

PARISH NEWS

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th August 2017

Back to the Mountain Top

Jesus once again goes to the mountain-top to pray. We too are encouraged to carve out space and time out in our everyday lives for quiet, for reflection, for prayer or meditation; for whatever it is that we do to nourish that deeper spiritual heart of ourselves. It is so important.

The famous story of Jesus walking on the water follows in the Gospel today. What a shock the disciples must have received! Initially Peter is so brave and enthusiastic. Peter is able to walk on the water until he notices the wind, then fear takes over and he begins to sink.

If you have read the book *The Shack* (and if you haven't I highly recommend it!) you might remember a scene where the main character, Mack, like Peter in today's Gospel, is full of fear, mostly about what might happen in the future. Jesus is clear to Mack that he lives in the present and that we waste time trying to play God and control what might happen in the future: 'You neither believe I am good nor know deep in your heart that I love you. You sing about it, you talk about it, but you don't know it' (*The Shack*, p.151)

Jesus' message for Mack in the story; for Peter in the Gospel and for all of today is 'Why did you doubt?' What eliminates our awareness of the love of God? We are urged to keep our eyes fixed on him. It is in the present that Jesus lives, not in our fears about the future or worries about the past.

Collections:	23 rd July	Envelopes €367	Baskets €1067
	6 th Aug	Envelopes €342	Baskets €633
	No of Envelopes 54	Direct Debits 3	

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

Mass Schedule: Vigil Mass on Mon 14th August in Ballymurphy at 7.30pm
Feast of the Assumption Tuesday 15th August
Mass in Rathanna at 9.30am & Mass in Borris at 11am
Mass on Fri 11th Aug at 7.30pm
Mass Wed 16th & Thurs 17th at 9am
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 12th Aug Group 4

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

Fr. Rory will visit those who are housebound on Thursday 10th August, Ballymurphy/Rathanna & Friday 11th August, Borris

Dates for Your Diary

Prayers In Cemeteries 2017

Ballymurphy: Sunday August 27th 3pm

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.

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

Pre-Marriage Courses

Accord Carlow have a limited number of places available on the following courses this year. Sept 8th & 9th, Oct 13th & 14th. Nov 17th & 18th Couples getting married in the Catholic Church are required to attend a Pre-Marriage Course. Please book now on www.accord.ie and avoid disappointment. For further information phone Mary at 059 9142590

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 17th – Sunday 20th August 2017. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1400 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. **Free** busses travelling from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see www.youth2000.ie or tel: 01-6753690

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Why Eve?

10. God was worried that Adam would frequently become lost in the garden because he would not ask for directions.
9. God knew that one day Adam would require someone to locate and hand him the remote.
8. God knew Adam would never go out and buy himself a new fig leaf when his wore out and would therefore need Eve to buy one for him.
7. God knew Adam would never be able to make a doctor's, dentist's or haircut appointment by himself.
6. God knew Adam would never remember which night to put the garbage on the curb.
5. God knew if the world was to be populated, men would never be able to handle the pain and discomfort of childbearing.
4. As the Keeper of the Garden, Adam would never remember where he left his tools.
3. Apparently, Adam needed someone to blame his troubles on when God caught him hiding in the garden.
2. As the Bible says, "It is not good for man to be alone."
And, finally, the Number 1 reason why God created Eve....
1. When God finished the creation of Adam, He stepped back, scratched his head, and said, "I can do better than that!"

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK