## PARISH NEWS

# Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th August 2018

Why is it, Lord?

I once heard the following reflection read out at a first communion:

Why is it, Lord, that parents see puddles and think wellies, and our children see magic mirrors waiting for a pebble-plop to ripple into smiles?

'Why is it, Lord, that parents see snow and think gloves, and our children see sleds and slides and the tingle of snowflake's farewell kiss upon the palm?

'Why is it, Lord, that parents see toys and think tidy, and our children see the endless possibilities for fantasy and play?'

Sometimes it can be difficult to look beyond the practicalities and see the possibilities. It depends on all sorts of things, from our circumstances to how willing we are to be open to the beauty and deeper meanings in life. We all need a reminder that there is more to life than our physical, tangible world with its daily routines and to-do lists.

Some of Jesus' followers in today's gospel are finding it difficult to see beyond the physical. Jesus has been teaching them that he is the living bread. But it is hard for them to accept. They dismiss it as 'intolerable language', and some of them even walk away. But Jesus is offering something more than the practicalities, more than physical food or drink: he offers the bread of life, living bread, his very self. It is a difficult message, but Simon Peter gets to the heart of it: 'You have the message of eternal life.' Some of the disciples are able to see beyond the obvious.

**Collections:** 19<sup>th</sup> August Envelopes €386 Baskets €1109

No of Envelopes 55 Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule; Mass Monday 27<sup>th</sup> & Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Aug at 7.30pm

Mass Tues 28<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Aug at 10am Ballymurphy Servers Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Aug **Group 1** 

GRAVEYARD MASSES & PRAYERS: Ballymurphy Graveyard August 26th 3pm

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 <a href="mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com">borrisparish@gmail.com</a> 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

#### **Pre-Marriage Courses**

Accord Carlow run Pre-Marriage course's for couples intending to get married in the Catholic Church. It is a requirement of the church that all couples attend a Pre-Marriage course before getting married.

There are a small amount of places available on the forthcoming courses - Oct 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 & January 11<sup>th</sup> &12<sup>th</sup> 2019 - The Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow.

If you are getting married in early 2019 it is important that you book now.

Book on line <u>www.accord.ie</u> Contact Mary at Accord Carlow 059 9138738 for further information

#### **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES - Message from Bishop Denis:**

I know we have been talking a lot over the past few years as we prepare for an event that is now simply days away – the World Meeting of Families 2018. I thank you for all you have done in every parish to prepare for these enriching days celebrating family life. The days are all the more enriched because Pope Francis will walk amongst us and accompany us on the last two days of the World Meeting. We were probably first out of the traps with the idea of a 'Family Picnic Day'. Maybe you made it to Punchestown at the end of last summer or perhaps to Carlow College, St. Patrick's in June past. Perhap's you engaged with the preparatory programme Amoris: 'Let's Talk Family, Let's Be Family'. Maybe you had a special prayer space in your church, your home, your room to pray for your family and all families. Your generosity at parish level supporting the differently collections is deeply appreciated. No family is perfect and the World Meeting will speak to all families.

I want to personally invite you to the Opening Liturgy of the World Meeting of Families in the Cathedral Carlow on Tuesday 21 August at 7.30pm. We will have refreshments beforehand on the grounds of Carlow College, St. Patrick's commencing at 6pm. Our Diocesan Choir have put in enormous preparation into this celebration of Evening Prayer. Julie Kavanagh, our Diocesan Delegate for the World Meeting of Families has played a huge part in the planning not only of our liturgy but on the entire liturgy programme for the World Meeting.

The theme for our Tuesday nights Evening Prayer is 'The Joy of Families is also the Joy of the Church – Le Chéile le Chríost'. Every parish are welcome to gather with us for our Diocesan Evening Prayer. Our guest homilist is Cardinal Peter Turkson, who visits the Diocese to applaud the great strides done in many parishes reaching out to the most vulnerable and wounded families. Cardinal Turkson is currently prefect of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development. Let us gather together as a diocese to celebrate family life on Tuesday 21 August at 7.30pm at the Cathedral in Carlow.

- Some parishes have been asking if tickets for the Final Mass of the World Meeting of Families are transferrable. The answer is yes. Each ticket will have a barcode but no name, so extra or unwanted tickets can be given to other individuals or groups.
- **Limited tickets** now available from Goresbridge Parish for Final Mass in Phoenix Park with bus going from Paulstown. Contact Niamh at 087-9596273 to book tickets & bus.

#### **BORRIS TOWN HALL - Donations Please!**

We are looking for donations of floor and wall tiles to re-decorate the toilets in the town hall. You can contact Magda King at 087-2168929 or the Parish Centre regarding same.

#### **CLONAGOOSE GRAVEYARD COMMITTEE**

We would like to respectfully thank all those families who kindly donated towards the works on the entrance to the graveyard which will commence shortly. We are glad to say we met the required amount.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

#### OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

God, our Father,

We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, One family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind,

gentle and generous,

welcoming to those in need.

Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care,

Especially those for whom we now pray:

Increase our faith,

Strengthen our hope,

Keep us safe in your love,

Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK