

PARISH NEWS

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st June 2015

Travelling solo

In his poem Travelling Light, poet and theologian Padraig O'Tuama talks about the different ways we have of approaching life's journey. At different times, he says, we can find ourselves travelling alone or in the dark, heavily or lightly.

Sometimes we 'travel dark', unable to conjure up an image of 'sunrise or moonrise or starlight or fire'.

Sometimes we decide to 'travel solo', forgetting 'all the others we've travelled with.

The final verses remind us that there are times when we need to 'travel lightly': 'Because sometimes we/ need to be/ travelling lightly/ because sometimes we're in need of/ regular reminding/ that light comes in circles/ and waves/ and small moment'.

The poem concludes: 'and light/ comes to find us/ and light comes with hope.'

Life can be complicated and difficult, and it can weigh us down at times. We can end up thinking, feeling, and even acting as if we are alone on our journey.

Today's Gospel reminds us that we are not alone. Even when God seems to be sleeping, and the storm is rising, and we are in danger of being swamped, he is there. At a simple request from the disciples in the boat, Jesus quiets the wind and allays their fears. All is calm again – all it takes is a little faith and trust that we are not alone.

Collections: 14th June Envelopes €535 Baskets €807

No of Envelopes 63 Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule: Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 22nd
 Mass at 9am Tues 23rd - Thurs 25th June

Sacred Heart Cemetery Mass is on Friday 26th June at **8pm**. All welcome
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 20th June – Group 2

A Novena to the Sacred Heart will take place in St. Fortchern's Church, Rathanna from Friday 12th to Saturday 20th June at 7.30pm. All welcome

Polish Mass Mass will be celebrated in Polish in the Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 27th June at 7.30pm

On the weekend of 27th/28th June the Holy Ghost Missionaries will visit the Parish for the weekend Masses.

The Eist Cancer Support Centre, The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow provides practical help and emotional support to anyone affected by cancer in County Carlow and the surrounding areas opens Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 4.30pm. You are free to contact us at 059-9139684 or drop-in during our opening hours.
Website: www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie

Parish Pastoral Council There will be a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council in the Parochial House on Wednesday 24th June at 8.30pm

Dates for Your Diary Weekend Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick & Knock Sat 27th – Sunday 28th June 2015 €100 per person, includes bus, dinner & bed & breakfast in hotel. Please book as soon as possible if you are interested in this pilgrimage as we need to finalise details. The deposit is €20 per person. **Please find the itinerary for this trip in the newsletter also.**

Graveyard Masses this Summer

Kiltannel 21st June - Rosary & Blessing of Graves after 11am Mass
Sacred Heart Cemetery Borris – Mass on Friday 26th June at 8pm
Clonagoose Cemetery Borris – Friday 3rd July at 7.30pm

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

EVANGELISM AND CATECHESIS A Gathering of Catechism teachers, studying through the Maryvale course, will take place in Maynooth College on Monday 6th July. Priests and students or graduates of theology, or Christian doctrine, who would like to help in adult catechesis in their parishes are particularly welcome to this day of prayer and thought. For more information contact Bríd Ní Rinn phone 045 860170.

Borris Garda Station will remain closed until August this year - date to be confirmed - as further work is being carried out. Existing arrangements where a Garda is available in Borris Library on Wednesdays between 4pm and 5pm will remain in place until then.
You can still phone Borris Gardaí at 059-9773102, it is diverted to a mobile number, or you can phone Bagenalstown Gardaí at 059-9721212

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I WISH YOU ENOUGH

Recently I overheard a father and daughter in their last moments together. They had announced her departure and standing near the security gate, they hugged and he said, "I love you. I wish you enough." She said, "Daddy, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Daddy." They kissed and she left. He walked over toward the window where I was seated. Standing there I could see he wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on his privacy, but he welcomed me in by asking, "Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?" "Yes, I have," I replied. Saying that brought back memories I had of expressing my love and appreciation for all my Dad had done for me. Recognizing that his days were limited, I took the time to tell him face to face how much he meant to me. So I knew what this man was experiencing. "Forgive me for asking, but why is this forever good-bye?" I asked. "I am old and she lives much too far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is, the next trip back would be for my funeral," he said. "When you were saying good-bye I heard you say, wish you enough. May I ask what that means?" He began to smile. "That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone." He paused for moment and looking up as if trying to remember it in detail, he smiled even more. "When we said 'I wish you enough,' we wanted the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them," he continued and then turning toward me he shared the following as if he were reciting it from memory.

"I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.
I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.
I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.
I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.
I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.
I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.
I wish enough "Hello's" to get you through the final Good-bye."
He then began to sob and walked away.

HAVE A WONDERFUL FATHER'S DAY