

PARISH NEWS

1st Sunday of Advent

1st December 2019

‘Making your Christmas cake in September is perfect, as too fresh a cake crumbles when cut.’ (Mary Berry)
My mother, like many of her generation, starts her Christmas preparations early. The first thing to be done is the Christmas cake – in our house this always took place over the Hallowe’en break. I remember finding it strange to watch her lovingly prepare the fruit cake, only to hide it away in a tin for a couple of months. I laughed when I came across the above quote from food writer Mary Berry, as it pushes the Christmas preparation even earlier. Every year we hear complaints that the lead-in to Christmas is starting earlier and earlier. We might not all be making cakes in September, but by Hallowe’en we are certainly looking ahead to Christmas – thinking about what gifts to buy family and friends, checking out the decorations that have started to appear in the shops, perhaps even stockpiling tins of biscuits and boxes of chocolates. Many people sign up to Christmas clubs in order to spread the cost over the year. It’s no wonder we often arrive at this time of year feeling like it’s no time at all since last Christmas – it is never far from our minds.

As we enter Advent, we are invited now to turn our attention to our inner preparation for Christmas. We are waiting ‘in joyful hope’ both for Christ’s birth and his return at the end of time. Taking some time each day to pray and reflect, perhaps to light the candles on our Advent wreath, will help us to focus on the wonderful mysteries that await us.

‘Every year we celebrate the holy season of Advent, O God. Every year we pray those beautiful prayers of longing and waiting, and sing those lovely songs of hope and promise.’

(Karl Rahner).

Collections:

24th November

Envelopes €326

Baskets €684

No of Envelopes 51

Direct Debits 3

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

Mass Schedule:

Mass on Monday 2nd & Friday 6th December at 7.30pm

Mass Tuesday 3rd - Thurs. 5th at 10am

Visiting the Sick : Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list for Christmas on **Thursday 19th December** in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and on **Friday 20th December** in the Borris area.

Safeguarding: If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Mr. Mick Daly** Mob: 085-8021633, email – dlp@kandle.ie

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Parish Centre: Mon/Wed/Fri 9.30 – 12.30, Tues & Thurs 1pm – 4pm

Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

Sacred Heart Church 2020 Celebrations

In 2020 our Parish Church in Borris, the Sacred Heart, celebrates its 200th Anniversary. We are looking for ideas on how to celebrate this as a Parish. We would welcome also old photos and stories about the Church which we can integrate into our celebrations. All of these can be emailed to a special email address borris2020@gmail.com

Fr. Rory

Global Caring Film – Living in harmony with God’s creation

CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration, based in Westminster) have produced another tv-quality film resource to help parishes respond to Pope Francis’ urgent call to be at the heart of the ecological challenge facing our world today. It is an engaging short film including input from Bishop John Arnold, Dr Carmody Grey and an inner city school. It is a free online resource, Full details and a short trailer can be found at www.ourcommonhome.co.uk

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

ADVENT POEM

***ADVENT. ADVENT
A LIGHT IS SENT.
FIRST ONE. THEN TWO.
THEN THREE. THEN FOUR.
THEN STANDS THE
CHRIST CHILD AT THE DOOR.***



HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

