

PARISH NEWS

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th June 2017

Even the Hairs of your Head are Counted

Today's Gospel is an affirmation for all those who feel persecuted in any way because of their belief or because people are speaking badly about them, or those who feel alienated from their community, their family or even from God. During such times it can be extremely lonely to the point where one can lose their sense of purpose in this world. While we might not want to shout from the rooftops, as Jesus suggests, there is a message here to speak out, to talk it out. Today, spend time on the beautiful words of Jesus in this Gospel – 'Even the hairs of your head are all counted, so do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows!' The sparrow, one of the smallest of birds, is cared for and loved by God. This is a reminder that no matter how insignificant we might feel or how challenging the circumstances get, God is with us, each of us. Once again, we are being told how sacred each and every person is and how much we are loved by God. In his eyes, each of us are precious. Today, recall the times or places where you felt God's supporting presence.

'When we travel through those wilderness places of our lives where we feel lost, insecure, lonely, frustrated, discouraged, or overcome by busyness: Help us to trust in you, God of the journey. When we catch glimpses of the tremendous love you have for us and experience a deep, loving connection with others: Help us to trust in you, God of the journey.'

Joyce Rupp

Collections: 18th June Envelopes €332 Baskets €728
No of Envelopes 49 Direct Debits 3

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Monday 26th at 7.30pm
Tues 27th – Thurs 29th June at 9am

Sacred Heart Cemetery: Mass on Friday 30th June at 7.30pm

Clonagoose Cemetery: Mass on Sunday 2nd July at 3pm

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 24th June **Group 1**

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

Blood Donation Clinic Abbey Hall, Graiguenamanagh, **Thursday 22nd June 2017 5pm – 8.30pm**

Novena to the Sacred Heart in St. Fortchern's Church, Rathanna for 9 nights starting on Thursday 15th June to Friday 23rd at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

Dates for Your Diary

Annual Mass of the Sick Friday 7th July 7.30pm Borris

Prayers In Cemeteries 2017

Rathanna: Sunday August 6th 3pm

Ballymurphy: Sunday August 27th 3pm

Walk to Holy Year Cross on Knockroe Hill on Sunday 25th June; starting point Shannon's Lane
2pm with Rosary and Prayers at the Cross
(one hour walk to the Cross)

Walk with Willibrord

Saturday June 24th 2017

From St. Laserian's Cathedral, Old Leighlin to the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow town
via the Barrow Way

Join Bishops Burrows and Nulty as they walk the Relic of St. Willibrord, Patron Saint of Luxembourg which has been specially presented to Co. Carlow by the people of Echternach, Luxembourg. In AD 690 Willibrord led a mission from Co. Carlow to the continent.

Start 9.45am: Holy Well and St. Laserian's Cathedral, Old Leighlin

Departs 12.30pm: Leighlinbridge, Departs 2.15pm: Milford car park

Departs 3.45pm: Clogrennan Lock, Departs 5.20pm: St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen

Departs 5.50pm: St Mary's Church, Arrives: 6.15pm to the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow town.

All welcome. For details: www.kandle.ie

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

A revolutionary Christian vision for our times on love, sexuality and relationships

Christopher West, world-renowned speaker and author on the Theology of the Body, is coming to Ireland this July. The Theology of the Body is a profound Christian vision of the human person, human love and the gift of our sexuality formulated by Pope John Paul II from his meditation upon Holy Scripture and has since spread around the world transforming hearts and minds. Come and be inspired!

Waterford 06 July @7.30pm Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Waterford [Donation only]

Carlow 07 July @7.30pm St Patrick's College, College Street, Carlow [Donation only]

Maynooth 08 July 9am-4pm Evangelium Conference, Iontas Building, NUIM University North Campus [€25.00]

Drogheda 09 July @3pm The Barbican Centre, Drogheda [Donation only]

Dublin 10 July @6.30pm St Teresa's Church, Clarendon Street, Dublin [Donation only]

For further details contact the Pure in Heart office ask@pureinheartireland.com or Tel 01-6629543 or see kandle.ie

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Five Finger Prayer

The Thumb – The closest finger to you reminds you to pray for those who are closest to us, like our family and friends.

The Index Finger – The pointing finger reminds you to pray for wisdom and support for those who teach us and show us the way.

The Middle Finger – The tallest finger reminds you to pray for guidance for our leaders and those in positions of authority.

The Ring Finger – Our weakest finger, reminds you to pray for the weakest in society, like those who are sick, poor or having problems.

The Little Finger – The smallest finger reminds you to pray for yourself. When you have prayed for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs, but from the proper perspective.

(From Pope Francis Selected Prayers, Veritas 2017)

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK