

PARISH NEWS

Our Lord Jesus Christ

King of the Universe

26th November 2017

What sort of king is this?

From a very young age, children tend to hear a lot about royalty. Popular fairytales, many of them around for hundreds of years, tell tales of beautiful princesses, brave princes, and noble, wise, old kings and queens. They transport children into a world of extravagant palaces and riches beyond anything they could imagine. Modern children's stories and cartoons continue the fascination, but many now turn the traditional stereotypes on their head. Princesses no longer wait around to be rescued, but take their fate into their own hands. Princes don't necessarily want to be brave or to become the next king.

In the time of Jesus kings were powerful rulers, and some were tyrants. We know from earlier in Mathew's Gospel that King Herod was capable of brutal acts. There were expectations too about the great Messianic King who would lead a rebellion and establish his kingdom on earth.

The king that Jesus talks about turns these images upside down. He is a fair judge, a shepherd who looks after his flock, inviting all who act with justice and generosity to take their place in his kingdom. He is also in solidarity with the 'least' of his people. Who ever heard of a king who knows what it's like to be in need of food, clothing or company? But Jesus is a different sort of royalty. His kingdom is not based on power or riches, but charity, compassion and forgiveness.

Collections: 19th Nov Envelopes €852 Baskets €670
No of Envelopes 64 Direct Debits 3

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Mon 27th Nov & Fri 1st Dec at 7.30pm

Mass Wed 28th - Thurs 30th at 10 am

This is the new time for the Tuesday to Thursday Masses during the winter months of November, December, January & February.

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 25th Nov **Group 3**

Confessions in Sacred Heart, Borris from 11.30 – 12 noon every Saturday morning. All welcome.

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.

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

APPRECIATION

Dear Fr. Rory,

This is to acknowledge the receipt of €434.00 from your parish. We (Holy Rosary Sisters) are very grateful to you, other members of your parish pastoral team/staff all your parishioners. Thank you all for your generous donation and support of our missionary work. Extend our sincere gratitude to all.

May God continue to bless you in all your endeavours,

Thank you very much.

Yours faithfully,

Sr. Rosario

Kildare/Dublin Easter Pilgrimage Group to Fatima 28th March to 2nd April 2018 for 6 days ex Dublin, Led by Fr. Kevin O'Boyle. €599 pps includes Hotels, Return Flights, Buses and Food. Also included is Mass in Saint Anthony's Church in Lisbon where Saint Anthony was born. Stations of the Cross and mass in Fatima. Don't be disappointed so Book Early as €100 deposit secures place. For Brochure contact James Treacy 0860572216 or 061921470

Christmas Youth Retreat

Youth 2000 Ireland will be holding their annual Christmas youth retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare from Friday 8th to Sunday 10th December 2017. Over 600 young people aged 16 – 35 are expected to attend this donation only event, with all newcomers welcome. The weekend consists of an action packed programme including prayer, workshops, drama, inspirational talks, testimonies, music, games and chill out time. It's a great opportunity to learn more about your Catholic faith and to meet other young people. Please book online if you are interested & bring a sleeping bag if you wish to avail of on-site accommodation. Retreat starts with registration on Friday evening. Free buses also available. For more info check out www.youth2000.ie & see us on facebook.

This promises to be a special retreat!!

Pre-Marriage Courses

Accord Carlow have some place available on the following courses

Jan 12th & 13th, Feb 2nd & 3rd, Mar 2nd & 3rd

If you are getting married in the Catholic Church, you are required to attend a pre-marriage course. Couples getting married in spring or early summer 2018 should book their course now.

Bookings can be made on line at www.accord.ie . For further information please contact Mary 059 9138738.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Gift of Peace

Lord, look at my family with your eyes of love,

Help us to face difficult times,

I pray you fill our hearts with your peace.

Lord, I know we can overcome every problem with you.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK