PARISH NEWS

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th February 2019

Freely giving

Lord, teach me to be generous,

to serve you as you deserve,

to give and not to count the cost,

to fight and not to heed the wounds.

to toil and not to seek for rest,

to labour and not to seek reward.

save that of knowing that I do your holy will.

The 'Prayer for Generosity', which many of us learned as children, is associated with St Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuit Order, yet it is unclear whether he actually composed it. One of the earliest references to it comes from 1910, when it began to be used as a prayer for the French scouting movement. To this day it is often known as 'The Scout Prayer' and is used by many Scout groups as a blueprint for the work they do.

The prayer perfectly sums up the generous spirit of the many volunteer organisations and charities whose members give their time and energy so freely and generously to help others. There are thousands of volunteers all over our country who put love into action by visiting those who are lonely, listening to those who are struggling, providing food and other supplies for those in need, and fundraising for all sorts of worthy causes. Week in and week out, they give without ever counting the cost.

These volunteers are living the message of today's Gospel, which can be summed up in one short sentence: Go the extra mile. Thank you, Lord, for volunteers. Make us ever more generous with our time, energy and resources. Help us to be compassionate, as you are compassionate.

Collections: 17th February Envelopes €345 Baskets €515

No of Envelopes 52 Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule

Mass Monday 25^{th.} Feb. & Friday 1st Mar. at 7.30pm Mass on Tuesday 26th – Thursday 28th Feb. at 10am

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

Parish Centre:

New Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday, Wednesday & Friday 1.00pm to 4.00pm Tuesday & Thursday

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

Accord Carlow

Pre – Marriage Courses 2019

8th & 9th March Friday & Saturday 5th & 6th **April** Friday & Saturday 10th & 11th May Friday & Saturday 7th & 8th June Friday & Saturday 6th & 7th September Friday & Saturday 4th & 5th October Friday & Saturday

To reserve a place book on line at www.accord.ie. For further information please contact: Mary at Accord Carlow phone no 059 9138738, St Catherine's Community Service Centre, St Joseph's Road, Carlow. Email: accordcarlow@eircom .net

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

THINGS THAT MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD

- Laughing so hard your face hurts. \odot
 - A hot shower.
 - No queues at the Super Market.
 - Taking a drive on a pretty road.
- \odot Hearing your favourite song on the radio.
 - Lying in bed listening to the rain outside.
- 0 Hot towels out of the dryer.
- 0 Finding the sweater you want is on sale for half price.
- 0 A bubble bath.
- 0 Giggling.

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- 0 A good conversation.
- 0 The beach.
 - Finding a €20 note in your coat from last winter.
- Laughing at yourself. \odot
 - Having someone tell you that you're beautiful.
- 0 Laughing at an inside joke.
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 - Accidentally overhearing someone say something nice about you.
 - Waking up and realizing you still have a few hours left to sleep.
 - Your first kiss.
 - Making new friends or spending time with old ones.
 - Playing with a new puppy.
- 0 Having someone play with your hair.
- 0 Road trips with friends.
- 0 Song lyrics printed inside your new CD so you can sing along without feeling stupid.
- \odot Going to a really good concert.
- 0 Seeing smiles and hearing laughter from your friends.
- 0 Holding hands with someone you care about.
 - Running into an old friend and realizing that some things (good or bad) never change.
- 0 Riding the best roller coasters over and over.
 - Watching the expression on someone's face as they open a much desired present from you.
- \odot Watching the sunrise.
 - Getting out of bed every morning and thanking God for another beautiful day.
- I believe that friends are quiet angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK.