

PARISH NEWS

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th July 2016

The open door

How do you pray? Is there a right or a wrong way of doing it? Should we pray lying in bed or kneeling at the altar, alone or in company, in the church or out in nature, in stillness and silence or with tambourines and songs of praise?

The first disciples weren't quite sure how to go about things, and today we see them approach Jesus to ask him 'Lord, teach us to pray'. In response, he gave them the words of what we now know as the 'Our Father'. But he had some advice for the disciples too – keep praying! If you were to call on a friend for help in the middle of the night, Jesus says, your persistence alone would convince him to help. If a child asks for food, his parents will naturally grant him what he asks for. The message is clear – we just have to keep asking.

Jesus often withdrew to quiet places to spend time alone in prayer, and we know from the Passion accounts that he cried out to God in moments of anguish and desperation. There are many different ways to pray. It matters less where and how we choose to pray at all. If we keep asking, if we keep the lines of communication open, God will grant us what is good.

Collections: 17th July Envelopes €484 Baskets €572
No of Envelopes 45 Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Monday 24th & Friday 29th July at 7.30pm
Mass Tues 25th – Thurs 28th July at 9am

Fr. Rory Nolan P.P.

We welcome Fr. Rory to Borris Parish and wish him the best of luck, health and happiness here.
Fr. Rory's contact details are Ph: 087-2714161, email rorypmnolan68@gmail.com

Visiting the Sick Fr. John & Fr. Rory will visit the sick on their list on Tuesday 26th July in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and on Wednesday 27th July in the Borris area.

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 on **Friday 29th July** as well as Bank Holiday Monday 1st August.

Lough Derg 2016: You may begin the Three Day Pilgrimage on any day up to and including Saturday 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 9861518. Email: info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org

Trócaire Emergency Appeal: The worst drought in decades has left approximately 60 million people, ten times the population of the island of Ireland, facing hunger across the developing world. Trócaire has launched an emergency appeal to get relief to people in Ethiopia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Honduras and Guatemala. To donate log on to www.trocaire.org, call 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI).

Graveyard Patterns this Summer

Rathanna Pattern : Sunday August 7th 3pm
Ballymurphy Pattern : Sunday August 28th 3pm



We have organized bag packing in Dunne Stores Kilkenny and Carlow on Friday the 22nd of July between 10 am to 6 pm. For Kilkenny ring 056 7721424 and for Carlow ring 086 0081464 if you could spare a couple of hours on that day.

Thanks, Gina, Administrator

Family Carers Ireland, Unit 1, Springhill Clinic, Waterford Road, Kilkenny.

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Weaver's Cottage Museum is nestled in the beautiful village of Clonegal. Beautifully restored to its original beauty it was once the home to local weavers, it now holds artefacts and local history of the Cottage Weaving Industry. Open Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.00pm and Saturday and Sunday 12.00 to 4.00pm. Why not pop by for a visit and step back in time.

For more information contact weaverscottage1@gmail.com

Pre-Marriage Courses Accord Carlow are currently taking bookings for Pre-marriage courses on Sept 2nd & 3rd, October 7th & 8th, Nov 4th & 5th. All couples getting married in the Catholic Church are obliged to attend a Pre-marriage Course. To reserve a place book on line at www.accord.ie or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Road of Life

At first, I saw God as my observer, my judge, keeping track of the things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merited heaven or hell when I die. He was out there sort of like a president. I recognized His picture when I saw it, but I really didn't know Him. But later on when I met Christ, it seemed as though life were rather like a bike ride, but it was a tandem bike, and I noticed that Christ was in the back helping me pedal. I don't know just when it was that He suggested we change places, but life has not been the same since. When I had control, I knew the way. It was rather boring, but predictable it was the shortest distance between two points. But when He took the lead, He knew delightful long cuts, up mountains, and through rocky places at breakneck speeds. It was all I could do to hang on! Even though it looked like madness, He said, "Pedal!" I worried and was anxious and asked, "Where are you taking me?" He laughed and didn't answer, and I started to learn to trust. I forgot my boring life and entered into the adventure, and when I'd say, "I'm scared," He'd lean back and touch my hand. I gained love, peace, acceptance and joy; gifts to take on my journey, My Lord's and mine. And we were off again. He said, "Give the gifts away. They're extra baggage, too much weight." So I did, to the people we met, and I found that in giving I received, and still our burden was light. I did not trust Him, at first, in control of my life. I thought He'd wreck it; but he knows bike secrets, knows how to make it bend to take sharp corners, knows how to jump to clear high rocks, knows how to fly to shorten, scary passages. And I am learning to shut up and pedal in the strangest places, and I'm beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on my face with my delightful constant companion, Jesus Christ. And when I'm sure I just can't do it anymore, He just smiles and says... "Pedal."

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK