

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
19th October 2014

Missionary zeal

Can you feel the energy and passion emanating from today's Second Reading? The Church's early missionaries – Paul, Silvanus and Timothy – are writing to the Church in Thessalonika with words of encouragement and hope. The Thessalonians were newly converted Christians, with whom Paul had spent no more than a few weeks. The opening of his letter, which we hear today, compliments them on their faith and perseverance, and reminds them of God's love for them. It is apt today as we celebrate Mission Sunday and reflect on the Church's mission to spread the Good News. As followers of Christ, we are tasked with passing on the message of his love. Those who have experienced God's love will want to pass this gift on to others.

The theme for this year's Mission Sunday is 'That you may have life'. Paul's message to the Thessalonians is positive and life-affirming: 'We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all.' Appreciating others and acting with encouragement is part of our call to respect life and human dignity. When we pray for each other and help those in need, we are doing just that. 'Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.'

Pope Francis

Collections: 12th Oct 2014 Envelopes €1365 Baskets €594

No. Of Envelopes Returned 67 Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule: Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 20th Oct. & Fri. 24th Oct.
Mass at 9am Tues 21st Oct. to Thurs 23rd Oct (incl.)

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 **Closing at 12 noon on Fri 17th Oct.**

Dates for Your Diary

- ❖ The Confirmation in Borris will take place on Thursday 30th April 2015 at 11.30am
- ❖ The First Holy Communion in Ballymurphy will be on Sunday 10th May 2015 at 12.30pm
- ❖ The First Holy Communion in Borris will be on Sunday 17th May 2015 at 11am

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month Why not come along and show your support for the paint it pink campaign in the Lazy River cafe on Graiguecullen Bridge, Carlow on Sunday 26th October for afternoon tea from 4pm to 6pm - all profits from the day will go to the Eist centre. Booking is essential as places are limited - contact Mary on 087 9769113 or Bernie on 086 1593994. Entertainment will be provided all afternoon.

Christy Keneally " Yes to Life" Public Talk

Eist Invites the General Public to a talk "Say Yes to Life" with well-known author, broadcaster and cancer survivor Christy Keneally in the Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow on Thursday 23 October at 8.00p.m. This free event has been organised as a thank you to the whole community for its ongoing support of the centre. Christy is a hugely inspirational and passionate speaker and this talk will be relevant to anyone who wishes to lead a happier, more fulfilled life.

Polish Mass Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 25th October in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris at 7.30pm

Mission Sunday 2014 RTE are running a missionary / WMI piece on the Nationwide programme on Friday the 17th October.

Mission Sunday Today is Mission Sunday. It is the day when we are being asked to dig into our hearts to assist the young local church overseas. We are being called to play our part in helping to bring the word of God to those who most hunger for it in the form of support for our many young churches. "That they may have life" is our theme for Mission Month and as such our spiritual and financial offerings are crucial for the work of the Church overseas. Your generous contribution today will be sent in its entirety to support our many mission projects. We can't do it without you. Large or small, it makes a difference and thank you for your help. World Missions Ireland, 64 Lower Rathmines Road, D6. Tel 01 4972035 www.wmi.ie There is a special **Yellow Envelope** in your boxes for this Sunday.

The Irish Cancer Society's Care to Drive service is currently seeking volunteer drivers to drive local patients to and from their hospital chemotherapy treatments. We are looking for volunteers to pick a patient up at their home, drive them to the door of the hospital, then when they have finished treatment, to pick them up again and bring them home. The service is free to the patient and all drivers expenses are paid. Telephone the Irish Cancer Society on 01 2310 566 / 01 2316 642 or email transport@irishcancer.ie

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

GOD OF AUTUMN

God of autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green, letting of what has been. We too, have our moments of surrender with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to do so. God of fallen leaves lying in coloured patterns on the ground, our lives have their own pattern. As we see the pattern of our own growth, may we learn from them.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights, there is always the dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives. We always need to recognise your power filled presence. May we gain strength from this. God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain, may gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender. We must wait for harvest in faith and hope. Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings. God of geese going south for another season, your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried into the future. We yearn for insight and vision. God of flowers touched with frost, and windows wearing white designs, may your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the empty seasons.

God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us, you entrust us with the freedom to choose life. For all this we are grateful.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK