# PARISH NEWS

# Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017

# Prisoners' Sunday

Are you ready?

'It's a terrible thing, I think, in life to wait until you're ready. I have this feeling now that actually no one is ever ready to do anything. There is almost no such thing as ready. There is only now. And you may as well do it now. Generally speaking, now is as good a time as any.'

Hugh Laurie

I'm not ready – we all think it or say it from time to time. It could be as simple as not being able to find your shoes to leave the house, or a more serious situation like being under-prepared for a work presentation. It can also refer to our emotional state – we might not be ready to talk about an experience, to change a habit, to enter into a relationship, or to let go of a loved one. No one else can tell us if we are ready for a situation or not. It is something only we know. But there is some wisdom in the quote above, in that sometimes we need to push ourselves, to just dive in. The parable in today's gospel pits two groups in stark contrast – the foolish bridesmaids who failed to prepare, and the sensible ones who were ready with their lamps and oil. Both groups fell asleep on the job, but only one group had laid the groundwork and so were ready for action. Jesus tells us we need to be watchful and ready. As well as having the light od faith, we need the fuel – the actions – to keep it lit so we are ready when the Lord comes.

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Mass Schedule: Mass on Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Nov & Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30pm

Mass Tues 14th & Thurs 16th at 10 am

This is the new time for the Tuesday to Thursday Masses during the

winter months of November, December, January & February.

Mass of the Holy Angels Wed. 15th Nov. 7.30pm in Borris

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 11th Nov Group 1

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

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 <a href="mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com">borrisparish@gmail.com</a> 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** 

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**Pre-Marriage Course** Accord Carlow have places available on the following courses, Nov 17th & 18th 2017, Jan 12th &13th 2018, Feb 2nd & 3rd 2018. Any couple wishing to get married in the Catholic Church are obliged to attend a Pre-marriage course.

Booking can be made on line at <u>www.accord.ie</u> or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information



The team who look after the training of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will focus their attention this year on those ministers who have already trained. In the Spring, parishes will be offered two thematic based Holy Hours to choose from as an opportunity for on-going spiritual nourishment for this ministry. These Holy Hours will be designed to be easily facilitated locally or among neighbouring parishes.

#### Carlow Hops to Luxembourg' Radio Documentary

KCLR96FM radio documentary 'Carlow Hops to Luxembourg' on Sunday 12th November at 10.00am, detailing the June celebrations in county Carlow and Luxembourg for St. Willibrord, in particular the pilgrimage to Luxembourg, the 'Walk with Willibrord' and the presentation of St Willibrord's Relic to county Carlow.

**Exhibition "St. Willibrord, Patron Saint of Luxembourg and his County Carlow Connection"** is a special exhibition in Carlow County Museum. St. Willibrord was trained and ordained in county Carlow in the 7<sup>th</sup> century and he is one of Europe's most important saints. Carlow County Museum, College Street, Carlow Town, has free admission, opened **Monday** - **Saturday 10.00am** - **4.30pm**. (last admission half hour before closing).

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

#### We Remember Them

At the rising sun and at its going down; We remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter; We remember them.

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring; We remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer; We remember them.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of the autumn; We remember them.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends; We remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us as We remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength; We remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart; We remember them.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make; We remember them.

When we have joy we crave to share; We remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs; We remember them.

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by Sylvan Kamens & Rabbi Jack Riemer

### HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK