

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th August 2016

Topsy-turvy Land

The people walk upon their heads,
The sea is made of sand,
The children go to school by night,
In Topsy-Turvy Land.

The front-door step is at the back,
You're walking when you stand,
You wear your hat upon your feet,
In Topsy-Turvy Land.

From 'Topsy-Turvy Land' by H.E. Wilkinson

Everything is upside down and back to front these past few weeks. Have you been following the train of thought in the Gospel readings? First we had Jesus talking about how he has come to bring division, rather than peace. Next we heard him tell people that the first will be last, and the last first.

Today, he turns our expectations on their head once again, this time offering a lesson in humility. We should not 'exalt' ourselves or take the place of honour among our friends and acquaintances; rather, we should 'humble' ourselves and take the lowest place. When we throw a party, we ought to invite those in need rather than our friends, family, or rich, influential people – because we should expect nothing in return for kindness or generosity.

Jesus seems to enjoy a 'topsy-turvy' approach to life. Following him means thinking differently from the rest of the world – wearing our hat on our feet, so to speak!

Collections: 21st August Envelopes €TBC Baskets €TBC
No of Envelopes Direct Debits

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Monday 29th August & Friday 2nd September
Mass Tues 30th Aug. – Thurs 1st Sept. at 9am

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.

The Parish Centre will be closed from Monday 22nd August – Friday 26th August Incl.

Back open on Monday 29th August.

Visiting The Sick: Fr. Rory will visit the Sick on his list on the **1st Thursday** of each month in the Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas, and on the **1st Friday** of each month in the Borris area from now on. If you wish to be put on the list please contact Fr. Rory or the Parish Centre with your details.

For September that will be Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd

'Follow me up to Carlow' Benefit night in aid of Co Carlow Hospice featuring special guests Paddy Cole, Mary Duff and Leo from 'Fair City'. Thursday September 1st in the Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow at 8pm. Tickets E20 available from the hotel or on the night. Your support is much appreciated.

Graveyard Patterns this Summer
Ballymurphy Pattern : Sunday August 28th 3pm

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje & Dubrovnik from the 14th. September – 21st. September. 4 nights Medjugorje and 3 nights Dubrovnik. Price €995 (Incl. all airport taxes and charges) This pilgrimage is going ahead , there are places still available. If you are interested please contact Fr. John or Tully's Travel. *Fr. John*

Pre-Marriage Courses Accord Carlow are currently taking bookings for Pre-marriage courses on Sept 2nd & 3rd, October 7th & 8th, Nov 4th & 5th. All couples getting married in the Catholic Church are obliged to attend a Pre-marriage Course. To reserve a place book on line at www.accord.ie or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information.

Yearly Envelopes We would appreciate if those people who usually distribute the Parish Envelopes could call to the Parish Centre to collect them please.

Always wanted to **volunteer** overseas? Looking for a course about global social injustice? Learn more at the Viatores Christi (VC) - Information & Recruitment Session in Dublin on Saturday 27th August at 11am at VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Rd., Phibsboro, Dublin 7
OR Tel. 01 8689986 apply@viatoreschristi.com www.viatoreschristi.com ALL WELCOME!

Fundraiser in aid of Carlow Kilkenny Homecare Team

One Day Only Jumble Sale

Friday 26th August 2016 from 9.30am-5pm

New & Nearly New - Clothes/Handbags/Jewellery/Shoes,
Cushions, Books, Bric-a-Brac, Etc.at

Unit beside Paul White's Pharmacy, Tullow Street, Carlow
Opposite Carlow Library

Donations can be left into premises on Thursday 25th August 2016 from 2-5pm
Info from: Kathleen 0857210235

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Indian Poet Rabindranath Tagore

Let me not pray to be sheltered from dangers but to be fearless in facing them.

Let me not pray for the stilling of my pain but for the heart to conquer it.

Let me not look for allies in life's battlefield but to my own strength.

Let me not crave in anxious fear to be saved but hope for the patience to win my freedom.

Grant me that I may not be a coward, feeling your mercy in my success alone;

But let me find the grasp of your hand in my failure.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK