

PARISH NEWS

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th July 2015

'Keep it simple'

Jesus send the disciples out in pairs today and the message is clear: Keep it simple. No luxury accommodation, no major appeals, no special equipment- YOU are the equipment. We may think that we can do God's work alone, but we must work together. We sometimes think that we need fancy programmes, major advertising campaigns or glossy brochures, but the message is simple. We sometimes get disheartened when we suffer rejection and are ridiculed because of our faith, but we must not let this discourage us or we lose our freedom. We can learn from rejection, shake it off and move on. The disciples are told to be apart of each community they encounter, to live with the people, to spread God's message of love and compassion one person at a time.

It can seem a daunting task to say that we too are disciples sent out on a mission, but it is in the small acts of listening and kindness that we can bring the 'good news' of God's inclusive and unconditional love to others. Pope Francis also urges us as a Church to go out and to 'keep it simple': 'I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out in the streets, rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security..... I do not want a church concerned with being at the centre and then ends up by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures.

Collections: 5th July Envelopes €706 Baskets €502

No of Envelopes 44 Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule: Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 13th & Fri. 17th July
Mass at 9am Tues 14th - Thurs 16th July

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 11th July – Group 5

Annual Mass of the Sick will be in The Sacred Heart Church on Friday 10th July at 7.30pm

Confirmation Pledges The children who made their confirmation this year will be making their Confirmation Pledges at the 11am Sunday Mass in The Sacred Heart Church on **July 12th**. This pledge is made in consultation with parents and is a private and confidential decision.

Visiting the Sick Fr. John will visit the sick on his list on Tuesday 14th July in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and in Borris area on Wednesday 15th July.

Holy Ghost Missions The envelope collection for the Holy Ghost Missions amounted to **€512.70**. The Holy Ghost Missions wish to thank the very kind parishioners for their generous contributions and loyal support.

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 for annual holidays from Monday 27th July to Friday 7th August Incl.

Back open on Monday 10th August

The Eist Cancer Support Centre, The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow provides practical help and emotional support to anyone affected by cancer in County Carlow and the surrounding areas opens Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 4.30pm. You are free to contact us at 059-9139684 or drop-in during our opening hours. Website: www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie

Borris Garda Station will remain closed until August this year - date to be confirmed - as further work is being carried out. Existing arrangements where a Garda is available in Borris Library on Wednesdays between 4pm and 5pm will remain in place until then. You can still phone Borris Gardaí at 059-9773102, it is diverted to a mobile number, or you can phone Bagenalstown Gardaí at 059-9721212

Graveyard Patterns this Summer

Rathanna Graveyard Sunday 2nd August at 3pm
Ballymurphy Graveyard Sunday 30th August at 3pm

Family Day of Celebration to Mark the Year of Consecrated Life

In this Year of Consecrated Life CORI are organising a Celebration Day for those in Consecrated Life and their Families on Saturday 11 July 2015 in the grounds of Mount St Joseph Abbey, Roscrea from 2pm-5pm. This afternoon of celebration and entertainment will include Family Fun Day Activities, Live Music and Spot Prizes, Bouncing Castles and Children's Entertainment. All are welcome to this free event, especially religious and their families. Celebratory Evening Prayer in the Abbey Church at 4.30pm.

Pre-Marriage Courses

Accord Carlow are currently taking booking for the following courses

Sept 11th & 12th Oct 9th & 10th, Nov 6th & 7th

Booking can be made on line at www.accord.ie

Or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information.

Parish Finance Committee Meeting on Monday 20th July at 8.30 in the Parochial House.

RATHANNA DRAMA GROUP PRESENTS

'THROUGH THE CHAIR'

FOR 2 NIGHTS ONLY ON WEDNESDAY 15TH AND THURSDAY 16TH JULY

IN RATHANNA HALL

TIME 8PM, ENTRANCE €8

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

GODS' GENEROSITY

We ask for a cupful when the vast sea is ours
We pick a small rosebud from a garden of flowers.
We reach for a sunbeam, but the sun still abides.
We draw one short breath, but there's air on all sides.
Whatever we ask for, falls short of God's giving.
For His greatness exceeds every facet of living.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK