

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
21st September 2014

God's love is different

In today's parable Mathew is addressing an issue in the community where people are unhappy with certain groups being included in God's Kingdom.... they were there first! We can identify with the characters: times we made comparisons between ourselves and others. Whereas 'THEY'? Well, 'they' are the cause of the problem, benefiting in some way from our perceived injustice. 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong.' This is a moment of grace where God is freeing people from jealousy; there is enough to go around, everyone has received what they were promised. Even in our relationships with one another, people sometimes want to possess and take all for themselves. In reality God (and people) can love others unconditionally without taking anything away from us. If we could liberate ourselves from such insecurities and not let them take hold, life would be a lot happier. Have you been wronged? Has an injustice occurred to anyone else? No, then why worry? The workers expect a judgemental God and often we too confine our image of God to a distributor of justice. God's justice is more concerned with generosity and compassion, there is plenty for all. God's love is justdifferent.

'True love is delicate and kind, full of gentle perception and understanding, full of beauty and grace, full of joy unutterable.... With such a love one would see all things new; we would begin to see people as they really are, as God sees them.'
Dorothy Day

Collections: 14th Sept 2014 Envelopes €781 Baskets €595

No. Of Envelopes Returned 65 Direct Debits 5

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

Mass Schedule : Mass at 7.30pm on Fri. 26th Sept.
No Mass Mon 22nd at 7.30pm
There will be no morning Mass Tues 23rd to Thurs 25th September
due to the Camino Pilgrimage
Weekend Masses as normal

The September Collection for the Priests of the Parish A sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to this collection last weekend. Anyone who has forgotten to leave in their envelope may still do so during the month of September.

Parish Donation Envelope Boxes We would be very grateful if the people who distribute these boxes would be able to call to the Parish Centre to collect their usual number for collection.

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan website www.kandle.ie

Eist Cancer Support Centre - Eist Cancer Support Centre, The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow, opens Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 10.00a.m. to 4.00p.m . We provide Counselling, Reflexology Services, Support Groups, Meditation, Yoga and a host of activities free of charge to those diagnosed and their families and carers affected by cancer. Contact the centre on 059 9139684 for information. www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie Visit us on facebook

Polish Mass Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Sat 27th Sept. in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris at 7.30pm

Charismatic Meeting The next charismatic meeting organised by the Polish Community will take place on Tues. 23rd Sept. 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.

The Irish Catholic will again be on sale at the back of all the churches this coming weekend. It costs €1.60 It is also on sale in Kiernans, Borris.

Walk to Mass Sunday 28th September – Solidarity with Suffering Christians in the Middle East
We encourage parishioners to consider walking to Mass this Saturday/Sunday to demonstrate prayerful solidarity with displaced Christians and other minorities in Iraq and in the Middle East. As we walk in safety to and from our Church, we think of the many who live in fear, simply because they are Christian. Check out the video piece on www.icatholic.ie

Ploughing Championship – Ratheniska

In the aftermath of last year's very successful Diocesan presence at the Ploughing Championship we have decided to put a greater emphasis on our presence at the event. This year's venture includes having a stand on our own with the emphasis on justice. Our stand number for the championship is no. **372**.

ASPIRO CHOIR - 'Give It A Go' free workshops for all age groups for September - contact info@aspirochoir.ie / 085-7451111 New Pre-school age 3+ free sample workshops Éire Óg GAA Clubhouse Monday 15th, 22nd and 29th September, from 9.30-10.15am, and Saturday 20th & 27th 9.30-10.15am.

Parish Pastoral Council A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place in the Parochial House on Wednesday Oct 1st at 8.30pm.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Because of Jesus

Mother Teresa was asked by a young man why she always talked about this Jesus stuff. He said he was going to work among the poor like her, do the good works of charity, but without the Jesus baggage.

Mother Teresa responded something like, 'Go and work 20 years or a lifetime among the poorest of the poor. Then come back and tell me how you did it. I know the only way I have been able to do it is because of Jesus.' Her faith, her understanding of Jesus gave her the ability to be a doer, a doer not just for a week or a season or a year, but for a lifetime.

Neal R. Sadler, Faith in Expected Places

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK