

# PARISH NEWS

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Catholic Schools Week 29<sup>th</sup> Jan - 4<sup>th</sup> Feb  
29<sup>th</sup> 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 lives on God, we find our true identity and lasting peace.

<b>Collections:</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Envelopes €465	Baskets €700
	22 <sup>nd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> Jan & Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb at 7.30pm  
                                 Mass Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> & Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 9am  
**Mass on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 10am – Special Mass for  
Grandparents Day**  
                                 Ballymurphy Servers Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Jan Group 3

**Borris Parish Website:** [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie)      **Diocesan Website:** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)  
**Parish Centre:**      Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday  
Phone 059 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com)      Closed Bank Holidays.

**Visiting the Sick** Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** in Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.accord.ie) or for further information phone Mary at 059 9138738

Fr. Rory's email address is [rorypmnolan68@gmail.com](mailto: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

16<sup>th</sup> July 2017 - 5 Nights €719 per person sharing, Flights, Transfers Full Board & Accommodation 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 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, Wednesday 1st February*

*HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*