PARISH NEWS

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## How happy

What's so great about being poor, or hungry, or sad? On the surface, these Beatitudes of Jesus seem very strange: 'How happy are you who are poor'. Surely it is better to be wealthy, to be well fed, and to enjoy good times – or to at least be comfortable and content?

But Jesus is not interested in comfort, or in maintaining the status quo. The Jesus of Luke's Gospel is something of a revolutionary. He has come to turn the social order on its head: last becomes first and least becomes greatest. His concern is always for the poor and marginalised.

Jesus' vision is of a world where the unjust structures that cause poverty, hunger and oppression are swept away. Sadly, as we hear on the news every day, inequalities in our world with regard to wealth, education, health and opportunities remain as stark as ever. Speaking about how we can tackle injustice today, Pope Francis has offered six 'new Beatitudes' for the modern Christian. Like the teachings of Jesus, they remind us that the task of the Christian is to tackle injustice and to act in solidarity with those on the margins of society.

Pope Francis' 'new Beatitudes' include:

Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others. Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised and show them their closeness. Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.

Collections:10th FebruaryEnvelopes €592Baskets €610No of Envelopes 86Direct Debits 5Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

#### Mass Schedule

Mass Monday 18<sup>th.</sup> & Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. at 7.30pm Mass on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. at 10am

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie Parish Centre:

New Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday, Wednesday & Friday 1.00pm to 4.00pm Tuesday & Thursday

Phone 059 9773128; email <u>borrisparish@gmail.com</u> Closed 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>

	Accord Car	low
	Pre – Marriage Courses 2019	
March	8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>	Friday & Saturday
April	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>	Friday & Saturday
May	10 <sup>th</sup> & 11th	Friday & Saturday
June	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	Friday & Saturday
September	6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>	Friday & Saturday
October	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	Friday & Saturday

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are in Concert in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris, again on

#### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### Tickets are now on sale. Please contact the Parish Centre for further details.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

#### Why Eve?

10. God was worried that Adam would frequently
become lost in the garden because he would
not ask for directions.
<ol><li>God knew that one day Adam would require</li></ol>
someone to locate and hand him the remote.
<ol><li>God knew Adam would never go out and buy</li></ol>
himself a new fig leaf when his wore out and would
therefore need Eve to buy one for him.
7. God knew Adam would never be able to make a
doctor's, dentist's or haircut appointment by himself.
<ol><li>God knew Adam would never remember which night</li></ol>
to put the garbage on the curb.
<ol><li>God knew if the world was to be populated, men</li></ol>
would never be able to handle the pain and
discomfort of childbearing.
<ol><li>As the Keeper of the Garden, Adam would never</li></ol>
remember where he left his tools.
<ol><li>Apparently, Adam needed someone to blame his</li></ol>
troubles on when God caught him hiding in the
garden.
<ol><li>As the Bible says, "It is not good for man to be</li></ol>
alone."
And, finally, the Number 1 reason why
God created Eve
1. When God finished the creation of Adam, He
stepped back, scratched his head, and said, "I can
do better than that!

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK