

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th September 2016

'The Rich Man and Lazarus'

Last Sunday's Gospel reminded us of what economics according to God looks like – it spoke of a redistribution of wealth by a manager who realised that material wealth is only temporary; what we do with that wealth and how we distribute it is more important. Today's parable is on a familiar theme. The rich man is sorry, but it is too late for him. He had not come to his senses as the manager last week had done. The rich man is unwilling to change; even in the afterlife he wants Lazarus sent, ordered to go to his brothers to warn them. It is not proof or special signs that they need. Their vision has been blinded by wealth. They need to 'see' the poor who are at their gates. God's economics means striving for a world where the poor man Lazarus can sit down at the same table as the rich man. It is not simply enough to comfort the poor and say to them that they will be rewarded in heaven. This misses the point. Luke is pointing us to a great reversal that is so central to this Gospel, a call to turn the world as we know it upside down.

'It is not God's will for some to have everything and others to have nothing.'

Oscar Romero

Collections: 18th September Envelopes €456 Baskets €616
No of Envelopes 65 Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Monday 26th & Friday 30th September at 7.30pm
Mass Tues 27th – Thurs 29th Sept. at 9am
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 24th Group 3

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.

Fr. John's Contact Details are Fr. John O'Brien, P.P., St. Mary's, Ballyconnell, Tullow, Co. Carlow. Ph. 059-9156183 & 086-2403787 Anyone who wishes to visit Fr. John in his new Parish is most welcome anytime.

Polish Mass will be celebrated this month in Fr. John's new Parish of Clonmore-Ballyconnell on Saturday 24th September at 7.30pm in Ballyconnell Church. All Welcome

Yearly Envelopes We would appreciate if those people who usually distribute the Parish Envelopes could call to the Parish Centre to collect them please.

Special Mass & Celebration A Special Farewell Mass for Fr. John will be held on Sunday 2nd October in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris at 3pm. The Instalment Ceremony for Fr. Rory will also be held at this Mass and the Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Nulty. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Vocational School. Envelopes have been placed at the back of the 3 Churches should you wish to donate towards this celebration. You can put these in the offertory basket, in the wooden envelope boxes at the back of the Churches or you can drop it in to the Parish Centre during the next few weeks.

Dates for Your Diary 2017

Confirmation: Saturday 1st April 2017
First Communion: Saturday 6th May 2017

Apparition Hill

Is a new film based on the happenings at the sacred mountain side village of Medjugorje, Bosina/Herzegovina ~ where since 1981 a group of young people have claimed to have apparitions and revelations of Mary, the mother of God. This film documents the journey of 6 unknown pilgrims, from very diverse backgrounds, having won a competition in the USA to journey to Medjugorje. It tells their story and answers some of the great questions of this spiritual oasis in a world of war, so devoid of peace. It has received rave reviews throughout the world and now can be seen in Ireland.

St. Clare's Hospitality Food Kitchen have been given the privilege of being able to hold a Special Advanced Screening of the film and all proceeds will go towards the work of the kitchen. It will take place on: -

~ APPARITION HILL ~
Sunday 25th September
The Visual Arts Centre, Carlow
at 3.00pm & 8.00pm
Admission €10 ~ Tickets (Visual Arts Centre only)
059 ~ 9172400
{Early Booking Advised}
A raffle will take place to win Trip to Medjugorje for 2 People
Kindly sponsored by Marian Pilgrimages

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

For the Farmer

Before the human mind could warm to itself,
The hands of the farmer had first to work;
Creating clearances in the earth's thicket;
Cut into the thorn screens of wild briar
Dig out loose rock until a field emerged
Whose clay could be loosened and softened
To take seed and bring forth crops.
His skilled hands can guide calves and lambs to birth,
Out among his animals in rain, cold and snow,
Talking to them in affectionate callings,
Something in him tuned to their rhythm.
May the farmer continue to hold true ground,
Keeping the intimate knowledge of the clay alive,
Nourishing us with the fruits of the earth,
Serving as custodian of that precious threshold where
The rhythm of nature with its serene pulse
And sublime patience restores our minds.

by John O'Donohue (from 'Benedictus' Bantam Press)

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK