

PARISH NEWS

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
20 JULY 2014

The Mustard Seed Revolution

The mustard seed parable is often explained away by stating how God takes a tiny seed and makes a big tree out of it. There is, as usual, a lot more going on here. Mathew strategically places the mustard seed parable in the middle of a story about gardening. Jesus surprises his listeners by telling them not to cut the weeds out of the wheat. The mustard seed's growth could also be compared to wild weeds that grow through cracks in footpaths or a vine that vigorously takes over an area. There is an ancient text which forbade planting mustard seeds in Palestinian gardens because the shrub takes over, like how yeast works its way through dough! It is wild, out of control, and attracts unwanted birds. Author and activist, Shane Claiborne, compares it to *kudzu*, a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas, smother trees, even crack cement buildings. People of Jesus' time may have preferred the image of the lofty 'cedars of Lebanon' to explain God's kingdom, where nations could build nests like eagles do. Now that image may have gotten a few cheers from the crowd! Mustard plants however, only stand a few feet tall. Jesus is turning the ideals of power and triumph on their head again. The image we have here is of the unwanted, detestable birds who find a home in this little shrub which cannot be curtailed. It will grow even where it is not wanted.

Collections: 13th July 2014 Envelopes €601 Baskets €552

No. Of Envelopes Returned 62 Direct Debits 4

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

Tax Refund for the Parish Please return your CHY3 forms to the Parish Centre in order for us to reclaim from Revenue the tax paid on your donations. **There are still some outstanding.**

Mass schedule : Mass at 7.30pm on Mon. 21st & Fri 25th July
Please note that Fri 25th is the Annual Mass for the Sick
Mass at 9.00 am Tues - Thurs 22nd - 24th July (Incl.)

Polish Mass Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 26th July in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris at 7.30pm

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan website www.kandle.ie

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 Thurs 24th & Friday 25th July.

Eist Cancer Support Centre - are hosting a Coffee Morning by the river (weather permitting) on Wednesday the 23rd of July from 11.30am to 1.30pm
All clients, their families, friends, carers and supporters of the centre are most welcome to join us at the Eist Cancer Support Centre Carlow, The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow Town 059 91 39684 www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie Visit us on facebook

ACCORD CARLOW: PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE, DATES AUTUMN 2014

Sept	12 th & 13	Friday & Saturday
October	10 th & 11 th	Friday & Saturday
November	14 th & 15 th	Friday & Saturday

To reserve a place book online at www.accord.ie or call **059 9138738**

Carlow County Museum

Visit Carlow County Museum and get a snapshot of counties great history. View our special temporary exhibition: 'Journeys in Time – The Archaeology of the Carlow By-pass' which has objects on loan from the National Museum of Ireland.

Exhibition An Ghaeile I gCeatharlach 1889-2014

"The story of Irish in Carlow for over 100 Years"

Officially opened by Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh.

Now on display in our temporary gallery upstairs opening to the public from Friday 6th of June 2014 from 10.00am to 4.30 pm. Why not pop in and explore the History of Irish in Carlow.

June to August opening hours Open Mon – Sat 10.00am – 5.00pm, Sun and bank holidays 2.00pm – 4.30 pm. Free admission. Carlow County Museum & Carlow Tourist Office, College Street, Carlow Town. Tel: 059-9131554

The Mt Leinster Walk.

Fr. Pierce sincerely thanks all who sponsored him on the above walk. Your generosity in Ballymurphy raised €163.65 for the Cancer Society and local cancer groups.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 14th – Sunday 17th August 2014. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic Faith and meet many new people. This Festival has been nicknamed the 'Holy Oxygen' with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from towns throughout Ireland. For more information and to book online see www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690 or from NI 07598 876399

Wedding/Funeral Music Pianist Gillian Daly available for weddings, funerals and functions. Can also provide a choice of singer, violin, flute and other instrumentalists. Contact 0851662465 gilliandaly@live.ie

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mam is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandpa's lap.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK