PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th October 2017

What do you want?

What people want is at the heart of today's parable. A king invites people to his son's wedding banquet, but their minds are on other things; they don't see the value of the invitation. They don't want it. Jesus' story tells us that rather than being an imposition, our faith is an invitation, a gift. It's been said that the biggest problem with consumerism is not that it makes us want too much, but that it makes us want too little; it diverts and distracts us with lesser things. The world we live in is, now more than ever, full of appeals to our most precious possession: our attention. We are, so to speak, in constant receipt of many invitations. There is so much that conspires to steal our attention from what is deepest and most important.

When the king of Jesus' parable issued the invitation to his son's wedding banquet, people attention was elsewhere, they wanted other things. And some of them, evidently, were angry at what they perceived to be an imposition on their time and on their priorities.

We would do well to let this parable of Jesus pose two simple questions to us. First, so we habitually think of our faith – as an imposition or as an invitation? Second, what do we want – for ourselves and for our loved ones?

Collections:8th OctEnvelopes €557Baskets €678No of Envelopes 64Direct Debits 3Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

Mass Schedule:Mass on Mon 16th & Fri 20th Oct. at 7.30pmMass Tues 17th - Thurs 19th Oct. at 9.00amBallymurphy Servers Sat 14th Oct Group 3

Confessions in Sacred Heart, Borris from 11.30 – 12 noon every Saturday morning. All welcome.

BEST OF LUCK TO MOUNT LEINSTER RANGERS IN THE COUNTY FINAL ON SUNDAY

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ieDiocesan Website: www.kandle.ieParish Centre:Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - FridayPhone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.comClosed Bank Holidays.

Safeguarding: If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Ms. Joan Treacy Mob: 085-8021633 e-mail – <u>dlp@kandle.ie</u>

The Memorial Mass in remembrance of all patients who have passed away in St. Luke's General Hospital in the year September 1st 2016 to 31st August 2017 will take place in St. Canice's Church, Kilkenny on Tuesday 17th October at 7.30 pm. Refreshments will be served after mass.

Holy Hour Rathanna

<u>'Spare an Hour for The Lord'.</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Thursday from 1pm until 8pm. If you can give an hour in prayer please leave your name and the time that suits with Ann in the Parish Office 059-9773128

<u>PARISH UPKEEP</u>

We are grateful to all who give so generously to the running and upkeep of the Parish. We are also blessed to have three fine Churches in the Parish in good condition. To maintain these, work needs to be done on an ongoing basis. There are several jobs in the pipeline over the coming years, these include:

- Painting & Repair of Windows and Doors in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Borris
- Storm glazing of same
- Upgrading of Outdoor Lighting in St. Patrick's, Ballymurphy
- Painting of all three Churches

The Church of The Sacred Heart, Borris will celebrate its' Two–Hundredth Anniversary in 2020. It would be great to have the Church looking its' finest for this historic celebration.

It is now possible to donate to the Parish Renovation Fund through our website, <u>www.borrisparish.ie</u> On the homepage there is a link to Paypal, follow this link to make a donation. Likewise to make a donation directly to the account the details are:

Account Name: Borris Parish Renovation Fund

BIC: BOFIIE2D

IBAN: IE60 BOFI 906515 1587864222

Again a sincere thanks to all who support the upkeep and running of the Parish, it is greatly appreciated.

Fr. Rory Parish Priest

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

GOD OF AUTUMN

God of autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green, letting of what has been. We too, have our moments of surrender with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to do so. God of fallen leaves lying in coloured patterns on the ground, our lives have their own pattern. As we see the patterns of our own growth, may we learn from them.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights, there is always the dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives. We always need to recognise your power filled presence. May we gain strength from this.

God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain, may gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender. We must wait for harvest in faith and hope. Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.

God of geese going south for another season, your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried into the future. We yearn for insight and vision.

God of flowers touched with frost, and windows wearing white designs, may your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the empty seasons.

God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us, you entrust us to be stewards of your Creation. For all this we are grateful.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK