

# PARISH NEWS

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**18<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

## **Three against two and two against three**

Sadly, many people are no strangers to family feuds. In past generations, things like land and inheritance were major causes of family disagreements, causing parents to fall out with sons or daughters, or siblings to stop speaking for years. We may have heard other stories from our own families – secrets that were not talked about, relatives who were shunned for ‘shaming’ the family. These attitudes are dying away, and that is good. We are less concerned with keeping up appearances, and more focused on ensuring children feel loved and supported.

Yet, there will always be conflicts in family life. Differences of opinion can arise over beliefs or choices, sometimes causing immense hurt on both sides. Often these disagreements are between generations. Parents who have raised their children in the faith can feel hurt when a son or daughter drifts away, or decides not to pass on the faith to their own children. Grandparents often carry this burden too.

Some conflict is unavoidable as we navigate these situations, but we have a choice – do we allow anger and hurt to shape our interactions with loved ones, or do we listen with respect and try to understand and find common ground? Perhaps these inevitable conflicts are what Jesus refers to in today’s Gospel – father divided against son, mother against daughter. It’s a surprising statement given his usual focus on peace. But then, following Jesus is not a smooth path. Peace can be hard-won, particularly in families where there are so many different personalities and opinions. Let us pray for wisdom and patience to navigate the tougher times.

### **Collections:**

4<sup>th</sup> August

Envelopes €576

Baskets €724

11<sup>th</sup> August

Envelopes €351

Baskets €524

No of Envelopes 55 & 66

Direct Debits 3 & 4

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

### **Mass Schedule:**

Mass on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> & Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 7.30pm

**No Mass on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

Mass Tues 20<sup>th</sup> & Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Aug. at 10am

### **Cemetery Prayers August**

Ballymurphy August 25<sup>th</sup> 3pm

***National Dawn Walk for Cancer*** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019, starts at 5.45am in the Presentation De La Salle College, Bagenalstown, Co Carlow. Registration online [www.nationaldawnwalk.com](http://www.nationaldawnwalk.com) Support of this event is greatly appreciated.

**Safeguarding:** If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Mr. Mick Daly** Mob: 085-8021633, e-mail – [dlp@kandle.ie](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie)

**Borris Parish Website:** [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie)      **Diocesan Website:** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)  
**Parish Centre:** Mon/Wed/Fri 9.30 – 12.30, Tues & Thurs 1pm – 4pm  
Phone 059 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com)    Closed Bank Holidays.

**Accord Carlow**  
**Pre – Marriage Courses 2019**

October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>      Friday Night & Saturday  
**Please note there are no Pre-marriage courses in July or August.**

To reserve a place book on line at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

For further information please contact:

Mary at Accord Carlow phone no 059 9138738  
St Catherine's Community Service Centre, St Joseph's Road, Carlow  
Email: [accordcarlow@eircom.net](mailto:accordcarlow@eircom.net)

**Counselling Service**

Accord offers low cost confidential counselling to couples experiencing challenges or difficulties in their relationship.

For further information contact Mary at 059 9138738

**Sacred Heart Church 2020 Celebrations**

In 2020 our Parish Church in Borris, the Sacred Heart, celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are looking for ideas on how to celebrate this as a Parish. We would welcome also old photos and stories about the Church which we can integrate into our celebrations. All of these can be emailed to a special email address [borris2020@gmail.com](mailto:borris2020@gmail.com) **Fr. Rory**

*THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*



*HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*