

PARISH NEWS

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Schools Week begins today

26th January 2020

Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus withdrew to Galilee and made his home in Capernaum by the lake. Anyone who has been to the Holy Land will have visited Capernaum and will know that it is a beautiful place. In Jesus' time this was a thriving fishing town.

To 'repent' literally means 'to turn around'. We are called to transformation, to turn away from what is not life giving and embrace a full life. It's hard to imagine behaving in the same way as Simon Peter and Andrew, leaving everything behind them and following Jesus. There must have been something very attractive about Jesus. The account in Matthew is quite short but one wonders if they had heard him speak many times before this moment. It takes courage to drop everything and follow something new. Obviously, they were ready for it, it was the right moment and their hearts said 'Yes!'

These accounts are the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Today perhaps you can reflect on moments you were called to something new and even though it meant leaving something behind, you knew it was the right choice. You were at peace with your decision despite the challenges it might bring. This process never ends, we are constantly called to 'repent', renew, rediscover, seek out.

Collections:

19th January

Envelopes €353

Baskets €777

No of Envelopes 53

Direct Debits 3

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

Mass Schedule:

Mass on Monday 26th & Friday 31st January at 7.30pm

Mass Tuesday 27th – Thursday 30th at 10.00 am

St. Vincent de Paul ~ Thanks!

The local branch of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone who contributed so generously to the Annual Church Gate Collection on 7th/8th December. A total of €438 was raised. We also wish to thank the pupils, parents and staff of the schools for their kind monetary and food donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by both the Society and the local families in need of support.

Local Helpline 086-4042631

Safeguarding: If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Mr. Mick Daly** Mob: 085-8021633, email – dlp@kandle.ie

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie **Diocesan Website:** www.kandle.ie

Parish Centre: Mon/Wed/Fri 9.30 – 12.30, Tues & Thurs 1pm – 4pm

Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April-Oct 2020: 7 Night Stay & Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book any flight – any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel 01-4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Thank You!

A message from Colm Hogan, Trócaire

“I wish to acknowledge the total amount of €249,078.47 which we received recently as your diocesan income for Lent 2019/20.

We thank you for your very generous donations and please pass on our sincere thanks to all the parishioners in your diocese.

We look forward to your continued support and hope you all have a blessed New Year of 2020.

*Best regards,
Colm”*

Have a Wonderful Week

