

# PARISH NEWS

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**28<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

## **Weeping and wailing**

'At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn'. This line from today's Psalm tells us something about the theme of our readings, which focus on death and resurrection. It tells us that darkness and death are not the end; there is morning and there is hope.

There were plenty of tears in the house Jesus visited in today's Gospel. Jairus' 12-year-old daughter, who was ill, had died. People were weeping and wailing. We can imagine the scene; every death is a painful and sorrowful occasion, but the death of a child is all the more tragic. Worse still, Jairus had come to Jesus looking for help while his young daughter was still alive, but Jesus had got there too late.

However in the case, death does not have the last word. Jesus raises the child from death. It is a very dramatic story that foreshadows his own death and resurrection. Jesus overcomes death here, just as he will overcome his own death, and ours.

For those of us who doubt, and who find it hard to accept the harsh reality of death – and that is surely all of us at times – Jesus has some words of consolation: 'Do not be afraid only have faith.' Death is not the end; it is the gateway to new life.

Those who have passed from this life, he takes by the hand and invites into their new life with him with a gentle word of welcome: 'I tell you get up'.

**Collections:** 21<sup>st</sup> June      Envelopes €476      Baskets €559

No of Envelopes 44      Direct Debits 4

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

## **Mass Schedule:**

Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 29<sup>th</sup>

Mass at 9am Tues 30<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**Sacred Heart Cemetery Borris – Mass on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm**

**Clonagoose Cemetery Mass** is on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at **7.30pm**.

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 27<sup>th</sup> June – Group 3

**Polish Mass** Mass will be celebrated in Polish in the Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm

**Annual Mass of the Sick** will be in The Sacred Heart Church on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm

**On the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> June the Holy Ghost Missionaries will visit the Parish for the weekend Masses.** Father Terry Smith will be the missionary priest visiting Borris Parish and Father Mick Casey will be the missionary priest visiting St. Mullin's Parish. Both priests have many years of experience on the Missions and will speak briefly on them. They will leave envelopes in the Churches and people are free to take one if they so wish.

**The Eist Cancer Support Centre**, The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow provides practical help and emotional support to anyone affected by cancer in County Carlow and the surrounding areas opens Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 4.30pm. You are free to contact us at 059-9139684 or drop-in during our opening hours.

Website: [www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie](http://www.eistcarlowcancersupport.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](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com) Closed Bank Holidays  
**Borris Parish Website :** [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie) Diocesan website [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

**EVANGELISM AND CATECHESIS** A Gathering of Catechism teachers, studying through the Maryvale course, will take place in Maynooth College on Monday 6th July. Priests and students or graduates of theology, or Christian doctrine, who would like to help in adult catechesis in their parishes are particularly welcome to this day of prayer and thought. For more information contact Bríd Ní Rinn phone 045 860170.

**Borris Garda Station** will remain closed until August this year - date to be confirmed - as further work is being carried out. Existing arrangements where a Garda is available in Borris Library on Wednesdays between 4pm and 5pm will remain in place until then.  
You can still phone Borris Gardaí at 059-9773102, it is diverted to a mobile number, or you can phone Baginbun Gardaí at 059-9721212

### **Graveyard Patterns this Summer**

Rathanna Graveyard Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 3pm  
Ballymurphy Graveyard Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm

The **Month's Mind Mass** for Jim Gaul will be 11am Mass in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

## *THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*

### *THANK YOU, LORD*

Thank you, Lord, for this sink of dirty dishes; we have plenty of food to eat.

Thank you, Lord, for this pile of dirty, stinky laundry; we have plenty of nice clothes to wear.

And I would like to thank you, Lord, for those unmade beds; they were so warm and comfortable last night. I know that many have no bed.

My thanks to you, Lord, for this bathroom; complete with all the splattered mirrors, soggy, grimy towels and dirty lavatory. They are so convenient.

Thank you, Lord, for this finger-smudged refrigerator that needs cleaning. It has served us faithfully for many years. It is full of cold drinks and enough leftovers for two or three meals.

Thank you, Lord, for this oven that absolutely must be cleaned today; It has baked so many things over the years.

The whole family is grateful for that tall grass that we all enjoy the yard. My kids are healthy and able to run and play.

Lord, the presence of all these chores awaiting me says You have richly blessed my family. I shall do them cheerfully and I shall do them gratefully. Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings.

Thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are many who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you, Lord, that I can see. Many are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off rising, Thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedridden.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, Toast is burned and tempers are short, my children are so loud.

Thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in magazines and the menu is at times not balanced. There are many who are hungry.

Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous, thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no job.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were better, thank you, Lord, for life.

Anyone can count the number of seeds in an apple, but only God knows the number of apples in a seed.

## *HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*