

# PARISH NEWS

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20<sup>th</sup> August 2017

## *Unexpected Encounters*

We might wonder why Jesus is so rude and dismissive to the woman in today's Gospel who comes and asks for his help. Does he really call the woman 'a dog'?! Many explanations have been given for Jesus' words with some suggesting that it was an attempt at a first century joke, that he was just 'teasing' (he didn't really mean it!) or that it was an opportunity to test the woman's faith. The disciples also clearly want her sent away.

What happens just before this incident is important. Jesus has just left Gennesaret where the Pharisees have continued to be extremely hostile towards him. Jesus' mission to *'the lost sheep of the House of Israel'* is not going so well. So, Jesus 'leaves that place' and goes somewhere that is unfamiliar. What happens in this unfamiliar place is certainly life giving for the woman and for Jesus also. It might be considered a place of new beginnings as Jesus' mission is opened up to those who would have been considered 'unworthy', such as a woman who is also a foreigner. The food rejected by the religious leaders of the time is ending up in unexpected places. It is here that the kingdom grows.

You have to admire the woman's persistence. She is a reminder of people we encounter who have great faith and make a deep impression on us. We might ask ourselves today: when have experiences of rejection in our own lives led to new possibilities? Where are the unfamiliar places that we must go in order to grow, to embrace new life and new experiences?

**Collections:** 13<sup>th</sup> Aug Envelopes €TBC Baskets €TBC  
No of Envelopes 91 Direct Debits 4  
Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

**Mass Schedule:** Mass on Mon 21<sup>st</sup> & Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Aug at 7.30pm  
Mass Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> - Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> at 9am  
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Aug **Group 1**

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

## *Date for Your Diary*

**Prayers In Cemeteries 2017**

Ballymurphy: Sunday August 27th 3pm

## *Congratulations*

*To All Leaving Certificate Students Who Received Their Exam  
Results This Week*

**Borris Parish Website:** [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie)

**Diocesan Website:** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

**Parish Centre:** Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday

Phone 059 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto: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**

Mob : 085-8021633 e-mail – [dlp@kandle.ie](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie)

### **Pre-Marriage Courses**

Accord Carlow have a limited number of places available on the following courses this year. Sept 8th & 9th, Oct 13th & 14th. Nov 17th & 18th Couples getting married in the Catholic Church are required to attend a Pre-Marriage Course. Please book now on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) and avoid disappointment. For further information phone Mary at 059 9142590

**Youth 2000 Summer Festival**, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1400 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. **Free** busses travelling from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or tel: 01-6753690

**Grandparents National Annual Pilgrimage September 10th 2017**, Knock Shrine 2.30p.m. Everybody welcome to honour & thank Grandparents alive & dead for all they have done for us down through the ages. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin - Ballina School Choir - Dana sings 'Our Lady of Knock'

**Aspiro choir** is celebrating its 20th Anniversary! Come join us for an exciting year of singing and celebrating as we reflect on the last 20 years and reimagine the next 20! Membership available for boys and girls age 4 - 18+ in all after-school ensembles. Especially welcome are tenors and basses to maintain our exciting and challenging mixed voice ensemble at youth level. Adults who enjoy singing are welcome to attend our weekly Aspiro Inspired sessions Friday 10am. Further details re schedule of rehearsals contact [info@aspirochoir.ie](mailto:info@aspirochoir.ie) or phone 085-7451111.

## *THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*

### **ANYWAY**

People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centred,  
LOVE THEM ANYWAY.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives,  
DO GOOD ANYWAY.

If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies,  
SUCCEED ANYWAY.

The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow,  
DO GOOD ANYWAY.

Honesty and frankness makes you vulnerable,  
BE HONEST AND FRANK ANYWAY.

What you spent years building may be destroyed overnight,  
BUILD ANYWAY.

People really need help but may attack you if you help them,  
HELP THEM ANYWAY.

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth,  
GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU'VE GOT ANYWAY.

*HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*