

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th October 2019

I wish you goodness

'Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.' MELODY BEATTIE

What a difference an 'attitude of gratitude' can make! Pope Francis has spoken of the importance, in family life, of saying 'thank you.' Of course, it is not the words that are important but the intention and meaning behind them. To say thank you means 'I appreciate you.' The Irish for thank you, go raibh maith agat, is much more expressive than the English. It translates, 'May you have goodness,' or, 'I wish you goodness'. It serves to soften and deepen a relationship.

Today's Gospel is often described as a story about faith, and it is true that Jesus emphasises the faith of the man who was healed. But it is also very much a story about gratitude. The man who turns back to Jesus has had his life transformed, and he is eager to thank him. I was always puzzled by the meaning of the last words spoken by Jesus: 'Your faith has saved you.' Surely he had already been saved from his illness, as indeed had the other nine who showed no gratitude? They all received the same gift. But by thanking Jesus, the Samaritan man has entered into a relationship with him; he has become his friend and disciple. That is what Jesus means when he says he has been saved.

Gratitude is an important part of faith. What blessings do you have to be grateful for today? Have you let God know?

Collections:

6th October

Envelopes €839

Baskets €733

No of Envelopes 59

Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule:

Mass on Monday 14th & Friday 18th October at 7.30pm

Mass Tues 15th - Thurs 17th at 10am

Safeguarding: If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Mr. Mick Daly** Mob: 085-8021633, email – dlp@kandle.ie

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie

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Parish Centre: Mon/Wed/Fri 9.30 – 12.30, Tues & Thurs 1pm – 4pm

Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

Eist Cancer Support Centre, The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow, is hosting a coffee morning on Friday 18th October from 10 a.m - 1 p.m, in the Eist Centre to celebrate it's 7th Anniversary.

Yearly Envelopes *If anybody has not received a box of envelopes and wants one please call in/phone to the Parish Centre.*

Sacred Heart Church 2020 Celebrations

In 2020 our Parish Church in Borris, the Sacred Heart, celebrates its 200th Anniversary. We are looking for ideas on how to celebrate this as a Parish. We would welcome also old photos and stories about the Church which we can integrate into our celebrations. All of these can be emailed to a special email address borris2020@gmail.com **Fr. Rory**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Count your Blessings

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness,
you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle,
the loneliness of imprisonment,
the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation,
you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment,
Arrest, torture, or death,
You are more blessed than almost three billion people in the world.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep,
You are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish somewhere,
You are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If your parents are still alive and still married, you are very rare. If you hold up your head with a smile on
your face and are truly thankful,
You are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed because you
can offer God's healing touch.

If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you, and
furthermore, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

You are so blessed in ways you may never know.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK