

PARISH NEWS

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st July 2019

Martha and Mary

Jesus visits the home of Martha. For such a short Gospel passage, this text has created much discussion among biblical scholars. It seems everyone in this story is breaking the rules: Jesus rebukes his host, Mary does not help her sister, and Martha is not sitting at Jesus' feet like a good disciple. Luke's gospel is all about 'reversal': what you expect to happen does not happen, often the opposite happens! Confused? Mary is positioned here as a disciple learning from her Teacher. Martha as one who is trying to serve through 'many tasks.' Throughout his Gospel, Luke places a special emphasis on the wider circle of Jesus' disciples, and names the women who follow Him. Luke is perhaps reminding us in this text that being a follower of Jesus requires an upset of the norms and a reversal of roles.

This story occurs in Luke immediately after the Good Samaritan, where the importance of service and action are clearly emphasised. It seems unfair that Martha is being told off for serving those who come to her. If Jesus arrived with a hungry entourage, what host would not be stressed out! Jesus frees Martha from these duties, not because they are not important, but so that she too can be nourished by him. Frantic activity is never good or sustainable for us.

Let today's Gospel be a reminder that when we are bogged down in the craziness around us, we can sit and listen to Him. Then we may be better prepared for the challenges that we face, whether they be in our homes or our wider communities.

Collections: 14th July Envelopes €542 Baskets €870

No of Envelopes 50 Direct Debits 5

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

Mass Schedule:

No Mass on from Monday 22nd to Thursday 25th July Incl.

Mass on Friday 26th July at 7.30pm

A Funeral Mass for John (Bob) Kavanagh, Raphoe, Donegal and formerly of Ballinagree, will be held in Borris Sacred Heart Church at 10am on Saturday 27th July. Burial afterwards in St. Conan's Cemetery, Roscrea.

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Cemetery Prayers August

Rathanna August 4th 3pm

Ballymurphy August 25th 3pm

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, e-mail – dlp@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.
The Parish Centre will be closed from Thursday 18th July to Friday 26th July (incl).
Back open on Monday 29th July.

Accord Carlow
Pre – Marriage Courses 2019

September 6th & 7th Friday Night & Saturday
October 4th & 5th Friday Night & Saturday

Please note there are no Pre-marriage courses in July or August.

To reserve a place book on line at www.accord.ie

For further information please contact:

Mary at Accord Carlow phone no 059 9138738
St Catherine's Community Service Centre, St Joseph's Road, Carlow
Email: accordcarlow@eircom.net

Counselling Service

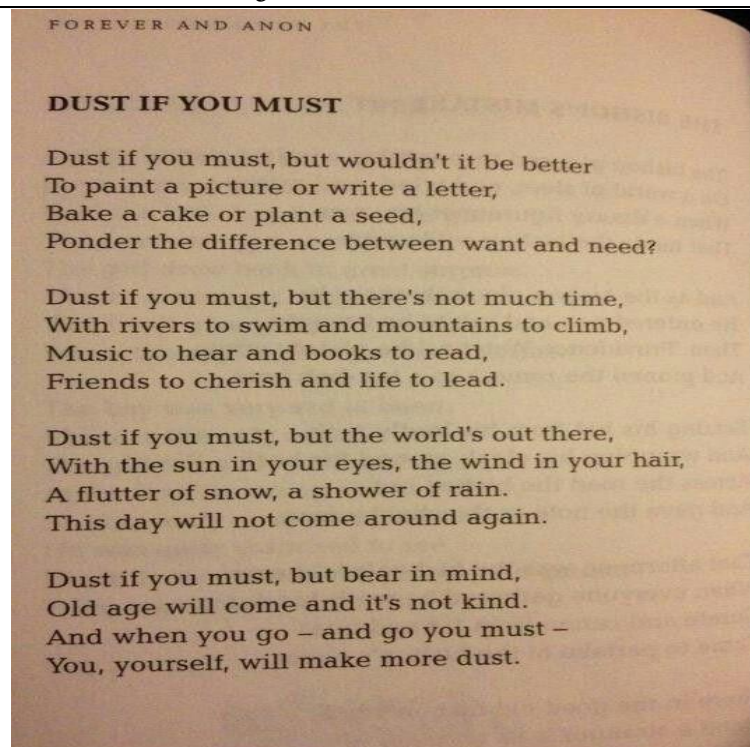
Accord offers low cost confidential counselling to couples experiencing challenges or difficulties in their relationship.

For further information contact Mary at 059 9138738

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



HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK