

# PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13<sup>th</sup> September 2015

## **By my works, I will show you my faith**

According to the 'World Giving Index' Ireland is listed as the fourth most generous country in the world. There is no denying the generosity of the people of this country, especially in times of crisis and in spite of tough economic situations. The injustice currently threatening our world will not be solved by charity giving alone. During this special season of 'Creation Time' we are being asked to reflect deeply on how we can come together as local communities to tackle climate change. We are being asked to reflect on how we can live more sustainable lives and encourage others to do the same.

In the Second Reading, today St. James encourages us to look at our attitudes and actions and how they can affect those around us: 'I, by my works, shall show you my faith'. We have a responsibility to be a positive influence in the world.

Can we as parish communities reflect together on these important issues? Do we recycle; do we support local produce and therefore local communities; is our parish Fairtrade and if not, how can we get started? How is our use of green spaces in our parish? These small actions can be a prophetic example to others, where we can say to our communities:

*'We require a new and universal solidarity... All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own cultures, experience, involvements and talents.'*

***Pope Francis, Laudato Si', 1,14***

**Collections:** 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.      Envelopes €555      Baskets €642

No of Envelopes 61      Direct Debits 5

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

**Mass Schedule:**      Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 14<sup>th</sup> & Fri. 18<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
Mass at 9am Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. - Thurs. 17<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Last Weekend 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Sept.** we had our Annual Collection for the Priests of the Parish. The total received to date is €2497, and we sincerely thank all of you who have contributed. This collection is down on last years, the total then was € 3,766. Anyone who has forgotten to leave in their envelope may still do so during the month of September.

***Fr. John***

**Annual Envelopes** – We would appreciate if those who distribute the annual envelopes could call to the Parish Centre to collect their boxes for distribution.

***Dates for Your Diary***: A meeting for the Parents of First Communion and Confirmation children will take place in Borris Mixed National School on **20<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30pm – we will give you a reminder closer to the date. The dates for First Communion and Confirmation have been set for next year:

**Confirmation :**      Borris Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 11am

**First Communion :**      Borris Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
Ballymurphy Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016

**Polish Mass** A Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris. All Welcome.

**Parish Centre:** The Parish Centre is open as usual Mon. – Fri. from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.

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

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

**Poem for the Ploughing - Bishop Denis** invites you to enter your favourite poem by a published poet which invokes in you visions of ploughing or farming. The email to send entries to is [poemfortheploughing@kandle.ie](mailto:poemfortheploughing@kandle.ie). See website [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) for further details

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Let’s pray together for our families, parish, diocese and world.”

### **An Invitation from Bishop Denis for Week of Priests’ Retreat**

September 27 - October 2, 2015

## A message from Bishop Denis

Dear friends,

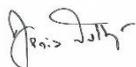
I and many of the priests of the diocese will be away together on retreat in Dromantine, Co. Down from Sunday, September 27 – Friday, October 2. During this time, I am inviting you to join your prayers with ours. Let’s pray together for our families, parish, diocese and world.

For this week, I am asking parishes to maintain their regular schedule of weekday liturgy and for parishioners to continue to gather for prayer on those days when they normally celebrate Mass. In the many churches where Mass will not be able to be celebrated, parishioners are invited to pray Morning Prayer together. This prayer has long been considered the daily prayer of the Church and the prayer of the people of God.

In the coming days, I invite you to write any prayer intentions you may have and leave them in the church. These intentions, as well as any anniversaries or recently deceased members of the community, will be prayed for in the parish and by all of us on retreat.

Finally, I invite you to pray the diocesan prayer in your home during this week. Praying in union together for ourselves, our diocese and the many needs of the world at this time, may we experience the rich graces of God’s love for us.

Yours in Christ,



### **Prayer for our Diocese**

Lord,

bless the faith community of Kildare and Leighlin which traces its origins to Brigid, Conleth and Laserian.

May it be outstanding in charity as St. Brigid of Kildare,  
may it be constant in faith as St. Conleth of Old Connell,  
wise and prayerful as St. Laserian of Leighlin.

Bless its bishop, priests, religious and laity. Fill them with the light of your love.

Bless its young people. Help them to seek your truth.

Bless all who are poor or weak or wounded by life’s hurt. Grant them justice, light and hope.

Sin é ár nguí tré Críost ár dTiarna.

Amen.

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WONDERFUL WEEK