

PARISH NEWS

All Saints

1st November 2015

All Saints Day

Today we celebrate All Saints' Day and to celebrate this feast the Gospel we read is The Beatitudes. It is an interesting passage to spend time with. Jesus is not moralising in this text, he is not telling us what to do. He is stating facts and we are invited into each Beatitude and given space to draw our own conclusions. The Beatitudes may shock us, but they force us to think and to ponder the paradox in each statement. There is much human experience within each one and as you read them you may recognise your local or 'urban saints'.

This week, can you spend time with each beatitude? There are seven so one per day is totally doable. Who are the peacemakers around you? Who are those who are persecuted? Who is mourning? The beatitudes call us to live life more fully, to see all as connected. Saints are all around us, pointing the way for us, teaching us something about God through their lives. They persevere in all they do for their families and communities, especially those on the margins. They are the blessed ones.

'Saints make our hypocrisy so apparent that we want to change our lives – not because of guilt but because we want to be alive, we want to be more like Jesus.... (they) leave us the scent of God, the aroma of Christ. In God's flirting with humanity, God occasionally drops a handkerchief – and these handkerchiefs are called saints.'

Shane Claiborne

Collections: 25th Oct. Envelopes €366 Baskets €772

No of Envelopes 85 Direct Debits 3

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

Mass Schedule:

Mass on Monday 2nd November at **10am** in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris for **The Feast of All Souls**

Mass on Friday 6th November at 7.30pm

No Mass Tues 3rd Nov. to Thurs 5th Nov (incl)

Polish Mass A Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 31st October in The Sacred Heart Church at 7.30pm All Welcome

World Youth Day Krakow, Poland 24th-31st July 2016 We are now preparing for the next international World Youth Day which will be held in Krakow, Poland in July 2016. This will be the 28th W.Y.D. and the theme this year will be 'Blessed are the merciful for they shall be shown mercy.' We are holding 3 Information Meetings about W.Y.D. taking place on a Sunday in November as follows:

- **Graigucullen** Parish Centre : Sunday 1st November at 2.30pm
- Portlaoise Parish Centre : Sunday 8th November at 1pm
- Naas, Ballycane Church : Sunday 15th November at 1pm

These meetings will provide an opportunity for young people interested in the trip to find out more details and register their interest in travelling. For further information please contact Cathriona Kelly or Robert Norton on 059-9164084

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 on Friday 30th Oct

Kildare & Leighlin Diocese Prepares to Celebrate the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

As Bishop Denis indicated at our recent diocesan day, an Information Session on the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy will take place in Mount St Anne's on Saturday, November 7th from 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The purpose of this session is to introduce the

- proposed diocesan schedule for this year
- Year of Mercy diocesan and parish resources

Similar to what we did for the International Eucharistic Congress, we are asking parishes to delegate at least **two representatives** who will act as a two-way conduit between the diocese and the parish for the year. We are asking that these representatives act in this role from November 7th 2015 to the close of the Year of Mercy on November 20th, 2016.

We anticipate that parish representatives will:

- Come to three gatherings in the course of the year (including November 7th).
 - Bring resources back to the parish and engage the appropriate people for use and local adaptation in the parish. (Resources and initiatives will include, among others, parish resources for the opening and closing of the year as well as a parish action during Lent that will link back to the diocese at the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral).
 - Serve as another avenue of communication between diocese and parish and/or parish and diocese
- Should anyone wish to act as representative for Borris Parish please contact Fr. John or the Parish Centre.

Towards Peace is a new spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to nine sessions are offered and there is no cost. For more information, please visit www.towardspeace.ie, phone 01 505 3028 or email towardspeace@iecon.ie

“Feedback from abuse survivors in Ireland has highlighted the damage done to their own spirituality, particularly because they were abused by Catholic Church personnel. Within this context, spiritual direction might provide a space for exploring the spiritual impact of the abuse such as: the impact on a person’s own sense of goodness; connection to God and connection to others; beliefs, theology and faith; relationship with Church and religion. Spiritual direction might also provide a space to gain clarity about what one’s spiritual needs and hopes for healing are today.”

Towards Peace Diocesan Leaflet

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The new awareness that is sweeping our planet reminds us that we are so interconnected with the air we breathe, the trees of the forest, the flowers of the field, the mountains and rivers, that their diminishment is our diminishment, that their destruction is our destruction. Not only the beauty and majesty, but also the chaos and power of the natural world inspire our poetry, our art, and our spiritual life with a sense of wonder. When we fan the flame of wonder in our hearts there is new meaning in our lives. Our hearts expand in care of those who journey with us and for our planet earth which is our home. To be aware of the caress of a summer breeze, the beauty of a flower, the smile of a friend, or the sparkle of a wave in flight, is a gift beyond price. It is the gift of wonder enfolded in awe.

From Wildflower Journey Prayers, Jacinta Shailer SGS

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK