

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
23rd September 2018

How to welcome the child

In today's gospel Jesus is presented as the courageous leader, instructing those who will follow on from him and carry on his work for future generations. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.' This September we are celebrating the Season of Creation. Pope Francis challenges us to reflect: 'What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?' (Laudato Si', 160). In the context of today's gospel we might ask: how are we welcoming generations to come? Pope Francis urges us to remember that the goods of the earth are not meant to be exploited and states, 'Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with irony or disdain. We may well be leaving to coming generations' debris, desolation and filth.' During this creation time let us reconnect once more with nature and restore our relationship with the environment. As parish communities we must play our part in ensuring that our world is liveable for generations to come.

'Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day.'

Pope Francis, Laudato Si', 25

Collections: 16th September Envelopes €570 Baskets €571
No of Envelopes 57 Direct Debits 4
Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

Mass Schedule; Mass Monday 24th & Friday 28th Sept. at 7.30pm
Mass Tues 25th – Thurs 27th Sept. at 10am

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.

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

“MY JOURNEY WITH TESTICULAR CANCER” – by FR. JOHN O'BRIEN

Fr. John has produced a booklet about his recent cancer. Copies are available in the Parish Centre (a donation of €5 per copy to cover costs would be appreciated).

YEARLY ENVELOPES – THOSE WHO DISTRIBUTE THE YEARLY BOXES OF PARISH ENVELOPES MAY COLLECT THEM AT THE PARISH CENTRE BEFORE THE END OF SEPTEMBER – THANK YOU

DIOCESAN NEWS :

- We would like to extend a warm diocesan welcome Fr Marek Zygadlo. Fr Marek will serve as Polish Chaplain to the Diocese and also as curate in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House Parishes. Fr Marek will reside in Ballymany, Newbridge.
- Please also welcome Fr Petru Medves from Romania who will be staying in Cathedral Parish for a time.
- Certificate in Theological Studies: Would you like to develop your theological knowledge and gain a deeper understanding of your faith? Explore the possibilities of living your faith with challenge, openness and freshness. Contact Dr Suzanne Mulligan, St Patricks College Maynooth for more information 01-7084772. Course runs on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm – 8.30pm.
- CARLOW/KILKENNY HOME CARE TEAM COFFEE MORNING will be held on Thursday 20th September in the Cathedral Parish Centre. Anybody or business willing to host a coffee morning would be very much appreciated. Contact Breda 087 - 2327218

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Thought for the Day

I believe you will like this... She is 92 years old, petite, well poised, and proud. She is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with her hair fashionably coifed, and her makeup perfectly applied, in spite of the fact she is legally blind. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, where I am employed, she smiled sweetly when told her room was ready. As she manoeuvred her walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of her tiny room, including the eyelet curtains that had been hung on her window. "I love it," she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy. "Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen the room...just wait," I said. Then she spoke these words that I will never forget: "That does not have anything to do with it," she gently replied. "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not does not depend on how the furniture is arranged. It is how I arrange my mind. I have already decided to love it. "It is a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice. I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work or I can get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do work. Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I will focus on the new day and all of the happy memories I have stored away...just for this time in my life. "Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you have already put in."

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK