# PARISH NEWS

# Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015

#### Who is the greatest?

In Pope Francis's recent encyclical on the environment,' *Laudato Si'*, he acknowledged that for so long human beings have treated the planet as if it were there solely for our use and exploitation, as if we were the greatest. He urges us to see the deep connectedness that exists with nature. 'Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it. (139). Pope Francis refreshingly speaks of an 'integral ecology', that dealing with climate change involves an approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded and at the same time protecting nature.

We are all an integral part of nature and are called to respect nature not simply because of its use for us, but because of the countless relationships that exist between the environment and ourselves. The earth is calling to us to act. We can make a real difference to people's lives through the small choices we make: the promise to live more simply and more sustainably. It is up to us and we can choose to be part of the solution rather than the problem. Like the disciples in today's Gospel, we are called to examine how we relate to one another, and that includes our relationship with nature. We must start listening to what the earth is saying to us, and like the child in today's Gospel, respond with humility.

Collections: 13th Sept.Envelopes €506Baskets €638No of Envelopes 68Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule: Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 21st & Fri. 25th Sept.

Mass at 9am Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. - Thurs. 24<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Weekend 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Sept**. we had our Annual Collection for the Priests of the Parish. The total received to date is €3,286, and we sincerely thank all of you who have contributed. This collection is down on last years, the total then was € 3,766. Anyone who has forgotten to leave in their envelope may still do so during the month of September.

Fr. John

**Annual Envelopes** – We would appreciate if those who distribute the annual envelopes could call to the Parish Centre to collect their boxes for distribution.

**Dates for Your Diary**: A meeting for the Parents of First Communion and Confirmation children will take place in Borris Mixed National School on **20**<sup>th</sup> **October** at 7.30pm – we will give you a reminder closer to the date. The dates for First Communion and Confirmation have been set for next year:

**Confirmation:** Borris Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 11am

First Communion: Borris Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Ballymurphy Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016

**Polish Mass** A Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in The Sacred Heart Church. Borris. All Welcome.

**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

**Poem for the Ploughing - Bishop Denis** invites you to enter your favourite poem by a published poet which invokes in you visions of ploughing or farming. The email to send entries to is <a href="mailto:poemfortheploughing@kandle.ie">poemfortheploughing@kandle.ie</a>. See website <a href="mailto:www.kandle.ie">www.kandle.ie</a> for further details

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

"Trócaire is calling on the Dáil to be recalled early to establish an immediate and effective response from Ireland. The people of Ireland have made it clear that they want to help distraught refugees arriving in Europe and are looking for leadership on how we as a nation can act. "In the past year, 3,573 people have died attempting to reach Italy, Greece and Spain by sea, an average of ten people a day. This is both a humanitarian crisis and a crisis of humanity. The EU must apply humanitarian standards to save lives, protect those most vulnerable and reduce the scandalous suffering being met by refugees reaching European borders.

Trócaire is responding to the growing needs of extremely vulnerable refugees in partnership with Caritas Serbia and has allocated €50,000 so far to provide sleeping bags and raincoats, hygiene kits, health services and psychosocial support. Trócaire also works with partners in Syria, Iraq, South Sudan and Somalia, which are burdened by protracted conflicts and in Jordan and Lebanon, countries which are hosting 1.75 million Syrian refugees. Extract from Trocaire Newsletter

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Let's pray together for our families, parish, diocese and world."

An Invitation from Bishop Denis for Week of Priests' Retreat

September 27 - October 2, 2015

## A message from Bishop Denis

Dear friends,

I and many of the priests of the diocese will be away together on retreat in Dromantine, Co.

Down from Sunday, September 27 – Friday, October 2. During this time, I am inviting you to join your prayers with ours. Let's pray together for our families, parish, diocese and world.

For this week, I am asking parishes to maintain their regular schedule of weekday liturgy and for parishioners to continue to gather for prayer on those days when they normally celebrate Mass. In the many churches where Mass will not be able to be celebrated, parishioners are invited to pray Morning Prayer together. This prayer has long been considered the daily prayer of the Church and the prayer of the people of God.

In the coming days, I invite you to write any prayer intentions you may have and leave them in the church. These intentions, as well as any anniversaries or recently deceased members of the community, will be prayed for in the parish and by all of us on retreat.

Finally, I invite you to pray the diocesan prayer in your home during this week. Praying in union together for ourselves, our diocese and the many needs of the world at this time, may we experience the rich graces of God's love for us. Yours in Christ,



#### **Prayer for our Diocese**



Lord,

bless the faith community of Kildare and Leighlin which traces its origins to Brigid, Conleth and Laserian.

May it be outstanding in charity as St. Brigid of Kildare,

may it be constant in faith as St. Conleth of Old Connell, wise and prayerful as St. Laserian of Leighlin.

Bless its bishop, priests, religious and laity. Fill them with the light of your love.

Bless its young people. Help them to seek your truth.

Bless all who are poor or weak or wounded by life's hurt. Grant them justice, light and hope. Sin é ár nguí tré Críost ár dTiarna.

Amen.

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WONDERFUL WEEK