

PARISH NEWS

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st September 2019

All are invited to the Banquet

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of a great banquet to explain God's vision for our world. He speaks of a place where those who consider themselves entitled to the highest seats at the table take the low seats. He urges us to invite the poor, the lame and the blind to this celebration. Jesus encourages us to turn the world upside down in a reversal, an upheaval, where the preferred option is for the poor and those considered least in society.

Today is an important day, as we begin the Season of Creation (from 1 September until the Feast of St Francis on 4 October). Pope Francis asks all Christians to embrace this season in prayer, in living more sustainably and in raising our voices in the public sphere. We are invited to think more deeply about what is happening at present to the Earth, the environmental destruction which now threatens our world, our common home. The theme this year is 'The Web of Life.' The most vulnerable among us are suffering most deeply as this web of life begins to unravel. Our faith calls us to respond to this crisis with urgency. Let us hear the Gospel message today, where we are called to consider those on the margins, including those most at risk from climate change, and let us commit to working towards a world where all are seated at the banquet.

Suggestion for the week: Find out more and see what you can do as a parish community during this season of creation at www.seasonofcreation.org.

Collections:

25th August

Envelopes €732

Baskets €558

No of Envelopes 68

Direct Debits 5

Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish **Priests of the Parish Collection** There is a special envelope in your boxes for this collection which takes place on Sunday 1st September.

Mass Schedule:

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

Mass Tues 3rd - Thurs 5th at 10am

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, e-mail – dlp@kandle.ie

Visiting the Sick Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 5th September in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and in Borris on Friday 6th September.

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.

Yearly Envelopes The boxes of yearly envelopes will be ready for distribution from this **Friday 23rd August**. Could those who distribute them call to the Parish Centre for them during the usual opening times? If you are not available this year to distribute them we would be grateful if you would let us know so that we can organise another person to do so. Sincere thanks to everybody who helps in this regard.

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**

Carlow Choral Society's new term starts on Monday 2nd September at 7.45pm in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre. This is an open evening and new members are very welcome to join us. We will start work on *In Paradisum* by Andrew Campling and *Missa Carolae* by James Whitbourn and other works as we prepare for concerts in November and December. For more information contact carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com or visit www.carlowchoralsociety.net

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

back2school
prayer

"Dear Lord, use my eyes to see new friends.

Open my ears to hear my teacher.

Open my mind to learn new things.

Let my heart remember YOU are near when I'm afraid.

Help me to love others like you do.

I want to shine your light so bright in my school."
Amen.

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HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK