

PARISH NEWS

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
13 JULY 2014

The Parable Experience - Engage

Parables are not simply a 'story with a moral'; they are much more than that. Parables speak to the heart and command an alertness to all that is said and all that is unsaid. We need to pay attention to the detail, but must also be careful not to miss the hidden meaning in the parable experience. And it is an experience. The parable does not end once we are finished hearing or reading it. It stays with us; disturbs us; forces us to ponder. Parables should awaken our senses.

Today's parable highlights the various ways that we do not allow God's word to penetrate deep into our hearts and minds. Jesus tells the disciples: '*The reason I speak to them in parables is that seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen.*' Jesus emphasises the enormous harvest that is waiting for those who really '*open their ears*'. Recently, I saw a YouTube clip of a 40 year old woman who was able to hear for the first time thanks to cochlear implants. It was an emotional clip to watch and she cried and laughed and shouted with joy. She explained how '*the switch-on was the most emotional and overwhelming experience of my life*'.

If we are open to the parable experience, if the soil is truly receptive, perhaps the Word can affect us in the same way. In the coming Sundays we hear the parables of Mathew 13. Perhaps we can hear them again for the first time.

Collections: 6th July 2014 Envelopes €331 Baskets €618

No. Of Envelopes Returned 61 Direct Debits 5

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

Tax Refund for the Parish Please return your CHY3 forms to the Parish Centre in order for us to reclaim from Revenue the tax paid on your donations. **There are still some outstanding.**

Mass schedule : Mass at 7.30pm on Mon. 14th & Fri 18th July
Mass at 9.00 am Tues - Thurs 15th - 17th July (Incl.)

Visitation of The Sick - Fr. John will visit the sick on his list on Tues 15th July in Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and on Wed 16th July in Borris.

Annual Mass for the Sick – Please note that the date of this Mass is **Friday 25th July**

There will be a **Charismatic Meeting** organised by the Polish Community in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris, on Tuesday 15th July at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Polish Mass Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 26th July in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris at 7.30pm

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.
The Parish Centre will be closed on Thurs 24th & Friday 25th July.

Eist Cancer Support Centre -2nd Chance Debs Charity night

Music, dinner and a great night out at the Talbot Hotel, Carlow, August 8th at 7pm
Tickets are on sale now and moving fast so please contact Cathy Doyle on 0879817092 for all queries. We are eager to have a full house on the night and raise much needed funds for Eist Cancer Support Centre Carlow & SOCK - supporting ovarian cancer knowledge!
The Eist Centre opens Tues, Weds and Thurs from 9.30am to 4pm Phone: 059 91 39684
www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie Visit us on facebook

ACCORD CARLOW: PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE, DATES AUTUMN 2014

Sept	12 th & 13	Friday & Saturday
October	10 th & 11 th	Friday & Saturday
November	14 th & 15 th	Friday & Saturday

To reserve a place book online at www.accord.ie or call **059 9138738**

Carlow County Museum

Visit Carlow County Museum and get a snapshot of counties great history. View our special temporary exhibition: 'Journeys in Time – The Archaeology of the Carlow By-pass' which has objects on loan from the National Museum of Ireland.

Exhibition An Ghaeile I gCeatharlach 1889-2014

"The story of Irish in Carlow for over 100 Years"

Officially opened by Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh.

Now on display in our temporary gallery upstairs opening to the public from Friday 6th of June 2014 from 10.00am to 4.30 pm. Why not pop in and explore the History of Irish in Carlow.

June to August opening hours Open Mon – Sat 10.00am – 5.00pm, Sun and bank holidays 2.00pm – 4.30 pm. Free admission. Carlow County Museum & Carlow Tourist Office, College Street, Carlow Town. Tel: 059-9131554

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 14th – Sunday 17th August 2014. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic Faith and meet many new people. This Festival has been nicknamed the 'Holy Oxygen' with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from towns throughout Ireland. For more information and to book online see www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690 or from NI 07598 876399

Wedding/Funeral Music Pianist Gillian Daly available for weddings, funerals and functions. Can also provide a choice of singer, violin, flute and other instrumentalists. Contact 0851662465 gilliandaly@live.ie

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Friends

- ☺ "If you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus one day, so I never have to live without you." Winnie the Pooh
- ☺ "True friendship is like sound health; the value of it is seldom known until it be lost." - Charles Caleb Colton
- ☺ "A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out."
- ☺ "Friends are the Bacon Bits in the Salad Bowl of Life."
- ☺ "Friends are God's way of taking care of us."

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK