

PARISH NEWS

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
16th November 2014**

The Parable of the Talents

The parable we read today is not a lesson in capitalism. We must bear in mind that Jesus is frustrated with those who had been entrusted with ministering to his people. They had excluded the people and laid heavy burdens upon them. When we read the parable in this sense we can understand the exasperation of the Master. The talents should have been used to transform people's lives; used for embracing those on the margins; for standing up against injustice and inequality in the world. Yet many were afraid or blind to this, so they hid the talents and did not multiply them. It is a safer place to be.

Compare this outcome to the other servants. There is a beautiful verse in both cases which reads 'enter into the joy of your master'. Is this not what happens when we find that path that is right for us? Joy! When we use our talents and gifts in work or projects that are life-giving and meeting the needs of our communities? Joy is a fantastic emotion; a sign of God's grace. Despite the frustrations of whatever work we are involved in, the presence of joy is one sign that we are on the Kingdom track. The challenge is not to be afraid to go out there. Pope Francis asks that we have the 'smell of the sheep' and calls us to 'be courageous. A Church that does not go out of itself, sooner or later, sickens from the stale air of closed rooms.'

Collections: 9th Nov 2014 Envelopes €480 Baskets €553

No. Of Envelopes Returned 83 Direct Debits 5

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

Mass Schedule: Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 17th & Fri. 21st Nov.

Mass of the Holy Angels on Wednesday 19th at 7.30 pm

(A folder 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 Morning Mass Tues 18th to Thurs 20th Nov. (Incl)

Polish Charismatic Meeting will take place on Tuesday 18th November at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris. All welcome

Polish Mass Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 22nd November at 7.30pm in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris.

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 Foróige Juniors and Borris Foróige Club Registration Night

A Registration Night for members for the new Foróige Junior Club (10-11 year olds) and Foróige Club (12-17 year olds) in Borris will take place on Friday Night the 21st November from 7.00pm – 7.30pm in the Community Hall. Young people interested in joining must be accompanied by a parent or guardian on the night. For further information, contact Rosie O'Brien, Foróige Regional Youth Officer on 086 2997677.

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.

Would you like to be a Parish Reader? Are you already a parish reader who would like a refresher course? "Entrusted with the Word" is a three night training course for parish readers offered by Kildare & Leighlin Faith Development Services. The next course will take place in the Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow, on Tuesdays - November 4, 11 & 18 at 8-9:30 p.m.

The next Winter lecture of **Carlow Historical & Archaeological Society** : "Ordnance Survey in Ireland ,The Early Years": Richard Kirwan, former Director of the Ordnance Survey describes the early years. Begun in 1824, the townlands, boundaries & acreages for the purpose of local taxation were determined. It was on a scale large enough to show every house & field. The inventions, endurance & doggedness required for this mammoth undertaking is the subject of the lecture. Wednesday 19th November ,8pm, Talbot Hotel, Carlow. Admission Free, All welcome.

Carlow Winter Market in support of **The Carers Association** returns on Sunday 30th November from 10am to 5pm in the Youth Centre Green Lane Carlow. If you're interested in setting up a stall you can contact Lorraine on 087-9912249 or email Gina at gdelaney@carersireland.com

Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Three nights of training and renewal for new and existing Ministers of Holy Communion will take place in Mount St Anne's Retreat Centre, Killenard, Co.Laois on **Wednesday, November 19, 26 & December 3 from 8 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** including coffee break. These sessions will be facilitated by Fr. John Cummins and Julie Kavanagh of the Kildare & Leighlin Faith Development Services. They will follow the diocesan programme "**Sharing from the Table of the Lord**". See the poster for further details or www.kandle.ie.

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan website www.kandle.ie

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Address of Pope Francis for conclusion of Synod of Bishops

Speaking in October at the conclusion of the well-publicised Third Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, Pope Francis said: "With a heart full of appreciation and gratitude I want to thank, along with you, the Lord who has accompanied and guided us in the past days, with the light of the Holy Spirit. I can happily say that – with a spirit of collegiality and of synodality – we have truly lived the experience of 'Synod', a path of solidarity, a 'journey together.' And it has been 'a journey' – and like every journey there were moments of running fast, as if wanting to conquer time and reach the goal as soon as possible; other moments of fatigue, as if wanting to say 'enough'; other moments of enthusiasm and ardour. There were moments of profound consolation listening to the testimony of true pastors, who wisely carry in their hearts the joys and the tears of their faithful people. Moments of consolation and grace and comfort hearing the testimonies of the families who have participated in the Synod and have shared with us the beauty and the joy of their married life." Read the full text of the Pope's concluding address on catholicbishops.ie/synod.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK