

PARISH NEWS

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th February 2017

Day of Prayer for Temperance

We all have moments of worry and anxiety. Many people are anxious about the future, planning their lives and stretching forward months and sometimes years. We can worry about finance, about relationships, about the world, our communities. In today's Gospel, Jesus urges us not to worry about material things. We should not be enslaved by possessions. We are asked 'what really rules our lives?' If it is money and objects then that leads nowhere; they do not lead to fulfilment. Worry is unproductive. We all know this but that's not very helpful when we are actually anxious about something. Jesus is urging us in today's Gospel to free ourselves of worry. Worry is a symptom of a lack of faith. Jesus is not calling us to apathy or a life of carelessness but to realise that nothing was ever achieved by worrying.

How do we respond to worry or anxiety? Do we pray? Do we talk to God and hand these things over to God? Our thoughts can bring us to imagining endless outcomes of a situation, but none of those thoughts are real. Jesus is calling us today to a deeper awareness, to a letting go, to being more present to this moment, to 'today'.

'Consider the lilies in the field, how they grow...' These words of Jesus about the providence of God are powerful and encourage us to put trust in God at the centre of our lives. God knows our deep desires and needs. The challenge of the Christian life is to place our trust in God, not material things, to stay focused on what God is doing in our lives right at this moment.

Collections: 19th Feb Envelopes €444 Baskets €493

No of Envelopes 58 Direct Debits 3

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Mon 27th Feb & Fri 3rd March at 7.30pm

Mass Tuesday 28th & Thurs 2nd March 9am

Ash Wednesday 1st March Masses :

Ballymurphy 9am – Rathanna 10.15am – Borris 7.30pm (This also a Confirmation Preparation Mass)

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 25thFeb Group 4

Visiting The Sick Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list in Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas on Thursday 2nd March and in the Borris area on Friday 3rd March.

Message from Fr. John

After my week on intensive chemotherapy I was doing fine but got a severe infection and they brought me back in to VP and they are slowly building my immune system back up. I'm doing well and I appreciate all your good wishes and prayers. I can't receive visitors or calls as they tire me out. Once again thanks for all your support.

Fr. John

Polish Mass A Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 25th February at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church Borris. All welcome.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service mobile clinic will be visiting Abbey Hall, Graiguenamanagh on Thursday 2nd March from 4.30pm – 8.00pm. It is important that we all remember that patients always need our blood and this need never stops regardless of else is going on in the world.

Parish Centre: Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday
Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.
The Parish Centre will be **closed** on Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th February – back open on Monday 27th February

Dates for Your Diary

Confirmation Borris Sat. 1st April 11am
First Holy Communion Borris Sat. 6th May 11am

Confirmation Preparation 2017

1st March Confirmation Preparation Mass (Ash Wednesday)
8th March Confirmation Preparation Mass
15th March Confirmation Penitential Service

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Inaugural Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2017

Led by the Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin Most Reverend Denis Nulty
16th July 2017 - 5 Nights €719 per person sharing, Flights, Transfers Full Board & Accommodation included. Full details available at the Parish Office or Joe Walsh Tours
Dedicated Assisted Section for Sick Pilgrims, Pilgrimage Director Fr. Paddy Byrne

ACCORD Marriage Education Facilitator

Are you interested in becoming a Marriage Education Facilitator with Ireland's leading provider of Marriage Preparation Programs?

Would you like to meet couples preparing for Marriage, sharing part of their very special journey? Come along to our Information Evening on Tuesday 28th February 2017 at 8pm in St. Catherine's Community Services Centre, St. Josephs Road, Carlow. Hear about what's it like to be a facilitator and let us answer your questions about the role, training etc.

You may also contact Mary, if you wish, on 059 9138738.

"The 21st **Pioneer National Ball** takes place on Sat 8th April 2017, in the Sheraton Athlone Hotel, after 6.30pm Mass in St. Mary's Church, Athlone. Tickets €30. Guest Speaker: Jim Bolger. Music by Nite Fever. For tickets/information - contact Brenda Lynch 087-6189411 or Dermot Fagan 085-7201646. There's more information on our facebook page: [Leinster Pioneers](#)."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*'Tis the human touch in this world that counts,
the touch of your hand and mine, which means far more to the sinking heart,
than shelter or bread or wine,
For shelter is gone when the night is o'er, and bread lasts only a day,
But the touch of a hand and the sound of the voice sing on in the souls always.*
Spencer M. Free

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK