickets for the Final Mass of the World Meeting of Families are transferrable. The answer is yes. Each ticket will have a barcode but no name, so extra or unwanted tickets can be given to other individuals or groups.

**Limited tickets** now available from Goresbridge Parish for Final Mass in Phoenix Park with bus going from Paulstown. Contact Niamh at 087-9596273 to book tickets & bus.

## *THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*

### **OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018**

God, our Father,  
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,  
One family, in the Spirit of your love.  
Bless us with the joy of love.  
Make us patient and kind,  
gentle and generous,  
welcoming to those in need.  
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.  
Protect all families with your loving care,  
Especially those for whom we now pray:  
Increase our faith,  
Strengthen our hope,  
Keep us safe in your love,  
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.  
This we ask, through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

*HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*