

PARISH NEWS

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th October 2015

Let me see again

'I can see clearly now the rain has gone....
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind
It's gonna be a bright, bright, bright
Sunshiny day.'

Johnny Nash

Most of us have no idea what it is like to be physically blind. Spiritual blindness is another matter altogether – I'm not sure we can admit to bouts of that! The blind man in today's Gospel must not have been blind from birth. His request to Jesus is 'Master, let me see again.' He had the gift of sight in the past, and he knows what he is missing. He wants to be able to see again.

Our faith journey can be a bit like that. Sometimes we see things clearly, and sometimes we are blind to the bigger picture and to where our lives are leading. Dark clouds can come down, perhaps when we are struggling to deal with a stressful time or an illness. We can stray off the path and forget to let God in or to ask for help. But if, like the blind man, we call to Jesus for help, he will come to our aid. 'I will bring them back' promises the Lord in our First Reading from Jeremiah, 'by a smooth path where they will not stumble.'

Collections: 18th Oct. Envelopes €843 Baskets €723

No of Envelopes 65 Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule:

Mass at 7.30pm on Monday 26th Oct & Fri 30th Oct.

No Mass Tues 27th to Thurs 29th Oct

Annual Envelopes – Should anyone not have received a box of envelopes for the coming year please let us know in the Parish Centre and we will organise one for you.

Polish Mass A Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 31st October in The Sacred Heart Church at 7.30pm All Welcome

World Youth Day Krakow, Poland 24th-31st July 2016 We are now preparing for the next international World Youth Day which will be held in Krakow, Poland in July 2016. This will be the 28th W.Y.D. and the theme this year will be 'Blessed are the merciful for they shall be shown mercy.' We are holding 3 Information Meetings about W.Y.D. taking place on a Sunday in November as follows:

- **Graigucullen** Parish Centre : Sunday 1st November at 2.30pm
- **Portlaoise** Parish Centre : Sunday 8th November at 1pm
- **Naas, Ballycane** Church : Sunday 15th November at 1pm

These meetings will provide an opportunity for young people interested in the trip to find out more details and register their interest in travelling. For further information please contact Cathriona Kelly or Robert Norton on 059-9164084

Parish Centre: The Parish Centre is open as usual Mon. – Fri. from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.
Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

The Parish Centre will be closed on Friday 30th Oct

Kildare & Leighlin Diocese Prepares to Celebrate the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

As Bishop Denis indicated at our recent diocesan day, an Information Session on the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy will take place in Mount St Anne's on Saturday, November 7th from 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The purpose of this session is to introduce the

- proposed diocesan schedule for this year
- Year of Mercy diocesan and parish resources

Similar to what we did for the International Eucharistic Congress, we are asking parishes to delegate at least **two representatives** who will act as a two-way conduit between the diocese and the parish for the year. We are asking that these representatives act in this role from November 7th 2015 to the close of the Year of Mercy on November 20th, 2016.

We anticipate that parish representatives will:

- Come to three gatherings in the course of the year (including November 7th).
 - Bring resources back to the parish and engage the appropriate people for use and local adaptation in the parish. (Resources and initiatives will include, among others, parish resources for the opening and closing of the year as well as a parish action during Lent that will link back to the diocese at the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral).
 - Serve as another avenue of communication between diocese and parish and/or parish and diocese
- Should anyone wish to act as representative for Borris Parish please contact Fr. John or the Parish Centre.

Towards Peace is a new spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to nine sessions are offered and there is no cost. For more information, please visit www.towardspeace.ie, phone 01 505 3028 or email towardspeace@iecon.ie

“Feedback from abuse survivors in Ireland has highlighted the damage done to their own spirituality, particularly because they were abused by Catholic Church personnel. Within this context, spiritual direction might provide a space for exploring the spiritual impact of the abuse such as: the impact on a person's own sense of goodness; connection to God and connection to others; beliefs, theology and faith; relationship with Church and religion. Spiritual direction might also provide a space to gain clarity about what one's spiritual needs and hopes for healing are today.”

Towards Peace Diocesan Leaflet

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*I See His Blood upon the Rose
I see his blood upon the rose
And in the stars the glory of his eyes,
His body gleams amid eternal snows,
His tears fall from the skies.*

*I see his face in every flower;
The thunder and the singing of the birds
Are but his voice – and carven by his power
Rocks are his written words.*

*All pathways by his feet are worn,
His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea,
His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn,
His cross is every tree.*

(Joseph Mary Plunkett)

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK