

# PARISH NEWS

*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**25<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

## ***Curiouser and curiouser***

'Alice opened the door and found that it led into a small passage, not much larger than a rat-hole: she knelt down and looked along the passage into the loveliest garden you ever saw. How she longed to get out of that dark hall, and wander about among those beds of bright flowers and those cool fountains, but she could not even get her head through the doorway.' (Lewis Carroll, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland)

In the opening chapter of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Alice is having a bit of bother with doors. She finds herself in a hall in which the doors are all locked. When she finds a key, it doesn't fit the locks. When she manages to find a door to match the key, she herself won't fit through; the doorway is too narrow. How frustrating!

The parable in today's Gospel also features a narrow door and a locked door, as well as an unsympathetic doorkeeper – it's almost as if the master wants to keep everyone out! People knock on the door and expect to be admitted, but it's not that simple. The master turns them away, claiming not to know them, despite protestations that they are acquainted.

Jesus is trying to teach his followers about discipleship. What does he mean when he says we must 'enter by the narrow door'? Is it almost impossible to enter the kingdom of God? One thing is sure: a passing acquaintance with Jesus will not be enough. The plea of 'We once ate and drank in your company' is feeble. It is not enough to know Jesus only on the surface – to attend Mass every Sunday or to turn to him only when we are in need. To really know Jesus, one must walk the narrow path of the Gospel.

### **Collections:**

15<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> August

Envelopes €517

Baskets €1143

No of Envelopes

Direct Debits

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

### **Mass Schedule:**

Mass on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> & Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm

Mass Tues 27<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Aug. at 10am

### **Cemetery Prayers August**

Ballymurphy August 25<sup>th</sup> 3pm

***National Dawn Walk for Cancer*** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019, starts at 5.45am in the Presentation De La Salle College, Bagenalstown, Co Carlow. Registration online [www.nationaldawnwalk.com](http://www.nationaldawnwalk.com) Support of this event is greatly appreciated.

**Safeguarding:** If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Mr. Mick Daly** Mob: 085-8021633, e-mail – [dlp@kandle.ie](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie)

**Yearly Envelopes** The boxes of yearly envelopes will be ready for distribution from this **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**. Could those who distribute them call to the Parish Centre for them during the usual opening times? If you are not available this year to distribute them we would be grateful if you would let us know so that we can organise another person to do so. Sincere thanks to everybody who helps in this regard.

**Borris Parish Website:** [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie)      **Diocesan Website:** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)  
**Parish Centre:** Mon/Wed/Fri 9.30 – 12.30, Tues & Thurs 1pm – 4pm  
Phone 059 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com)    Closed Bank Holidays.

## Sacred Heart Church 2020 Celebrations

In 2020 our Parish Church in Borris, the Sacred Heart, celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are looking for ideas on how to celebrate this as a Parish. We would welcome also old photos and stories about the Church which we can integrate into our celebrations. All of these can be emailed to a special email address [borris2020@gmail.com](mailto:borris2020@gmail.com) **Fr. Rory**

**Carlow Choral Society's** new term starts on Monday 2nd September at 7.45pm in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre. This is an open evening and new members are very welcome to join us. We will start work on *In Paradisum* by Andrew Campling and *Missa Carolae* by James Whitbourn and other works as we prepare for concerts in November and December. For more information contact [carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com](mailto:carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com) or visit [www.carlowchoralsociety.net](http://www.carlowchoralsociety.net)

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

back2school  
prayer

"Dear Lord, use my eyes to see new friends.

Open my ears to hear my teacher.

Open my mind to learn new things.

Let my heart remember YOU are near when I'm afraid.

Help me to love others like you do.

I want to shine your light so bright in my school."  
Amen.

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HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK