# PARISH NEWS

# Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time First World Day of the Poor & World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

19<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### Dive in!

Ruth Fitzmaurice was 32 years old when her husband Simon was diagnosed with motor neurone disease in 2008. He was given four years to live; two years later his lung function collapsed and he chose to be mechanically ventilated. He communicates using an 'eye gaze' computer, and their home is a whirlwind of 24-hour nursing care – as well as buckets of joy and love. The family of five has grown to seven since the diagnosis, Simon directed his first feature film, and Ruth has found solace in a daily sea swim with friends near their County Wicklow home while also writing a book, I Found My Tribe, about her experiences.

It is more than some individuals or families have to cope with in a lifetime, but the story Ruth tells is not a sad one. She and her family have taken a challenging situation and turned it into a positive story of love, friendship and hope. Ruth and Simon came to mind when I read the gospel story for today. We are all dealt different cards in life, and some are tougher than others. We are like the servants in the parable who are given different amounts of money to look after. What's important is not the life we are given, but what we do with it. Jesus was cautioning against playing it safe. The Fitzmaurice family are doing a lot more than just 'getting on with it'. Instead of turning inwards or living in fear, they meet their challenges head on. 'Dive in' is Ruth's message, no matter what life throws your way.

Collections: 12<sup>th</sup> Nov Envelopes €770 Baskets €897

No of Envelopes 64 Direct Debits 3

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Nov & Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30pm

No Morning Mass on Tuesday 21st Mass Tues Evening at 6.45pm for

Deceased Members of The Bridge Club Mass Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> & Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am

This is the new time for the Tuesday to Thursday Masses during the

winter months of November, December, January & February.

Fr. John will concelebrate The Borris Mass on Sunday 19th with Fr. Rory

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 18th Nov Group 2

**Confessions** in Sacred Heart, Borris from 11.30 – 12 noon every Saturday morning. All welcome.

**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** 

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**Kildare/Dublin Easter Pilgrimage Group to Fatima** 28th March to 2nd April 2018 for 6 days ex Dublin, Led by Fr. Kevin O'Boyle. €599 pps includes Hotels, Return Flights, Buses and Food. Also included is Mass in Saint Anthony's Church in Lisbon where Saint Anthony was born. Stations of the Cross and mass in Fatima. Don't be disappointed so Book Early as €100 deposit secures place. For Brochure contact James Treacy 0860572216 or 061921470

#### **Christmas Youth Retreat**

Youth 2000 Ireland will be holding their annual Christmas youth retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Over 600 young people aged 16 – 35 are expected to attend this donation only event, with all newcomers welcome. The weekend consists of an action packed programme including prayer, workshops, drama, inspirational talks, testimonies, music, games and chill out time. It's a great opportunity to learn more about your Catholic faith and to meet other young people. Please book online if you are interested & bring a sleeping bag if you wish to avail of on-site accommodation. Retreat starts with registration on Friday evening. Free buses also available. For more info check out <a href="https://www.youth2000.ie">www.youth2000.ie</a> & see us on facebook.

This promises to be a special retreat!!

Great CRAIC!!, Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!!

- Meals WILL be provided for.
- Beds <u>WILL</u> be provided for, <u>BUT</u> everyone <u>MUST</u> bring their own pillow and sleeping bag/quilt.

**NOTE:** Please bring suitable clothing for the December weather

Remember that it is essential that you bring your own pillow, sleeping bag/quilt!



## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

# **World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims**

All churches in County Carlow will include a prayer for Road Accident victims this weekend. Every year, the third Sunday of November is the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. This day focuses on both the overall scale and the individual devastation caused by road deaths and injuries and the impact on families and communities around the world. Almost 4,000 people are killed and many hundreds of thousands injured on roads throughout the world every day. Many more have to cope with bereavement or the effects of injury and thus become part of the huge group of people affected by road carnage.

World Day of Remembrance is marked throughout the world.

One hundred and twenty-seven people (127) died on Irish roads in 2017 up 31st October 2017