

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th September 2016

'Kingdom Economics'

If you think that all the parables that Jesus were nice stories about people of integrity then today's parable will surely make you think again. This is a parable about a scoundrel, yet it praises him and his wisdom.

The manager has been given notice by his CEO and he decides to even up the tables, while he still can, for those who are struggling to pay their debts to the company. The manager is praised for his astuteness, he has his priorities straight, he is happy to let go, to redistribute the load. Of course, there is self-interest on his part but Jesus is telling us that the only value the money really has is in the way it is disposed of and in doing this the manager wins the hearts and minds of the workers.

The manager won't be the most successful man on the planet compared to the 'children of the light' who are more concerned with accounts than with real people. The manager is free-spirited and can be trusted to value what is really important. He knows that none of this material wealth is permanent and uses the authority that he has to relieve the suffering of those who are indebted to his company. Yes, he is a bit of a scoundrel, but Jesus liked scoundrels, once their efforts were put to good use.

'God's dream for creation is different from Pharaoh's dream or Rome's dream or Wall Street's dream. And at the centre of God's economy is the idea of redistribution.....It is an invitation to holy mischief!'

Collections: 11th September Envelopes €776 Baskets €561
No of Envelopes 58 Direct Debits 5

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Monday 12th & Friday 16th September at 7.30pm
Mass Tues 13th – Thurs 15th Sept. at 9am
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 17th Group 2

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie **Diocesan Website:** www.kandle.ie
Parish Centre: Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday
Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

Yearly Envelopes We would appreciate if those people who usually distribute the Parish Envelopes could call to the Parish Centre to collect them please.

Special Mass & Celebration A Special Farewell Mass for Fr. John will be held on Sunday 2nd October in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris at 3pm. The Installment Ceremony for Fr. Rory will also be held at this Mass and the Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Nulty. There will be refreshments afterwards – further details on this next week. From this weekend envelopes will be placed at the back of the 3 Churches should you wish to donate towards this celebration. You can put these in the offertory basket, in the wooden envelope boxes at the back of the Churches or you can drop it in to the Parish Centre during the next few weeks.

Polish Mass will be celebrated this month in Fr. John's new Parish of Clonmore-Ballyconnell on Saturday 24th September at 7.30pm in Ballyconnell Church. All Welcome

Dates for Your Diary 2017

Confirmation: Saturday 1st April 2017
First Communion: Saturday 6th May 2017

Pre-Marriage Courses Accord Carlow are currently taking bookings for Pre-marriage courses on Sept 2nd & 3rd, October 7th & 8th, Nov 4th & 5th. All couples getting married in the Catholic Church are obliged to attend a Pre-marriage Course. To reserve a place book on line at www.accord.ie or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information.

Volunteer Befriending : If you are a good listener and are interested in getting to know an older person who may be feeling lonely and like a chance to make a difference to their lives, we'd love to hear from you! Befriending is all about offering companionship once a week on a time and day which suits you and the older person.

If you are interested and would like to apply or just to find out more, please ring Mary on **059-9136340** or **086-4108902**

Aspiro – Ireland's leading choir for children & young people have a limited number of places available in all primary and secondary school groups as well as Aspiro Inspired Adult Community Choir who meet Friday mornings. Contact info@aspirochoir.ie or ph: 085-7451111

Apparition Hill

Is a new film based on the happenings at the sacred mountain side village of Medjugorje, Bosina/Herzegovina ~ where since 1981 a group of young people have claimed to have apparitions and revelations of Mary, the mother of God. This film documents the journey of 6 unknown pilgrims, from very diverse backgrounds, having won a competition in the USA to journey to Medjugorje. It tells their story and answers some of the great questions of this spiritual oasis in a world of war, so devoid of peace. It has received rave reviews throughout the world and now can be seen in Ireland.

St. Clare's Hospitality Food Kitchen have been given the privilege of being able to hold a Special Advanced Screening of the film and all proceeds will go towards the work of the kitchen. It will take place on: -

~ APPARITION HILL ~
Sunday 25th September
The Visual Arts Centre, Carlow
at 3.00pm & 8.00pm
Admission €10 ~ Tickets (Visual Arts Centre only)
059 ~ 9172400
{Early Booking Advised}
A raffle will take place to win Trip to Medjugorje for 2 People
Kindly sponsored by Marian Pilgrimages

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful, for beauty is God's handwriting.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK