

# PARISH NEWS

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

27<sup>th</sup> August 2017

*Who do you say I am?*

Peter gets it right in today's Gospel and Jesus calls him 'blessed'. That is, he is a person who brings a great gift and who brings that gift to others. Already in the community of Jesus' followers are gathering as 'church'. Peter is seen as Jesus' successor and future leader for that community. Jesus is a very different Messiah to the one the Jews expected. It is understandable that he would order the disciples to keep quiet. The people of his time wanted a leader who would lead them in a military revolt against the Romans, who would be a great king. Jesus' mission involves a very different focus, reaching out to the outcast, those on the margins, a radical love. His actions will speak for who he is. It is for each of us to make up our own minds as to who Jesus is. Peter is quite clear and sincere in his declaration, however, as we will see later, Peter did not understand fully what the journey of Jesus would entail. Peter commits himself but it is a reminder that we must always leave room for growth in the understanding of our commitments.

*'The joy of Jesus bursts out.....and he speaks his dream of an impregnable community of faith held together by the power of God rather than by external organisation, a community of commitment and freedom.'*

W.Yeomans

A question to focus on today might be: 'Who do YOU say that Jesus is? What is Jesus for you, today, in your life at this precise moment?'

**Collections:** 13<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Aug Envelopes €567 Baskets €905  
20<sup>th</sup> Aug €487 €653

No of Envelopes 91 & 68 Direct Debits 4 & 3

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

**Mass Schedule:** Mass on Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Aug & Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. at 7.30pm  
Mass Tues 29<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> at 9am  
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Aug **Group 2**

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

*Parish Envelopes – would those who distribute the parish envelopes please collect them from the Parish Office – they are now ready for collection.*

*Date for Your Diary*

**Prayers In Cemeteries 2017**

Ballymurphy: Sunday August 27th 3pm

**Borris Parish Website:** [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie)

**Diocesan Website:** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

**Parish Centre:** Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday

Phone 059 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie)

**Visiting the Sick** – Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September in Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas and on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September in the Borris area.

### **Pre-Marriage Courses**

Accord Carlow have a limited number of places available on the following courses this year. Sept 8th & 9th, Oct 13th & 14th. Nov 17th & 18th Couples getting married in the Catholic Church are required to attend a Pre-Marriage Course. Please book now on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) and avoid disappointment. For further information phone Mary at 059 9142590

**Grandparents National Annual Pilgrimage September 10th 2017**, Knock Shrine 2.30p.m. Everybody welcome to honour & thank Grandparents alive & dead for all they have done for us down through the ages. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin - Ballina School Choir - Dana sings 'Our Lady of Knock'

**Aspiro choir** is celebrating its 20th Anniversary! Come join us for an exciting year of singing and celebrating as we reflect on the last 20 years and reimagine the next 20! Membership available for boys and girls age 4 - 18+ in all after-school ensembles. Especially welcome are tenors and basses to maintain our exciting and challenging mixed voice ensemble at youth level. Adults who enjoy singing are welcome to attend our weekly Aspiro Inspired sessions Friday 10am. Further details re schedule of rehearsals contact [info@aspirochoir.ie](mailto:info@aspirochoir.ie) or phone 085-7451111.

## **Fun, friendship and faith on the menu for Kildare and Leighlin diocesan family picnic in Punchestown**

**Sunday 27 August from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m**

A fun packed and entertaining programme has been finalised for this free event for families from across the diocese. Among the activities on offer will be face-painting, stilt walkers, a pet corner and lots of children's activities and games. Along with an official opening at 3 p.m., Bishop Denis will lead a 4km fun walk around the race track.

Included on the day will be a display of UN vehicles from the nearby Curragh camp with military personnel on hand to share stories about the Irish contribution to the UN peace-keeping force. A full programme of music and dance has been drawn up which will include local choirs and dance groups as well as some very special surprise guests, including Irish country music star Derek Ryan and renowned Irish soprano Celine Byrne.

**So spread the word among your cousins, grandparents, aunts and uncles and get your family picnic ready to bring to what promises to be a great afternoon of family fun. Bishop Denis is looking forward to seeing you there regardless of the weather, though lots of sunshine is expected!**

### ***THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK***

#### ***GODS' GENEROSITY***

We ask for a cupful when the vast sea is ours  
We pick a small rosebud from a garden of flowers.  
We reach for a sunbeam, but the sun still abides.  
We draw one short breath, but there's air on all sides.  
Whatever we ask for, falls short of God's giving.  
From His greatness exceeds every facet of living.

***HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK***