

PARISH NEWS

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd July 2017

Changing the world

In 2009, the first Darkness Into Light event in aid of Pieta House took place in Dublin's Phoenix Park. Around 400 people walked the 5km course that year to raise funds for the suicide prevention charity. Fast forward to May this year, and more than 130,000 took part in 150 Darkness Into Light events across Ireland and worldwide. Many of us will know someone who took part, or we may have got involved ourselves this year. As the crucial message of hope and solidarity filters out from these events, who knows how many lives have been saved or transformed over the years? Darkness Into Light is a great example of a movement which has grown from a small seed of an idea into a major force for good. The parable of the mustard seed, which we hear today, shows us that fantastic things can emerge from the most modest of beginnings, 'the smallest of all seeds'. The disciples who first heard Jesus speak were ordinary people – not the religious leaders of the time or those in positions of power or influence. But they were the seeds from which the Church would grow down through the ages. Each act of kindness or forgiveness, each time we spread the Good News of Jesus in our own way, we are hastening the spread of God's kingdom. These seeds grow and multiply, and bear abundant fruit even if we cannot always see the results. We can't change the world in one go – but we can change our world.

Collections: 16th July Envelopes €500 Baskets €625
No of Envelopes 59 Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Monday 24th & Fri 28th July at 7.30pm
No Morning Mass Tues 25th – Thurs 27th July at 9am
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 22nd July **Group 1**

Confessions in Sacred Heart, Borris from 11.30 – 12 noon every Saturday morning. All welcome.

Message from Fr. John

'Just a quick update on my health. Last week I had a meeting with the Urologist.

He informed me that the chemotherapy has done its work and what remains of the tumour is benign.

He said when he operates it will probably just fall out into his hand.

Because of the clot in my leg, he will be unable to do the operation until mid-September.

He told me I can resume my 'normal' life, walking swimming, playing golf, but just to listen to my body. I still have very little energy and it will take some time to recover my full energy.

When I mentioned my planned trip for October/November, he said I would have to postpone this because of the clot.

The most prudent thing I can do at the moment is to take it day by day.

The wonderful news is that what remains is benign, when I get through surgery I will have a clearer idea about my plans for the future.

Thanks again for all the support and prayers.'

Fr. John

Dates for Your Diary

Prayers In Cemeteries 2017

Rathanna: Sunday August 6th 3pm

Ballymurphy: Sunday August 27th 3pm

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 Monday July 24th - Tuesday 1st August (incl.)

Back open on Wednesday 2nd August

Safeguarding: If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Ms. Joan Treacy**

Mob : 085-8021633 e-mail – dlp@kandle.ie

Pre-Marriage Courses

Accord Carlow have a limited number of places available on the following courses this year.

Sept 8th & 9th, Oct 13th & 14th. Nov 17th & 18th Couples getting married in the Catholic Church are required to attend a Pre-Marriage Course. Please book now on www.accord.ie and avoid

disappointment. For further information phone Mary at 059 9142590

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 17th – Sunday 20th August 2017. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1400 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. **Free** busses travelling from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see www.youth2000.ie or tel: 01-6753690

Lough Derg 2017: You may begin the Three Day Pilgrimage on any day up to and including Sunday 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary.

There are various travel options available countrywide. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. Telephone Maureen or Lorraine on 071 9851518 (from NI 00353 71 9861518). Email:

info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

GOD GAVE US...

God gave us the seasons each with its own beauty and reason, each meant to bring us a blessing, a joy, and a feeling of love. God gave us dreams each with its own secret, each sent to give us feelings of inspiration, hope, and tranquillity. God gave us the sunshine, the rainbows and the rain, the beauty and freedom of nature to teach us the wisdom of gentle acceptance. God gave us miracles in our hearts and lives, little things that happen to remind us we're alive. God gave us the ability to face each new day with courage, wisdom, and a smile from knowing that whatever sorrow or pain we face, He abides with us securely in our hearts. Most of all, God gave us friends to teach us about love and guide us through this world, always available to help us forward towards a greater understanding and a greater sharing and giving of love.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK