

PARISH NEWS

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
19th July 2015

Nourishment

Although today's Gospel is short, there is plenty of food for thought. The apostles have returned to Jesus after their mission. They are exhausted and we are told have not even had time to 'eat'. They are in need of rest and nourishment in body, mind and spirit. Jesus gives good instruction to them and to us today: 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile.' Our World demands so much from us, everyone is so busy all the time. Jesus's instruction tells us that time out is so important; we need to look after ourselves.

Of course it doesn't go to plan. The crowd are desperate for guidance. Jesus takes pity on them as they are like 'sheep without a shepherd'. Either they have no one to guide them or the leaders who are guiding them are offering a fruitless leadership. These people need to be listened to. What are they asking for? What do they need? As Church, are we offering people what they need or are we leading them to the 'safe places' that no longer serve their needs? Where are people going for nourishment today? These are important questions. We must listen to the need in ourselves for rest and nourishment and also respond to the real needs of others.

Collections: 12th July Envelopes €271 Baskets €548

No of Envelopes 52 Direct Debits 5

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

Mass Schedule: Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 20th & Fri 24th July
Mass at 9am Tues 21st - Thurs 23rd July

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 18th July – Group 5

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

**The Parish Centre will be closed for annual holidays from Monday 27th July to Friday 7th August Incl.
Back open on Monday 10th August**

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie Diocesan website www.kandle.ie

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 13th – Sunday 16th August 2015. For young people aged 16-35, this is a great opportunity to find out what your Catholic faith is all about in a friendly, chilled out atmosphere. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see www.youth2000.ie or phone [01 6753690](tel:016753690)

Borris Garda Station will remain closed until August this year - date to be confirmed - as further work is being carried out. Existing arrangements where a Garda is available in Borris Library on Wednesdays between 4pm and 5pm will remain in place until then. You can still phone Borris Gardaí at 059-9773102, it is diverted to a mobile number, or you can phone Bagenalstown Gardaí at 059-9721212

Graveyard Patterns this Summer

Rathanna Graveyard Sunday 2nd August at 3pm
Ballymurphy Graveyard Sunday 30th August at 3pm

Pre-Marriage Courses : Accord Carlow are currently taking booking for the following courses Sept 11th & 12th Oct 9th & 10th, Nov 6th & 7th. Booking can be made on line at www.accord.ie Or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information.

Parish Finance Committee Meeting on Monday 20th July at 8.30 in the Parochial House.

The Eist Cancer Support Centre, The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow provides practical help and emotional support to anyone affected by cancer in County Carlow and the surrounding areas opens Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 4.30pm. You are free to contact us at 059-9139684 or drop-in during our opening hours. Website: www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

START OVER

When you've trusted God and walked his way
When you've felt his hand lead you day by day
But your steps now take you another way...
Start over.

When you've made your plans and they've gone awry
When you've tried your best and there's no more try
When you've failed yourself and you don't know why...
Start over.

When you've told your friends what you plan to do
When you've trusted them and they didn't come through
And you're all alone and it's up to you...
Start over.

When you've failed your kids and they're grown and gone
When you've done your best but it's turned out wrong
And now your grandchildren come along...
Start over.

When you've prayed to God so you'll know his will
When you've prayed and prayed and you don't know still...
When you want to stop cause you've had your fill...
Start over.

When you think you're finished and want to quit
When you've bottomed out in life's deepest pit
When you've tried and tried to get out of it...
Start over.

When the year has been long and successes few
When December comes and you're feeling blue
God gives a January just for you...
Start over.

Starting over means "Victories Won"
Starting over means "A Race Well Run"
Starting over means "God's Will Done"
Don't just sit there.....

START OVER

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HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK