

PARISH NEWS

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th January 2018

World Day of Migrants & Refugees

Come and see

Today is the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, and this year's theme is 'Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees'.

In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis spoke of our responsibility, as individuals, communities and Church, to welcome everyone, particularly those who have been forced to leave their home in search of a better future.

'Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age... This is a great responsibility, which the Church intends to share with all believers and men and women of good will, who are called to respond to the many challenges of contemporary migration with generosity, promptness, wisdom and foresight, each according to their own abilities.'

Pope Francis has spoken often of our 'brotherly responsibility' towards our fellow human beings, and how our welcome ought to be a response to the Lord's supreme commandment to love the other, the stranger, as ourselves. We all have opportunities to do this in our communities.

In today's gospel Jesus invites the disciples to 'come and see' where he lives. He welcomes them into his home and they stay with him for the rest of the day. The example of Jesus encourages us to be welcoming, and to spend time with others in friendship.

Collections:

6th & 7th Jan Envelopes €653

Baskets €834

No of Envelopes 67

Direct Debits 4

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LOCAL ARTISTS RELEASE CD FOR CHARITY EIST

Eist While We Sing Together is a CD released to raise funds for the Cancer support group Eist; this CD is a celebration of life, love and support which Eist provide to many families and individuals. Eist While We Sing Together is a collection of songs and tunes by various local groups and artists both young and old.

The courage and determination of two beautiful women Lisa Grennan and Eileen Barcoe both members of our Lunietuners Tunes group inspired this CD to become a reality. The CD is now on sale from members of all the choirs in the area, Brophy's, Charlie Nolan's, Borris Service Station, O'Shea's Centra and in our Parish Centre at a cost of €10 or two for €18. All monies raised will be donated to Eist Carlow. This would make a perfect Christmas gift while supporting a very worthy cause.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

John pointed the disciples towards Jesus as the one they should follow. Remember the people in your life who have pointed you in a new and life-giving direction? Perhaps in some cases this may have involved them directing you away from your association with them e.g. leaving home, changing jobs etc.

Jesus invited the disciples to come and see how he lived. How have you come to learn how Jesus lived and what he was looking for in life? How has this attracted you to follow him?

John Byrne OSA

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

