

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
14th September 2014

A divine attribute.....

Ten thousand talents today are estimated to be in the hundreds of millions! So it would be a foolish King who would allow a 'servant' to clock up debt to that amount (you would think!). Even though his debt is completely cancelled, the 'servant' is not so forgiving when it comes to his own household. One denarius would be the equivalent of the wages of a labourer for a day, so one hundred day's wages is a drop in the ocean in comparison. Those who witness these events are 'greatly distressed' and decide to protest. You don't have to look too far today to draw parallels to this parable.

Peter asks a vital question: how many times do you forgive? The answer may disturb some people but it can also liberate us if we allow it to: seventy-times-seven, i.e. an infinite number of times. This might seem idealistic and even ridiculous, but when we think more about it there is no other option. Without forgiveness we allow bitterness to engulf and torture us; zapping our energy; preventing us from being at peace with ourselves. When we only seek retribution, we enter into chaos.

'To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.. When we forgive evil we do not excuse it, we do not tolerate it, we do not smother it. We call it what it is, let its horror shock and stun and enrage us, and only then do we forgive it.'

Lewis B. Smedes

Collections: 7th Sept 2014 Envelopes €715 Baskets €670

No. Of Envelopes Returned 68 Direct Debits 5

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

Mass Schedule : Mass at 7.30pm on Mon. 15th & Fri. 19th Sept.
There will be no morning Mass Tues 16th to Thurs 18th September
due to the Camino Pilgrimage

The September Collection for the Priests of the Parish A sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to this collection last weekend. Anyone who has forgotten to leave in their envelope may still do so during the month of September.

Parish Donation Envelope Boxes We would be very grateful if the people who distribute these boxes would be able to call to the Parish Centre to collect their usual number for collection.

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan website www.kandle.ie

Eist Cancer Support Centre - Eist Cancer Support Centre, The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow, opens Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 10.00a.m. to 4.00p.m. The Eist Cancer Support centre in partnership with the Irish Cancer Society is restarting its very successful 'Strides for Life' 15 week walking programme on Thursday 18th September in the Eire Og GAA club grounds. This programme is designed for all cancer survivors and new participants can join at any stage of the programme. Research indicates that regular, moderate exercise plays a central role in living well with, and after a cancer diagnosis. Contact the centre on 059 9139684 for information.

www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie

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Polish Mass Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Sat 27th Sept. in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris at 7.30pm

Charismatic Meeting The next charismatic meeting organised by the Polish Community will take place on Tues. 23rd Sept. 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. Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank holidays. The centre will be **closed for training** on Thurs 11th September.

The Irish Catholic will again be on sale at the back of all the churches this coming weekend. It costs €1.60 It is also on sale in Kiernans, Borris.

Walk to Mass Sunday 28th September – Solidarity with Suffering Christians in the Middle East
We encourage parishioners to consider walking to Mass this Saturday/Sunday to demonstrate prayerful solidarity with displaced Christians and other minorities in Iraq and in the Middle East. As we walk in safety to and from our Church, we think of the many who live in fear, simply because they are Christian. Check out the video piece on www.icatholic.ie

Ploughing Championship – Ratheniska

In the aftermath of last year's very successful Diocesan presence at the Ploughing Championship we have decided to put a greater emphasis on our presence at the event. This year's venture includes having a stand on our own with the emphasis on justice. Our stand number for the championship is no. **372**.

World Ploughing Championship – Eamonn Treacy won the World Ploughing Championship last week. There is a **home-coming celebration** for him in Myshall Village next Sunday 14th Sept. @ 4.30pm . Food & Music . All welcome.

ASPIRO CHOIR - 'Give It A Go' free workshops for all age groups for September - contact info@aspirochoir.ie / 085-7451111 New Pre-school age 3+ free sample workshops Éire Óg GAA Clubhouse Monday 15th, 22nd and 29th September, from 9.30-10.15am, and Saturday 20th & 27th 9.30-10.15am.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Seasons of Life

Springtime follows winter, and each summer leads to fall.

The pattern of the seasons flow, and answer to God's call.

Around us in his garden, the flowers bloom and fade,

To sleep throughout the winter, in each meadow, wood and glade

Some only stay a season, so briefly we can share, their colour and their beauty, their soft perfume on the air.

God gives us all our seasons, the sunshine and the rain.

He knows our joy and sadness, he shares with us our pain,

Let him take your hand in autumn, feel the joy that His words bring,

For when we reach the peace of winter, He shall wake us to His Spring.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

