

# PARISH NEWS

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

17<sup>th</sup> July 2016

## The host with the most

Which one are you? It's such a familiar story. Think of the last time you had friends or family over for a meal or a gathering. Were you more of a Mary or a Martha? Many of us fall more easily into one category than the other – the 'host with the most' who is always up to their eyes with the cooking and catering and table clearing; or the chatterer who is happy to leave the washing up until later?

At face value, I don't think Jesus is saying we shouldn't be hospitable and look after our guests, offering them food or drinks. Like many, I really feel for Martha in this story. She had welcomed Jesus into her home, was looking after him and busying herself with serving him, while her sister was too busy listening to Jesus to offer help. It is no wonder that Martha complained. After all, someone had to do the practical work. Martha may have wanted to spend time with her guest too – but then, who would have served him?

The key is in Jesus's words. He does not criticise Martha for her efforts, but rather gently rebukes her for 'worrying and fretting about so many things'. She is so distracted and bogged down in her work that she has forgotten to spend time with Jesus. This is familiar territory for many of us. We are often distracted and busy. Do we make space to sit at the Lord's feet and listen? Can we take time each day, perhaps, for a Scripture reading?

**Collections:** 10<sup>th</sup> July Envelopes €302 Baskets €775  
No of Envelopes 45 Direct Debits 4

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

**Mass Schedule:** Mass on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> & Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 7.30pm

Mass Tues 19<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> July at 9am

The **Annual Mass for the Sick** will be celebrated on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm

### ***Fr. Rory Nolan P.P.***

We welcome Fr. Rory to Borris Parish and wish him the best of luck, health and happiness here.

Fr. Rory's contact details are Ph: 087-2714161, email rorypmnolan68@gmail.com

**Visiting the Sick** Fr. John & Fr. Rory will visit the sick on their list on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July in the Borris area.

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

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

**Parish Centre:** Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday

Phone 059 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com) Closed Bank Holidays.

**Lough Derg 2016:** You may begin the Three Day Pilgrimage on any day up to and including Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Advance booking is not necessary.

There are various travel options available countrywide. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. Telephone Maureen or Lorraine on 071 9861518. Email: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

**Night Prayer Vigil** in Cluain Chiarain Prayer Centre in Clonmacnois on Friday 15th July. Mass at 9pm. Adoration and Prayers follow. Finishes at 2.10am. All Welcome. Enquiries Dave; 085-7746763.

(‘The walls of these ruins are charged with a great mission’ St. Pope John Paul II)

**Trócaire Emergency Appeal:** The worst drought in decades has left approximately 60 million people, ten times the population of the island of Ireland, facing hunger across the developing world. Trócaire has launched an emergency appeal to get relief to people in Ethiopia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Honduras and Guatemala. To donate log on to [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org), call 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI).

### **GOLDEN JUBILEE**

I want to thank all who had hand, act or part in the celebration of my Golden Jubilee of Ordination in Ballinkillen recently. It was a memorable night. I am humbled and overwhelmed by the number of people present that night, and by the number of people who also phoned, sent cards etc. I just thank God for each and every person, their family and friends. I also thank God for giving me the privilege to serve them and many more during my priestly ministry. I know I won't be able personally, to thank everyone individually but I will offer Masses for everyone and pray God's blessing on all. May we keep each other in prayer.

**Pierce (Fr.)**

### **Graveyard Masses this Summer**

Rathanna Pattern : Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> 3pm  
Ballymurphy Pattern : Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup> 3pm



We have organized bag packing in Dunne Stores Kilkenny and Carlow on Friday the 22nd of July between 10 am to 6 pm. For Kilkenny ring 056 7721424 and for Carlow ring 086 0081464 if you could spare a couple of hours on that day.

Thanks, Gina ,Administrator

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## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

### **God's Holiday**

*God decided to take a holiday and sought advice as to where he could get away from the demands of the people. One angel suggested he go to the top of the highest mountain on earth but the other angels thought this a bad idea since people climb the mountain regularly these days. Another suggested the depths of the sea but again that was rejected because people could find him there. Another suggestion was to hide on the far side of the moon but human beings are even now going to the moon. Then a wise and trusted angel said quietly: 'Go and hide in the human heart – people will never dream of searching for you there.' We travel long distances to find God unaware that God is with and within us.*

**Anthony de Mello**

**HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK**