PARISH NEWS

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Schools Week begins today..... 27th January 2019

'So that you may know the truth'

There is something about the opening sentences of Luke's Gospel that grabs one's attention. He is the only Gospel writer to give us information about his purpose and sources. He writes for Theophilus, whose name in Greek suggests 'lover of God'. Theophilus may have been a patron of Luke's, but we can also take this name to mean that Luke writes for all lovers of God, i.e. all of us.

Jesus, 'as was his custom,' attends the service at his local synagogue. It is clear that Jesus was a faithful Jew even though he is about to have some serious run-ins with the Jewish religious leaders. This moment is one of the most powerful passages in the New Testament, as Jesus sets out his manifesto for ministry. Reading from Isaiah, Jesus tells the crowd that this passage is being fulfilled as they hear it, his ministry would be one focused on freeing people from various types of oppression. This passage is as relevant in our world today as it was for Jesus' time: people still await liberation, the oppressed are not free. This is not a passage read in the past: it is very much alive, a vision for all to have as Christians and to work out of. Just as the scriptures are fulfilled in Jesus, they are also fulfilled in each of our lives.

'Although they heard you, Lord, they failed to listen. They heard only what they wanted to hear. The truth hurt them, you made them feel uncomfortable, and they rejected you ... Show us how we may seek your Kingdom and help to bring peace to a troubled world.'

Tony Singleton

Collections:20th JanuaryEnvelopes €445Baskets €680No of Envelopes 70Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule

Mass Monday 28th Jan⁻ & Friday 1stFeb. at 7.30pm Mass on Tuesday 29th – Thursday31st Jan. at 10am

The Mass on Wednesday 30th at 10am is especially for Grandparents – All welcome.

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

Parish Centre:

New Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday, Wednesday & Friday 1.00pm to 4.00pm Tuesday & Thursday

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

Visiting The Sick – Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 31st January in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and in Borris on Friday 1st February.

Accord Pre-Marriage Courses: Some upcoming course dates for 2019 are: February 8th & 9th and March 8th & 9th.

Clonagoose Graveyard – Laneway Renovations

Please see on our website some photos (under All Galleries) of the work which has now been completed on the graveyard laneway. Thanks again for generous contributions of our parishioners which made this possible.



The Three Tenors



are in Concert in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris, again on

Saturday 16th February 2019

Tickets are now on sale. Please contact the Parish Centre for further details.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

WEALTH

Wealth is not the things we own –
A stately house upon a hill,
Paintings, rugs and tapestries,
Or servants taught to do one's will.
In luxury a man may dwell,
As lonely as in a prison cell.

Wealth is not a plenteous purse,
The bonds that one has stored away,
A boastful balance in a bank,
Or jewelled baubles fools display.
The things that really gratify
Are things that money cannot buy.

Wealth is health, a cheerful heart,
An ear that hears a robin's song.
A mind content, some treasured friends,
And fragrant memories lingering long.
Living is an inward art –
All lasting wealth is in the heart!

Alfred Grant Walton

HAPPY NEW YEAR