

PARISH NEWS

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
14th June 2015

Of its own accord

There is a mystery at the heart of the first parable told by Jesus in today's Gospel. It is contained in a simple phrase: 'how, he does not know'. The farmer in the parable plants the seed and witnesses it sprouting and growing. Although he doesn't understand how it is happening, he is grateful and he is ready when the crop is ready. He 'loses no time' when it comes to reaping the harvest.

Like the farmer, we are aware that life can be full of mystery. Events unfold all around us, and we do not always understand how or why things happen as they do. Sometimes we can see God's hand in our lives, and sometimes it is all a bit more difficult to get our heads around. Do we recognise blessings when they find us, and are we ready to welcome them with joy and to learn from them?

Jesus precedes this parable by saying: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like'. These parables of seeds and growth remind us that God is at work in us and all around us, even when we are not aware of it. If we have patience and keep our eyes open, we might just be able to recognise God's blessings in our lives, and to really appreciate them.

'There's always room for a story that can transport people to another place.'

JK Rowling

Collections: 7th June Envelopes €547 Baskets €541

No of Envelopes 65 Direct Debits 6

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

Mass Schedule: Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 15th & Fri 19th June
Mass at 9am Tues 16th - Thurs 18th June

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 13th June – Group 1

A Novena to the Sacred Heart will take place in St. Fortchern's Church, Rathanna from Friday 12th to Saturday 20th June at 7.30pm. All welcome

Visiting the Sick Fr. John will visit the sick on his list on Tuesday 16th June in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and in Borris area on Wednesday 17th June.

Bishop Nulty is coming to Ballymurphy National School on **Thursday 18th June** to bless the new extension to the school.

Polish Mass Mass will be celebrated in Polish in the Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 27th June at 7.30pm

Borris Garda Station will remain closed until August this year - date to be confirmed - as further work is being carried out. Existing arrangements where a Garda is available in Borris Library on Wednesdays between 4pm and 5pm will remain in place until then.

You can still phone Borris Gardaí at 059-9773102, it is diverted to a mobile number, or you can phone Bagenalstown Gardaí at 059-9721212

The Eist Cancer Support Centre, The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow provides practical help and emotional support to anyone affected by cancer in County Carlow and the surrounding areas opens Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 4.30pm. You are free to contact us at 059-9139684 or drop-in during our opening hours. Website: www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie

Cancer Society Collection The annual church gate collection at St. Fortchern's Church, Rathanna, raised €130. Thank you to all who contributed for their generosity.

Blood Donor Clinic There is a Blood Donor Clinic on Monday 15th June & Tuesday 16th June from 5pm to 8.30pm at the Lord Bagenal Hotel, Leighlinbridge.

Dates for Your Diary Weekend Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick & Knock Sat 27th – Sunday 28th June 2015 €100 per person, includes bus, dinner & bed & breakfast in hotel. **Please book as soon as possible if you are interested in this pilgrimage as we need to finalise details. The deposit is €20 per person.**

Graveyard Masses this Summer

Kiltennel 21st June - Rosary & Blessing of Graves after 11am Mass

Sacred Heart Cemetery Borris – Mass on Friday 26th June at 8pm

Clonagoose Cemetery Borris – Friday 3rd July at 7.30pm

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

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan website www.kandle.ie

EVANGELISM AND CATECHESIS A Gathering of Catechism teachers, studying through the Maryvale course, will take place in Maynooth College on Monday 6th July. Priests and students or graduates of theology, or Christian doctrine, who would like to help in adult catechesis in their parishes are particularly welcome to this day of prayer and thought. For more information contact Bríd Ní Rinn phone 045 860170.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

BLESSING PRAYER FOR FATHERS DAY

Blessed are You, Lord and Source of All Life, who has given to us the gift of the father of our family. Today, we honour him, and we thank you for the numerous good things that are ours because of him. His love for us has been a sign of your divine affection and a sharing in your holy love. His continuous concern for our needs and welfare is a mirror of your holy providence. And so, as we honour him, we praise You, God and Parent of All Peoples. Bless him this day with your strength and holy power that he may continue to be a sign of You, our God, and a priestly parent to our family. May we who have the honour of bearing his family name do so with great pride. May we, the members of his family, assist him in his holy duties as a parent with our respect, our obedience and our deep affection. Bless him, Lord, with happiness and good health, with peace and with good fortune, so that he who has shared of his very life may live forever with you, his God and heavenly Father. This blessing and all graces, we pray, descend upon the father of our family: in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK