

PARISH NEWS

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
27 JULY 2014

Treasures, pearls and suspended coffees

I recently wandered into a cafe in Dublin that was selling 'suspended coffees'. This is where you buy a coffee and then buy another one 'suspended'. Then someone who can't afford to buy a hot beverage can come in and ask for a 'suspended coffee/tea'. It reminded me of what the world looks like when we take this Kingdom Of God stuff seriously. It brings great joy, especially when it is unexpected. Sometimes there are hidden treasures of God's Kingdom going on right under our noses (remember the mustard seed revolution parable last week?). Over the last few Sunday's we have heard Mathew 13 and the parables on the growth and development of God's Kingdom. Today we are told what to do when we find it. It may be unexpected; it may be the result of a long search and journey, but once found, nothing else matters.

We are driven by our desires. It is what we desire most that effects what we do and the choices we make in life. In both parables, the finder responds wholeheartedly and in complete surrender. We could ask for the ability to make the radical decision for the treasure. Jesus tells us that there is only one thing worth pursuing at any cost – that is the Kingdom of God. And joy is one proof of its presence. (Find your nearest suspended coffee: www.suspendedcoffees.com)

Collections: 20th July 2014 Envelopes €504 Baskets €492

No. Of Envelopes Returned 60 Direct Debits 5

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

Mass schedule : Mass at 7.30pm on Mon. 28th July & Fri 1st Aug
Mass at 9.00 am Tues - Thurs 29th- 31st July (Incl.)

Latin Mass will be celebrated in Borris on Saturday 26th July at 12 noon in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris.

Polish Mass Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 26th July in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris at 7.30pm

The **Pattern in Rathanna** is on Sunday 3rd August at 3pm.

Every six seconds someone is killed or maimed on the world's roads

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL calls on everyone to take extra care on the roads over the August Bank Holiday period. Reducing speed is important, avoiding fatigue, and not driving under the influence of any substances. With the Minister, Gardaí, NRA and RSA - we believe it's about us all putting road safety first next weekend.

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie Diocesan website www.kandle.ie
Parish Centre: The Parish Centre is open as usual Mon. – Fri. from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.
Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank holidays.
The Parish Centre will be closed on Thurs 24th & Friday 25th July.

Eist Cancer Support Centre -The Eist Cancer Support Centre is open Tues, Weds and Thurs from 9.30am to 4pm. The Centre is there for anyone who has been affected by a cancer diagnosis, their families and carers. We offer counselling and reflexology by appointment, Drop in Meditation every Tuesday morning at 11am. And for the range of other activities that take place throughout the year please contact us at:
Eist Cancer Support Centre Carlow, The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow Town 059 91 39684
www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie Visit us on facebook

ACCORD CARLOW:PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE,DATES AUTUMN 2014

Sept	12 th & 13	Friday & Saturday
October	10 th & 11 th	Friday & Saturday
November	14 th & 15 th	Friday & Saturday

To reserve a place book online at www.accord.ie or call **059 9138738**

Carlow County Museum

Visit Carlow County Museum and get a snapshot of counties great history. View our special temporary exhibition: 'Journeys in Time – The Archaeology of the Carlow By-pass' which has objects on loan from the National Museum of Ireland.

Exhibition An Ghaeile I gCeatharlach 1889-2014

"The story of Irish in Carlow for over 100 Years"

Officially opened by Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh.

Now on display in our temporary gallery upstairs opening to the public from Friday 6th of June 2014 from 10.00am to 4.30 pm. Why not pop in and explore the History of Irish in Carlow.

June to August opening hours Open Mon – Sat 10.00am – 5.00pm, Sun and bank holidays 2.00pm – 4.30 pm. Free admission. Carlow County Museum & Carlow Tourist Office, College Street, Carlow Town. Tel: 059-9131554

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

THE TRUE MEANING OF HAVING A FUTURE.

A boat docked in a tiny Mexican village. An American tourist complimented the Mexican fisherman on the quality of his fish and asked how long it took him to catch them. "Not very long," answered the Mexican. "But then, why didn't you stay out longer and catch more?" asked the American. The Mexican explained that his small catch was sufficient to meet his needs and those of his family. The American asked, "But what do you do with the rest of your time?" "I sleep late, fish a little, play with my children, and take a siesta with my wife. In the evenings, I go into the village to see my friends, have a few drinks, play the guitar, and sing a few songs...I have a full life." The American interrupted, "I have an MBA from Harvard and I can help you! You should start by fishing longer every day. You can then sell the extra fish you catch. With the extra revenue, you can buy a bigger boat. With the extra money the larger boat will bring, you can buy a second one and a third one and so on until you have an entire fleet of trawlers. Instead of selling your fish to a middleman, you can negotiate directly with the processing plants and maybe even open your own plant. You can then leave this little village and move to Mexico City, Los Angeles, or even New York City! From there you can direct your huge enterprise." "How long would that take?" asked the Mexican. "Twenty, perhaps twenty-five years," replied the American. "And after that?" "Afterwards? That's when it gets really interesting," answered the American, laughing. "When your business gets really big, you can start selling stocks and make millions!" "Millions? Really? And after that?" "After that you'll be able to retire, live in a tiny village near the coast, sleep late, play with your children, catch a few fish, take a siesta, and spend your evenings drinking and enjoying your friends!"

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK