PARISH NEWS

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Catholic Schools Week 29th Jan - 4th Feb 29th January 2017

A happy new you

Take a look at the front cover of any women's magazine, and you'll find a host of headlines promising to transform readers' lives for the better. Inside you'll find articles about miracle diets, the most flattering make-up, the latest fashions to achieve the perfect look. This trend is particularly noticeable at this time of year when the focus is on new year resolutions – new year, new you!

We live in a culture obsessed with appearances. The ultimate message is that we need to constantly transform our outward image in order to feel fulfilled and happy. If we let this message filter in, we can be left feeling empty, frustrated and dissatisfied with our lot.

But today's Gospel speaks of a different type of happiness. The word 'happy' appears nine times in the Beatitudes – it is sometimes translated as 'blessed'. This happiness Jesus is talking about should not be viewed as a reward for religious achievements, but rather as an act of grace by God. The focus is much deeper than superficial happiness. The Beatitudes call us to a radically new way of being. When we centre our lies on God, we find our true identity and lasting peace.

 Collections:
 15th Jan Envelopes €465 Baskets €700

 22nd Jan , €512 ... €690

No of Envelopes 72/65 Direct Debits 3/5
Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

Mass Schedule: Mass on Mon 30th Jan & Fri 3rd Feb at 7.30pm Mass Tuesday 31st & Thurs 2nd Feb 9am

Mass on Wednesday 1st February at 10am – Special Mass for Grandparents Day

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 28th Jan Group 3

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.

Visiting the Sick Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on **Thursday 2nd February** in Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and on **Friday 3rd February** in Borris area.

All about Pope Francis!

For Catholic Schools Week 2017 we are focusing on *Catholic Schools: Learning with Pope Francis to Care for Our Common Home*. It is hoped that this theme will help schools to gain an understanding of Pope Francis's encyclical letter *Laudato Si*. This is the second encyclical of Pope Francis. Its title means 'Praise be to You' and it has the subtitle *On Care for Our Common Home*. The encyclical letter, published on 24 May 2015, discusses the harm humankind has caused on earth and calls on 'every person living on this planet' to make necessary changes in our lives to protect our planet.

Pre-Marriage Courses

Accord Carlow are now taking bookings for the following courses
Feb 10th & 11th, Mar 10th & 11th. Couples getting married in the spring or early summer 2017
should book a place on one of the above courses. Bookings can be made on line at www.accord.ie
or for further information phone Mary at 059 9138738

Fr. Rory's email address is rorypmnolan68@gmail.com – the wrong email address is on the Parish Calendar for 2017

Inaugural Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2017

Led by the Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin Most Reverend Denis Nulty

16th July 2017 - 5 Nights €719 per person sharing,Flights, Transfers Full Board & Accomodation included

Full details available at the Parish Office or Joe Walsh Tours
Dedicated Assisted Section for Sick Pilgrims
Pilgrimage Director Fr. Paddy Byrne

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Prayer for Grandparents Mass on Wednesday 1st February 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.

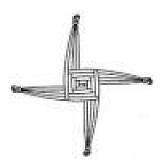
May they continue to loarn and grow with us day by day.

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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 , Wednesday 1st February

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK