

# PARISH NEWS

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
15<sup>th</sup> November 2015

## The end of the world

Next week we come to the end of the Church's liturgical year and therefore on this Sunday the readings traditionally speak about the end of the world and the final coming of Jesus. There is a lot of symbolic language in today's Gospel, some of it which may distress us. The opening verses tell us of great destruction of things that we know we cannot survive without-the sun, the moon. The Gospel goes on to speak about the gathering of a great community. People in Jesus' time believed that the end would come in their life-time. Jesus says that no one will know when this is to happen and that it is not for us to worry about. What we should be concerned about is how to live every day in God's love and service.

Today, we might recall times where we thought our worlds had ended because we lost something so important to us or we were suffering in some way. During that time it may have seemed like nothing would be the same again, but it was temporary; a new or different way of life was opened up to us as a result. The parable of the fig tree in the middle of this Gospel speaks to us about life and hope. In the midst of winter a small sign of hope was there even though we may not have seen it.

***'When you see things taking place, you know that he is near.'***

**Mark 13:29**

**Collections:** 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. Envelopes €309      Baskets €508

No of Envelopes 52      Direct Debits 6

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

**Mass Schedule:**

Mass on Mon 16<sup>th</sup> & Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 7.30pm

**Mass on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> for The Holy Angels at 7.30pm in  
The Sacred Heart Church**

(A box has been placed in each of the Churches should you wish to place a memento or keepsake of your loved one into it for this Mass)

**No Mass Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. & Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**November List of the Dead** November is the month of the Holy Souls and you will find a blue envelope in your box of envelopes in which to place your list of the Dead and donation for 2014-15. Throughout the coming year a Mass will be offered in each of the churches for the deceased on this List.

**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](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com) Closed Bank Holidays.

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

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

**Special Children's Charity Event: An evening with Lorna Byrne and Cathy Kelly, 22nd November, National Concert Hall, Dublin** Two of Ireland's best loved authors Cathy Kelly and Lorna Byrne have come together for a very special fundraising speaking event which takes place at the National Concert Hall, Dublin on 22nd November. All proceeds of An evening with Lorna Byrne and Cathy Kelly will go directly to support the Lorna Byrne Children's Foundation's three chosen charities for 2015, Unicef Ireland's Syria Appeal and Irish charities Blue Box and APA – A Partnership with Africa, organisations who are working tirelessly to change the lives of children in Ireland and around the world for the better. All of you are encouraged to come along and tickets are priced from €15 to €25 from the National Concert Hall on [www.nch.ie](http://www.nch.ie) or 01 417 0000.

**Visiting The Sick** Fr. John will visit the sick on his list on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November in the Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas and in Borris area on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

**THE PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH** will take place in Dublin, Cork and Belfast on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm. Hundreds of thousands of us will be marching in cities around the world on November 29<sup>th</sup>, in what we hope will be the largest climate change mobilisation in history, just before our leaders travel to Paris for the climate summit. Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si*, encourages us all to take action like this for Climate Justice. He says, "Let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment."

1pm - Climate justice ecumenical service at St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast

2pm - People's Climate Rally, Belfast, Writer's Square, Belfast

2pm – People's Climate Rally, Dublin - Custom's House Quay, Dublin

2pm – People's Climate Rally, Cork - Grand Parade, Cork

### **Funeral Rites Gathering for Parish Staff & Funeral Directors**

Following our survey and series of conversations last year, there will be a gathering for parish staff and funeral directors on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> in Mount St Anne's, Killenard, Co. Laois from 2:30 - 4:00 The purpose of this gathering will be to bring both funeral directors and parish staff up to date with recommended practices in light of what has emerged through the diocesan wide consultation, to indicate supporting resources that will be available to parishes and funeral directors and to identify with participants any other supports that may be needed.

**Parishes are asked to invite their local funeral directors to this meeting and to let FDS know the numbers of those who will attend from the parish (including funeral directors) before Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.**



### **Note to Parish from Trócaire re Lent 2016 & Jubilee Year of Mercy:**

The year-long Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy will begin on **8<sup>th</sup> December 2015**. Throughout this Jubilee year, Parishes and individuals will be invited to become "*Merciful like the Father*" through joining in the celebration of specific highlights in the church calendar in communion with Pope Francis and Catholic communities across the world. Alongside these celebrations, efforts will be made to offer concrete signs of God's Love and Mercy to our neighbours in need, both locally and globally.

## *THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*

### The Hermit and the Blackbird

(This beautiful prayer/poem comes from the hermit tradition of Celtic Christianity. The blackbird intuitively experiences the Sacred Presence from the heart of its being.)

I need to watch the sun, to calculate the hours that I should pray to God.  
But the blackbird who nests in the roof of my hut makes no such calculation:  
He sings God's praises all day long.

I need books to read, to learn the hidden truths of God.  
But the blackbird who shares my simple meals, needs no written texts:  
He can read the love of God in every leaf and flower.

I need to beg forgiveness, to make myself pure and fit for God.  
But the blackbird who drinks with me from the stream sheds no tears of contrition:  
He is as God made him, with no stain of sin.

*Grace Clunie, Sacred Living*

## *HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*