

# PARISH NEWS

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**27<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

## **The meaning of life**

After the Second World War, a Greek man named Alexander Papaderous founded an Institute of Peace and Understanding on the island of Crete, as a response to the atrocities that had taken place there during the war. One day, while taking questions at the end of a lecture, someone asked him 'What is the meaning of life?' In response, Papaderous took a small mirror out his wallet, and said: 'I am a fragment of a mirror whose whole design and shape I do not know. Nevertheless, with what I have I can reflect light into the dark places of this world – into the black places in the hearts of men and women – and change some things in some people. Perhaps others may see and do likewise. This is what I'm about. This is the meaning of my life.'

Papaderous was a person of great humility, aware of how small and seemingly insignificant each one of us is, but full of faith that we can still do great things. Like the tax collector in the parable we hear today, he was aware of his unworthiness, but open to light and hope.

In today's Gospel we are invited to put ourselves in the shoes of the Pharisee, who regarded himself as superior to others, and the tax collector, who throws himself on the mercy of God. Which of them sees the bigger picture?

## **Collections:**

20<sup>th</sup> October

Envelopes €486

Baskets €896

No of Envelopes 73

Direct Debits 4

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

## **Mass Schedule:**

**No Mass on Bank Holiday Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

**Mass Tues 29<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

**No Mass Thursday morning in Borris**

**Vigil Mass for the Feast of All Saints in Ballymurphy on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. at 7.30pm**

**Mass on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November for the Feast of All Saints in Rathanna at 9.30am and in Borris at 11am**

**No Mass on Friday evening 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**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](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie)

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

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

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

Phone 059 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com) Closed Bank Holidays.

**The Parish Centre will be closed from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov.**

**Back Open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

**Yearly Envelopes** If anybody has not received a box of envelopes and wants one please call in/phone to the Parish Centre.

## **Sacred Heart Church 2020 Celebrations**

In 2020 our Parish Church in Borris, the Sacred Heart, celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are looking for ideas on how to celebrate this as a Parish. We would welcome also old photos and stories about the Church which we can integrate into our celebrations. All of these can be emailed to a special email address [borris2020@gmail.com](mailto:borris2020@gmail.com) **Fr. Rory**

The St. Willibrord Biennial Lecture- The Cult of Relics in Medieval Ireland: Power, Patronage and Devotion. We invite the public to join us for a free public lecture celebrating the Feast of St. Willibrord, Patron Saint of Luxembourg, First Apostle of the Netherlands, and his County Carlow Connection. By Dr Niamh Wycherley, Maynooth University. Thursday 7th November, 7.00pm in St. Lasarians' Cathedral, Old Leighlin, Carlow. Free Admission, and all are welcome.

### *THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*

## ***Harvest Thanksgiving***

*A cascade of cabbage and carrot,  
A kaleidoscope of curly kale,  
A trumpeting of tubers and a bursting of sprouts,  
A partnership of parsnip, celery and mushroom,  
A blush of beetroot in a line-up of leeks,  
A winsome onion and a scintillating cucumber,  
A broccoli-crowned turnip nudging a cauliflower,  
All pressing around an incongruously exotic pineapple.  
Harvest is a time for the giving of glory,  
Fruit of the earth and work of human hands.  
Gathered and gatherers sing the Giver's praises  
In the gentle glory of an October evening.*



*HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*