

PARISH NEWS

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th January 2019

World Day of Migrants & Refugees

'The First of His Signs'

This is a familiar story, rich in symbolism. It is the first 'sign' recorded in John's Gospel. These 'signs' in John's Gospel are miracle stories but John prefers to use the term 'sign,' as they point to something far more than just the miracle itself. John used these signs to encourage belief in his readers but they are also an invitation for us to understand something more of how God operates in our lives.

Jesus transforms the water which would be used for the Jewish purification rite. He takes something used to give life to people, and transforms it into something which brings joy, celebration and new life to the party. There are many messages we can take from this account: the ability of God to transform our lives, to transform that which is dead and stale. The abundance of wine (approx. 700 litres!) is a significant reminder of the abundance of God's love for us, beyond our comprehension.

We could also focus on the role of Mary in this Gospel – she is the one who notices, she is attentive to the needs of those around her and brings this concern to Jesus. We might pray today that we too may be able to notice, to see, to intervene when we are faced with situations that need attention. This may be a situation of injustice or it may be a situation where something in our own lives or in our church has become dead and stale and is in desperate need of new wine.

Collections: 13th January Envelopes €564 Baskets €686
 No of Envelopes 67 Direct Debits 3
Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

Mass Schedule

Mass Monday 21st & Friday 25th Jan. at 7.30pm
Mass on Tuesday 22nd - Thursday 24th Jan. at 10am

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie **Diocesan Website:** www.kandle.ie

Parish Centre:

New Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday, Wednesday & Friday
1.00pm to 4.00pm Tuesday & Thursday

Phone 059 9773128; email 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

Accord Pre-Marriage Courses: Some upcoming course dates for 2019 are: January 11th & 12th, February 8th & 9th and March 8th & 9th.

Ecumenical Carol Service

The organisers of the Rathanna/Killedmond Ecumenical Carol Service, which was held on 13 December, would like to thank all who participated in any way in the service.

Thanks to Fr. Rory and Rev. Kevin, for officiating, to Annette Stapleton, who played the organ, to the members of the Rathanna and Killedmond choirs for the wonderful singing and of course to all the people in the congregation who joined in, to the members of the Rathanna Marching Band, who played very seasonal music for the occasion, to all the children and their parents who really entered into the spirit of the occasion, thanks to Sinead Clerkin and Grainne Barron, who helped with organising the children, to the readers from both churches, to all the people who had the church looking so festive and finally to all those who contributed to the Donations bucket for the New Carlow Hospice. €220 was collected so thanks again to all who contributed so generously. Light refreshments were served in Rathanna hall afterwards.



The Three Tenors



are in Concert in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris, again on

Saturday 16th February 2019

Tickets are now on sale. Please contact the Parish Centre for further details.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

WEALTH

Wealth is not the things we own –
A stately house upon a hill,
Paintings, rugs and tapestries,
Or servants taught to do one's will.
In luxury a man may dwell,
As lonely as in a prison cell.

Wealth is not a plenteous purse,
The bonds that one has stored away,
A boastful balance in a bank,
Or jewelled baubles fools display.
The things that really gratify
Are things that money cannot buy.

Wealth is health, a cheerful heart,
An ear that hears a robin's song.
A mind content, some treasured friends,
And fragrant memories lingering long.
Living is an inward art –
All lasting wealth is in the heart!

Alfred Grant Walton

HAPPY NEW YEAR