

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Sunday

20th October 2019

Crying out

The judge in the parable we hear today is hardly a role model. He delivers justice to the widow, not because he cares about her but because he wants to get rid of her. He acts out of selfishness. This unjust judge is in contrast with God, who is full of compassion, particularly for those who are most in need. When his people cry out, God hears their pleas.

On the surface, the parable is about the need to pray and not lose heart, and the faithfulness of God. But like many of Jesus' parables, it has many layers. It also teaches us about justice, and how we should respond to those crying out for justice.

At the time of Jesus, widows were one of the most vulnerable groups in society; many were left without resources after the death of a husband. In our own country and in other parts of the world, millions of people continue to cry out for justice. Are we like the unjust judge, burying our head in the sand and simply hoping they will go away? Do we offer a half-hearted response, just to make ourselves feel better? Or is our response rooted in a real sense of justice and compassion?

**'May God bless you with discomfort
At easy answers, half-truths,
And superficial relationships...
And may God bless you
With enough foolishness
To believe that you can
Make a difference in the world,
So that you can do
What others claim cannot be done
To bring justice and kindness
To all our children and the poor.**

FRANCISCAN BLESSING

Collections:

13th October

Envelopes €280

Baskets €540

No of Envelopes 45

Direct Debits 3

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

Mass Schedule:

Mass on Monday 21st & Friday 25th October at 7.30pm

Mass Tues 22nd - Thurs 24th 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, email – dlp@kandle.ie

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.

Eist Cancer Support Centre, The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow, is hosting a coffee morning on Friday 18th October from 10 a.m - 1 p.m, in the Eist Centre to celebrate it's 7th Anniversary. All Welcome

Yearly Envelopes *If anybody has not received a box of envelopes and wants one please call in/phone to the Parish Centre.*

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**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Harvest Thanksgiving

*A cascade of cabbage and carrot,
A kaleidoscope of curly kale,
A trumpeting of tubers and a bursting of sprouts,
A partnership of parsnip, celery and mushroom,
A blush of beetroot in a line-up of leeks,
A winsome onion and a scintillating cucumber,
A broccoli-crowned turnip nudging a cauliflower,
All pressing around an incongruously exotic pineapple.
Harvest is a time for the giving of glory,
Fruit of the earth and work of human hands.
Gathered and gatherers sing the Giver's praises
In the gentle glory of an October evening.*



HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK