PARISH NEWS

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th August 2018

On the breadline

In recent months the Society of St Vincent de Paul released some shocking figures regarding hunger in Ireland. One in three people who contact the charity are calling because they can't afford to buy food. It is estimated that one in eleven people in Ireland experience food poverty, which refers to the inability to afford food to make up a healthy diet.

'Food is an area of expenditure that families have discretion over on a day-to-day basis,' said SVP head of social justice, Dr Tricia Keilthy. 'It is much easier to control the cost of food than the cost of rent, utilities or education. So food is typically what families cut back on when times are tough.'

Hunger is a sad fact of life for many in our country. More than ever we appreciate the value of having enough to eat. Over the past few Sundays we have heard Jesus speak a lot about bread and food. His followers experience physical hunger too; the feeding of the five thousand (the story precedes today's extract from John's Gospel) shows that Jesus takes care of the physical needs of his followers too. Their experience of hunger and being fed prepares them for his teaching on the bread of life.

When Jesus talks about himself as the 'bread come down from heaven', it is clear that it is himself he is offering – his very flesh. If we are followers of Jesus, we are also called to give ourselves in service of others. We have Jesus as our model and teacher, present with us and in us. What can we do to help those who hunger in our country and our world?

Collections: 12th August Envelopes €439 Baskets €578

No of Envelopes 51 Direct Debits 3

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

Mass Schedule; Mass Monday 20th & Friday 24th Aug at 7.30pm

Mass Tues 21st – Thurs 23rd Aug at 10am
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 18th Aug **Group 4**

GRAVEYARD MASSES & PRAYERS: Ballymurphy Graveyard August 26th 3pm

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.

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 –

dlp@kandle.ie

Pre-Marriage Courses

Accord Carlow run Pre-Marriage course's for couples intending to get married in the Catholic Church. It is a requirement of the church that all couples attend a Pre-Marriage course before getting married.

There are a small amount of places available on the forthcoming courses - Oct 19th & 20th 2018 & January

11th &12th 2019 - The Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow.

If you are getting married in early 2019 it is important that you book now.

Book on line www.accord.ie Contact Mary at Accord Carlow 059 9138738 for further information

Relics of Saints Louis and Zelie Martin and their daughter, St Therese of Lisieux – We are fortunate to have these Relics visit the Cathedral of Assumption in Carlow on Monday August 20th. Bishop Denis will celebrate Mass at 10am with the expected arrival of the Relics around 11am. The Relics will be present in the Cathedral all day with Evening Prayer at 7pm. The Relics will also be in the Phoenix Park for the Papal Mass. We extend a warm welcome to everyone to visit the Relics to whom we have been praying as part of the WMOF2018 Official Prayer.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES – POPE FRANCIS EVENTS Message from Bishop Denis:

I know we have been talking a lot over the past few years as we prepare for an event that is now simply days away – the World Meeting of Families 2018. I thank you for all you have done in every parish to prepare for these enriching days celebrating family life. The days are all the more enriched because Pope Francis will walk amongst us and accompany us on the last two days of the World Meeting. We were probably first out of the traps with the idea of a 'Family Picnic Day'. Maybe you made it to Punchestown at the end of last summer or perhaps to Carlow College, St. Patrick's in June past. Perhap's you engaged with the preparatory programme Amoris: 'Let's Talk Family, Let's Be Family'. Maybe you had a special prayer space in your church, your home, your room to pray for your family and all families. Your generosity at parish level supporting the differently collections is deeply appreciated. No family is perfect and the World Meeting will speak to all families.

I want to personally invite you to the Opening Liturgy of the World Meeting of Families in the Cathedral Carlow on Tuesday 21 August at 7.30pm. We will have refreshments beforehand on the grounds of Carlow College, St. Patrick's commencing at 6pm. Our Diocesan Choir have put in enormous preparation into this celebration of Evening Prayer. Julie Kavanagh, our Diocesan Delegate for the World Meeting of Families has played a huge part in the planning not only of our liturgy but on the entire liturgy programme for the World Meeting.

The theme for our Tuesday nights Evening Prayer is 'The Joy of Families is also the Joy of the Church – Le Chéile le Chríost'. Every parish are welcome to gather with us for our Diocesan Evening Prayer. Our guest homilist is Cardinal Peter Turkson, who visits the Diocese to applaud the great strides done in many parishes reaching out to the most vulnerable and wounded families. Cardinal Turkson is currently prefect of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development. Let us gather together as a diocese to celebrate family life on Tuesday 21 August at 7.30pm at the Cathedral in Carlow.

- Some parishes have been asking if tickets for the Final Mass of the World Meeting of Families are transferrable. The answer is yes. Each ticket will have a barcode but no name, so extra or unwanted tickets can be given to other individuals or groups.
- **Limited tickets** now available from Goresbridge Parish for Final Mass in Phoenix Park with bus going from Paulstown. Contact Niamh at 087-9596273 to book tickets & bus.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

God, our Father,

We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind,
gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
Protect all families with your loving care,

Especially those for whom we now pray:

Increase our faith,

Strengthen our hope,

Keep us safe in your love,

Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK