

# PARISH NEWS

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**13<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**Prisoners' Sunday / Restorative justice week begins today  
Not a hair of your head**

I remember a cartoon from my childhood. An angel counts the hairs on the head of a child – the figure is already up in the thousands. 'He was always good at maths!' whispers an angelic bystander. It was cute, a lovely image of how intimately God knows and cares for each one of us.

Today's Gospel is not so 'cute'. There is talk of plagues and famines, persecution and imprisonment, betrayal and death, as Jesus alerts his followers to the dangers ahead. It is an intense monologue, and no doubt an upsetting one for his disciples.

But it culminates with a reassuring image. In spite of all this hardship, Jesus promises a reward for our patience and endurance. In fact, he puts it like this: 'Not a hair of your head will be lost.'

Though we worry that we may not be strong enough to stand up to opposition, Jesus promises to be with us in times of trial, and to give us 'eloquence and a wisdom' to deal with whatever is thrown at us. That's quite a promise. Do we believe it? If we truly believe that God knows us so intimately that he knows exactly how many hairs we have on our heads, we must believe that he cares enough to give us the strength to face whatever obstacles we encounter.

<b>Collections:</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> Oct/ 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Envelopes €580	Baskets €900
	6 <sup>th</sup> November	€776	€701
	No of Envelopes	Direct Debits	

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

**Mass Schedule:** Mass on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> & Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30pm  
**Mass of The Holy Angels** at 7.30pm Wed. 16<sup>th</sup>

(A box has been placed in each of the Churches should you wish to place a memento or keepsake of your loved one into it for this Mass and a folder if you wish to write in their names)

No Morning Mass Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Mass Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> November 9am

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Nov Group 1

**Borris Parish Website:** [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie)

**Diocesan Website:** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

**Parish Centre:** Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday

Phone 059 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com) Closed Bank Holidays.

**November List of the Dead** November is the month of the Holy Souls and you will find a blue envelope in your box of envelopes in which to place your list of the Dead and donation for 2016.

WINTER MARKET IN SUPPORT OF FAMILY CARERS CARLOW ON SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016, IN THE YOUTH CENTRE GREEN LANE, CARLOW FROM 10am -5pm.

ADMISSION: ADULTS E2 CHILDREN FREE ...FUN FAMILY DAY OUT. ALL WELCOME.

### **Message to Parishioners**

I am an Irish-American from New York who has traced my Irish family to Ballyglisheen and Gowlin, County Carlow. Seeking any living descendants of Thomas Ryan (b1842) and Bridget Morrissey (b1845) or their children-Dennis, Mary, Margaret, James, Johanna, John, and Hugh. Their sister Bridget, who emigrated to America, was my great-grandmother. Contact Deirdre McInerney by email at [dmacastin@aol.com](mailto:dmacastin@aol.com), or leave a message in the Parish Centre.  
Deirdre

**Clothes Collection** supporting Friends of Calcutta [CHY 13218] Thursday November 17th collection 10am-Noon Borris Hall, Noon to 1pm Ballymurphy and Rathanna 2pm-3pm. All items of clothing, footwear, bed sheets, curtains etc. in any condition most welcome. Your tremendous support last year helped fund a wonderful cultural and sporting weekend for 1200 children in Calcutta. Please visit 'Rajiv 16' on Youtube. All enquiries to Michael Hopkins 087-9073074

**'The Miscarriage Association of Ireland** will hold it's Annual Service of Remembrance on Sunday the 13th of November 2016 at 3pm in St Teresa's Church, Donore Avenue, off South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All parents, siblings, grandparents & anyone else affected by the loss of a baby are very welcome to attend, regardless of whether the loss was recent or long ago.' [www.miscarriage.ie](http://www.miscarriage.ie)

**MASSES IN NOVEMBER WED 16<sup>TH</sup> NOV 7.30PM BORRIS MASS OF THE HOLY ANGELS**

**CEART – Grow**, Barrack Street, Kilkenny: Fridays 11am – 1pm:

Is your life restricted and compromised by chronic illness? Join our support group to break the cycle and take control of your life. Our meetings have been running since 2005 – We are a mutual help group providing ongoing support, information and encouragement to people managing chronic illness. Much research around the world has shown that mutual help of this kind is a crucial ingredient in tackling illness. The mutual help group not only provides understanding and encouragement but it taps into each person's unique experience of learning to live above and in spite of illness.

Contact Mary on 087 284 3424 or visit [www.grow.ie](http://www.grow.ie)

### **Christmas Flower Demonstration**

“A Festive Christmas”

By Margaret Collins (A.O.I.F.A Demonstrator)

In Ionad Dara, Goresbridge

Proceeds in aid of Carlow Kilkenny Home Care All flower arrangements will be raffled on the night!

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies Admission €10

Tuesday 15th November 2016 At 8pm Door Prize

**TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR**

### ***THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK***

“God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones... Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth.”

(Pope Francis)

***HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK***