

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mission Sunday
18th October 2015

Abundant Life

Today we celebrate World Mission Sunday, a time to highlight the importance of sharing the Good News. The theme of this year's Mission Sunday is 'Abundant Life', a phrase which brings to mind a fullness of life and a spirit of joy. Is this how we go about our mission?

In 'Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel), Pope Francis speaks of the joy of being a missionary. He says all Christians, by virtue of their baptism, are missionary disciples: 'All the baptised, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelisation.... Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelisation; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus. So what are we waiting for?

The disciples in today's Gospel certainly have missionary zeal, but they have got the focus wrong – they are thinking of themselves and their status, rather than the task they have been given. But Jesus teaches them a lesson in discipleship – their task is to serve.

Something to think about as we reflect on our mission today.

Collections: 11th Oct. Envelopes €708 Baskets €668

No of Envelopes 65 Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule:

Mass on Mon 19th & Fri. 23rd Oct at 7.30pm

Mass at 9am Tues 20th to Thurs 22nd Oct.

Annual Envelopes – Should anyone not have received a box of envelopes for the coming year please let us know in the Parish Centre and we will organise one for you.

Polish Charismatic Meeting will be held in The Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday 20th October at 6.30pm It is also a celebration of the feast day of **St. Pope John Paul The Second**. All welcome.

Polish Mass A Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 31st October in The Sacred Heart Church at 7.30pm All Welcome

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 Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

World Missions Ireland is the official Mission Charity of the Catholic Church in Ireland. Funds collected on Mission Sunday (**18th October**) are sent to mission projects throughout the world. Please continue to support and give as generously as you can. There is a Charlie Bird 'Report on the Missions' DVD available in the parish centre to borrow for viewing.

Accord Pre-Marriage Courses Accord Carlow have only a few places left on their October 9th & 10th and November 6th & 7th courses. Couples getting married in early 2016 should book a course now **Booking can be made at** www.accord.ie or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information

Irish Catholic. Over the coming months, *The Irish Catholic* will devote considerable space to exploring the implications of intentional discipleship for our parishes and faith communities. We have added 8 extra pages to the paper to increase space for parish focus, catechetics and faith formation. Over the coming weeks, we will roll out exciting new resources aimed at parishes and parish pastoral councils. We will include liturgical resources and material that can act as a reservoir for parish communities working to make their liturgies and celebrations more meaningful. The price of Irish Catholic is now **€1.80**. It is on sale every weekend at the back of the parish churches and in Kiernan's shop

Meeting for Parents of First Communion & Confirmation Children A meeting has been arranged for the parents of First Holy Communion & Confirmation Children on **Tuesday 20th October** in Borris Mixed National School at 7.30pm. The meeting from 7.30pm – 8.15pm will be for the parents of First Holy Communion children. There will be a break from 8.15pm – 8.30pm and the meeting for the parents of Confirmation children will follow from 8.30pm to 9.30pm

Towards Peace is a new spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to nine sessions are offered and there is no cost. For more information, please visit www.towardspeace.ie, phone 01 505 3028 or email towardspeace@iecon.ie

“Feedback from abuse survivors in Ireland has highlighted the damage done to their own spirituality, particularly because they were abused by Catholic Church personnel. Within this context, spiritual direction might provide a space for exploring the spiritual impact of the abuse such as: the impact on a person’s own sense of goodness; connection to God and connection to others; beliefs, theology and faith; relationship with Church and religion. Spiritual direction might also provide a space to gain clarity about what one’s spiritual needs and hopes for healing are today.”
Towards Peace Diocesan Leaflet

Blood Donor Clinic A blood donor clinic will take place in The Abbey Hall, Graiguenamanagh on **Thursday 22nd October** from 4.30 pm – 8.00 pm Help ensure essential blood supplies are always available by giving blood regularly.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Finish every day and be done with it.
You have done what you could.
Some blunders and absurdities
no doubt have crept in;
forget them as soon as you can.
Tomorrow is a new day;
Begin it well and serenely
and with too high a spirit
to be cumbered with your old nonsense.
This day is all that is good and fair.
It is too dear, with its hopes and invitations,
To waste a moment on yesterdays.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK