

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
12th October 2014

Black tie only

Weddings can be a stressful time. Have you ever seen the TV show 'Bridezilla', which pokes fun at the demands certain brides place on their families and wedding guests? Inevitably the bride ends up falling out with family and friends in her quest to organise the 'perfect' wedding.

Admittedly the wedding industry can be mind-boggling. Some wedding invitations even come with a dress code for guests. But it is difficult to imagine what sort of bride or groom, or their parents, would evict a wedding guest just for wearing the wrong style of clothing.

Yet here is Jesus telling us that the kingdom of heaven is just like that. Those who are not prepared for this banquet will find themselves 'thrown out'. It is hard to reconcile a loving, merciful God with such a heavy-handed approach. Except, it's not really up to God, is it? Look again at the reaction of the different groups to the king's generous invite. The first group were not interested despite a reminder of the hospitality on offer, and some were openly hostile. And of those who accepted the invitation, some did not embrace the experience wholeheartedly. The guest who had no wedding garment was unprepared, and unappreciative of the gifts on offer. Perhaps his heart just wasn't in it.

Collections: 5th Oct 2014 Envelopes €614 Baskets €524

No. Of Envelopes Returned 79 Direct Debits 5

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

Mass Schedule: Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 13th Oct. & Fri. 17th Oct.
Mass at 9am Tues 14th Oct. to Thurs 16th Oct (incl.)

Visitation of the Sick Fr. John will visit the sick on his list on Tues 14th Oct. in the Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas and in the Borris area on Wednesday 15th Oct.

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan website www.kandle.ie

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.

Dates for Your Diary

- ❖ The Confirmation in Borris will take place on Thursday 30th April 2015 at 11.30am
- ❖ The First Holy Communion in Ballymurphy will be on Sunday 10th May 2015 at 12.30pm
- ❖ The First Holy Communion in Borris will be on Sunday 17th May 2015 at 11am

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month Why not come along and show your support for the paint it pink campaign in the Lazy River cafe on Graiguecullen Bridge, Carlow on Sunday 26th October for afternoon tea from 4pm to 6pm - all profits from the day will go to the Eist centre .Booking is essential as places are limited so don't be disappointed and contact Mary on 087 9769113 or Bernie on 086 1593994.Entertainment will be provided all afternoon.

Safeguarding Information Sessions

The purpose of the 'Information Sessions' is to create an awareness of Safeguarding at parish level which includes the practicalities of safeguarding at parish level and guidance on best practice. All Church Volunteers who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults , including Sacristans, Choir Leaders, all Group Leaders, Ministers of the Eucharist and other individuals or groups who visit homes, nursing/homes on behalf of the Church. The Information Session for Borris Parish is on **Tuesday 14th October at 7.30pm in Leighlin Parish Centre, Leighlinbridge.**

Finance Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee meeting will take place on **Wednesday 15th October at 8.30pm** in the Parochial House.

Free Public Lecture

Dr. Susan Ni Chuileann (Lecturer in Psychology)
Lecture – From Isolation to Identity: A Study of voice recognition in the child with Autism
Monday 13th October 2014 at 1.45pm in Cobden Hall, Carlow College, Carlow
All Welcome to attend

Peter Fenelon Collier, Carlow Emigrant & US Publisher.

The first of the new Autumn /Winter lectures of the Carlow Historical & Archaeological Society will take place in the Adelaide Memorial Church in Myshall .Jimmy O'Toole, local historian & author of 'The Carlow Gentry' will give a lecture on Peter Fenelon Collier who was born in Myshall in 1849. He was a pioneer of investigative & photo journalism & was a close friend of Mark Twain & Theodore Roosevelt. The lecture will take place in the Adelaide Memorial Church on Wednesday 15th October 2014 at 8pm. Admission Free. All welcome.

Mission Sunday 2014 RTE are running a missionary / WMI piece on the Nationwide programme on Friday the 17th October.

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