

PARISH NEWS

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th June 2016

'What kind of Messiah?'

To declare Jesus the Messiah was not only a challenge to the religious authorities of the time but it was also a political statement. As Messiah Jesus is the Anointed One, The King of Israel, and immediately becomes a threat to Herod and the Roman Empire. It is no wonder Jesus ordered the disciples to keep quiet for fear of early opposition from the authorities.

A deeper reflection may conclude that Jesus did not want the wrong sort of success. He gives the disciples a new title in today's Gospel: "Son of Man" and a new definition of Messiahship. Jesus does not want to be a leader of a violent revolt against an establishment. He has rejected that sort of power earlier in the Gospel. Jesus leads in a different way, the least are the greatest and the poor own the Kingdom, The message of His way is of a great reversal and this forces his followers to re-examine what 'Messiah' (and disciple) actually mean. There can be no violence, no hunger for power, yet it is also not a passive way. Jesus still opposes suffering and evil. His leadership is one of solidarity with those who suffer and who are oppressed and that way is not an easy journey.

Jesus did the ultimate violence to violence: he laid it bare, and still did not succumb to it.....People like Jesus, Ghandi, Martin Luther King, by having violence turn against them, they unmask it and thereby begin to undo it. It is to this costly alternative that Jesus is inviting his disciples both in ancient times and today.

Justo Gonzalez

Collections: 12th June Envelopes €414 Baskets €593
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 20th & Friday 24th June at 7.30pm
Mass on Tues & Wed, 21st & 22nd at 9am
No Mass on Thurs 23rd June at 9am

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ORDINATION

*Fr. Pierce Murphy will celebrate his Golden Jubilee of Ordination on Friday 24th June with a Mass of Thanksgiving in Ballinkillen Church at 7pm
Refreshments afterwards in the hall in Ballinkillen.*

Blood Donation Clinic - Thursday 23rd June 5.00pm - 8.30pm Abbey Hall, Graiguenamanagh.

Visiting the Sick Fr. John will visit the sick on his list on Tuesday 21st June in the Ballymurphy and Rathanna areas and on Wednesday 22nd June in the Borris area.

Trocaire Collection The Trocaire Collection this year amounted to **€4124**. We wish to thank the parishioners for their generosity, it is much appreciated.

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

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.

Graveyard Masses this Summer

Kiltannel 19th June - Rosary & Blessing of Graves after 11am Mass
Sacred Heart Cemetery Borris – Mass on Friday 24th June at 8pm
Clonagoose Cemetery Borris – Friday 1st July at 7.30pm
Rathanna Pattern : Sunday August 7th 3pm
Ballymurphy Pattern : Sunday August 28th 3pm

Carlow Choral Society returns to Carlow Arts Festival with a special concert: 'Amadeus: The Genius of Mozart' - in Carlow Cathedral on Saturday, 18th June, 2016, at 8.00pm. This concert of Mozart works will include the magnificent Great Mass in C minor as its centrepiece as well as shorter choral works, Regina Coeli and Exultate Jubilate. Conducted by Niall Kinsella, with the Irish Choral Sinfonia and a lineup of Ireland's finest soloists, Sylvia O'Brien, Lynda Lee, Owen Gilhooly and Tristan Caldwell. Tickets are €20 and are available on www.carlowartsfestival.com and www.eventbrite.ie and www.carlowchoralsociety.com and from choir members.

Year of Mercy San Giovanni and Assisi Pilgrimage Offaly/Kildare group led by Fr. Sean Crowley on 30th September for 6 nights ex Dublin. Celebrating the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi. on the 4th October in Assisi. Price €919 pps. Payment can be made in instalments. Contact James Treacy for details on 061-921470 or 086-0572216

Special Pilgrimage Weekend – Starting Saturday 25th June – Walk to Holy Year Cross on Knockroe Hill with Rosary and Prayers for the Sick. Starting Point Shannon's Lane at 2pm
Sunday 26th June St. Fortchern's, Rathanna Church Mass with Prayers for the Sick usual time 9.30am

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

BLESSING PRAYER FOR FATHERS DAY

Blessed are You, Lord and Source of All Life, who has given to us the gift of the father of our family. Today, we honour him, and we thank you for the numerous good things that are ours because of him. His love for us has been a sign of your divine affection and a sharing in your holy love. His continuous concern for our needs and welfare is a mirror of your holy providence. And so, as we honour him, we praise You, God and Parent of All Peoples. Bless him this day with your strength and holy power that he may continue to be a sign of You, our God, and a priestly parent to our family. May we who have the honour of bearing his family name do so with great pride. May we, the members of his family, assist him in his holy duties as a parent with our respect, our obedience and our deep affection. Bless him, Lord, with happiness and good health, with peace and with good fortune, so that he who has shared of his very life may live forever with you, his God and heavenly Father. This blessing and all graces, we pray, descend upon the father of our family:
in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

HAVE A WONDERFUL FATHER'S DAY