

PARISH NEWS

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th January 2018

Genuine authority

'But man, proud man,

Dress'd in a little brief authority,

Most ignorant of what he's most assur'd.....'

Measure for Measure

William Shakespeare

We probably wouldn't have to look too hard for examples of public figures who seem to fit the above description. Puffed up with as sense of their own importance, they are anxious to be seen as the expert on a given subject, in spite of their limited knowledge or experience. We criticise politicians if we feel they are blind to the struggles of ordinary people. They don't know what it's like, for example, to live on a minimum wage, or to be at risk of homelessness. On the other hand, it is refreshing when those in power have faced some of these issues themselves, or have made the effort to do their research and to listen to people. We can tell when someone is speaking with genuine authority and care.

Those who listen to Jesus teaching in the synagogue know there is something different and exciting about him. His teaching is a sharp contrast to the scribes they are used to hearing. The difference, stated twice in this passage, is his authority, and it leaves his audience 'astonished'. He does not use it the way we might tend to use our 'little brief authority', to make ourselves look good. Instead he uses his authority to serve, to love, and to bring mercy and freedom.

Collections: 14th & 21st Jan Envelopes €1238 Baskets €1363

No of Envelopes 119 Direct Debits 9

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Mon 29th Jan. & Fri 2nd Feb. at 7.30pm

Mass Tues 30th – Thurs 1st Feb at 10am

Mass on Wednesday 31st January at 10am – Special Mass for Grandparents Day

All Welcome

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 27th Jan **Group 3**

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

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.

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 1st February in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and on Friday 2nd February in the Borris area.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Prayer for Grandparents Mass on Wednesday 31st January during Catholic Schools Week

Loving God,

Bless all our grandparents, those with us here today, those who cannot be with us and those who have gone to be with you.

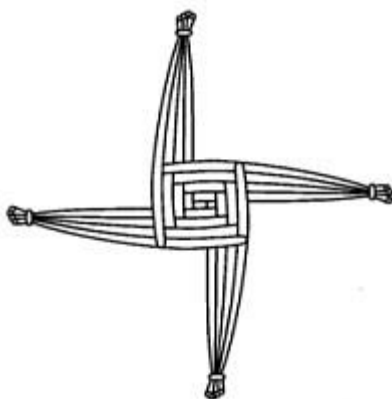
May they heed your call to share their wisdom and faith with us. May they have courage and confidence to hand on your gifts of experience and knowledge of stories, songs and memories.

May they continue to learn and grow with us day by day.

Bless them and all of us gathered here today with length of days and joy at the last.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Feast of St. Brigid, Thursday 1st February

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

