

# PARISH NEWS

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**28<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

***When asked how we should pray, Jesus teaches the Our Father***

'Lord teach us to pray.' If someone asked this today of a faith leader, we might get a long list of possibilities based on different tastes, cultures and trends. Millions of books have been written on prayer, how to pray, what method, where, when, how to sit, what to wear, what attitude one should have, and so on. Yet here, Jesus gives his disciples a very direct response, actual words in a formula, that they should recite. In Jesus' time there were many rabbis who would have certain prayers for their followers to say, almost as a way of identifying their group. The Lord's prayer is the prayer of Jesus' disciples, so it is our prayer too. It is among the first prayers we learn as children. It is a prayer of identity for Christians. When we are in a moment of crisis, when all other words fail us, it is often the 'go-to' prayer.

After teaching the Lord's prayer, Jesus tells a story about a man whose friend goes to him at midnight looking for bread for another friend. It might appear to be a confusing story, but the emphasis is on the power of praying for another's need. In the early church and today, this is seen as the work of the people of God, the baptised: to pray for the world and the needs of others. Then we go beyond ourselves and our own interests, reaching out and opening up, rather than being closed in on ourselves.

Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

**Collections:**                      **21<sup>st</sup> July**                      **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 29<sup>th</sup> July & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 7.30pm

Mass Tues 30<sup>th</sup> July – Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Aug. at 10am

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

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

## **Cemetery Prayers August**

Rathanna August 4<sup>th</sup> 3pm

Ballymurphy August 25<sup>th</sup> 3pm

**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, e-mail – [dlp@kandle.ie](mailto:dlp@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 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July (incl).  
Back open on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Accord Carlow**  
**Pre – Marriage Courses 2019**

September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>                      Friday Night & Saturday  
October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>                        Friday Night & Saturday

**Please note there are no Pre-marriage courses in July or August.**

To reserve a place book on line at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

For further information please contact:

Mary at Accord Carlow phone no 059 9138738

St Catherine's Community Service Centre, St Joseph's Road, Carlow

Email: [accordcarlow@eircom.net](mailto:accordcarlow@eircom.net)

Counselling Service

Accord offers low cost confidential counselling to couples experiencing challenges or difficulties in their relationship.

For further information contact Mary at 059 9138738

**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**

*THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*

*Happiness is not a station you arrive at, but a manner of travelling.*

*Margaret B. Rumbeck*

*HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*