

PARISH NEWS

The choice is ours
22nd January 2017

You may have heard this story before: 'An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life. 'A battle is going on inside all of us,' he said to the boy. 'It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil – anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego. The other is good – joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. This same fight is going on inside you – and inside every other person, too.' The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, 'Which wolf will win?' The old Cherokee simply replied, 'The one you feed.'

In a way it is as simple as that. Each one of us faces hundreds of choices every day. Mostly, they are minor decisions that may not seem important at the time. But they all add up to something. They make us the person we are. Do our choices make us the kind of person who follows Jesus, or the kind of person who goes in the opposite direction?

We can stay stuck where we are, repeating the same old patterns, or we can leave it all behind and choose a new path, like Peter, Andrew, James and John did. They were called, and they took decisive action. This initial choice to follow Jesus was reinforced and remade, day in and day out, during their discipleship journey, just as it is on ours.

Collections: 15th Jan Envelopes €TBC Baskets €TBC
No of Envelopes Direct Debits
Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

Mass Schedule: Mass on Mon 23rd & Fri 27th Jan at 7.30pm
Mass Tuesday 24th - Thurs 26th Jan 9am
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 21st Jan Group 2

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie **Diocesan Website:** www.kandle.ie
Parish Centre: Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday
Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

The Parish Centre will be **closed** from Friday 13th Jan to Friday 20th January (Incl.)
Back open on Monday 23rd January 2017

Visiting the Sick Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 2nd February in Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and on Friday 3rd February in Borris area.

Do-This-In Memory Programme next Mass takes place this Sunday 22nd at 11am in Borris Church.

Pre-Marriage Courses

Accord Carlow are now taking bookings for the following courses
Jan 27th & 28th, Feb 10th & 11th, Mar 10th & 11th.

Couples getting married in the spring or early summer 2017 should book a place on one of the above courses.

Bookings can be made on line at www.accord.ie or for further information phone Mary at 059 9138738

Fr. Rory's email address is rorypmnolan68@gmail.com – the wrong email address is on the Parish Calendar for 2017

Inaugural Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2017

Led by the Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin Most Reverend Denis Nulty

16th July 2017 - 5 Nights €719 per person sharing, Flights, Transfers Full Board & Accommodation included

Full details available at the Parish Office or Joe Walsh Tours

Dedicated Assisted Section for Sick Pilgrims

Pilgrimage Director Fr. Paddy Byrne

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God won't ask

God won't ask what kind of car you drove, but He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.

God won't ask the square footage of your house, but He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, but He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.

God won't ask what your highest salary was, but He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.

God won't ask what your job title was, but He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

God won't ask how many friends you had, but He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

God won't ask in what neighbourhood you lived, but He'll ask how you treated your neighbours.

God won't ask about the colour of your skin, but He'll ask about the content of your character.

God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation, but He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven, and not to the gates of Hell.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK