

# PARISH NEWS

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### JESUS COMES TO SERVE

In John's version of the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus performs this great miracle and it is the sign the crowds were waiting for. There is a lot of rich symbolism in this passage referring to Jesus as the Bread of Life, the one who will satisfy people's hunger, the great teacher. But perhaps the final lines tell us a lot about the type of 'king' Jesus really is. The crowds are so enthused by Jesus' miracles and teaching that they want to 'take him by force and make him king'. Jesus tries to discourage them from their own ideas of kingship. His kingship involves a different path to the one the crowd are expecting. Jesus is cautious and to escape the attention, perhaps to be alone and pray, he takes himself out of this situation and retreats to the mountain. It could be tempting to give in to the crowd and have them declare you as their king. Jesus' example of leadership is service in today's gospel, feeding the people, nourishing the people, meeting their needs. It also shows us how God can work with what we have to offer, no matter how little that sometimes is, he can turn this into much fruit.

A final lesson may be for those in authority of any sort that they know when it is time to leave the people they serve, to reflect on their mission, to recharge and nourish themselves. Only in this way can they listen to the Spirit and experience the inner freedom necessary to lead as servant.

**Collections:** 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Envelopes €681

Baskets €524

No of Envelopes

Direct Debits

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

#### Mass Schedule;

Mass on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July & Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 7.30pm

Mass Tues 31<sup>st</sup> July – Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 10am

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 28<sup>th</sup> July **Group 1**

**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.

**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](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie)

**A LATIN MASS** will be held in Borris Church on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm. This Mass is being organised by the Catholic Heritage Association.

#### GRAVEYARD MASSES & PRAYERS

**Rathanna** August 5<sup>th</sup> 3pm

**Ballymurphy** August 26<sup>th</sup> 3pm

## **Pre-Marriage Course**

Accord Carlow run Pre-marriage course's for couples intending to get married in the Catholic Church. It is a requirement of the church that all couples attend a Pre-Marriage course before getting married. There are a small amount of places available on the forthcoming courses:

Sept 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> at St Catherine's Community Service Centre, Carlow

Oct 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at The Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow

How to Book a place? Book on line [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

Contact Mary at Accord Carlow 059 9138738 for further information

**Lough Derg 2018:** The Three Day Pilgrimage is currently open. You may begin on any day until Monday 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality, phone Lorraine on 071 9861518 (from NI +353) email: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)

### **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES – POPE FRANCIS EVENTS**

Official Opening Liturgy for the Diocese for WMOF will take place in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, August 21 – a date for the calendar.

## *THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*



### **Care of Our Common Home**

“In the family too, we can rethink our habits of consumption and join in caring for the environment as our common home.” (Amoris Laetitia, 277)

In response to Pope Francis' call for families to care for our own environment, WMOF2018 is inviting all pilgrims attending in August into a conversation about 'Our Common Home'.

People can visit 'Our Common Home' eco-spaces and join in discussion, prayer and action in caring for our beautiful planet. They can hear some of the eco-stories of families from around the world and discover more about how we can care for our beautiful world and live more sustainable lives; they can visit some of our eco-exhibitions and participate of various workshops dealing with how to care for our planet.

The 'Our Common Home' Project at WMOF2018 is being offered in partnership with the Global Catholic Climate Movement, Trócaire & Laudato Si' Ireland.

## **Eist Cancer Support**

Eist Cancer Support Centre will be closing for Summer Holidays from Friday 27th July and reopening on Monday 13th August 2018.

If you have any queries please phone Eist Centre on 059 91 39684 and leave a voice mail message and we will answer your call on our return on Monday 13th August, alternatively please contact Irish Cancer Society Nurse line freephone 1800 200 700.

### **Housebound/Sick**

**Fr. Rory will visit those who are sick/housebound on the following dates:**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, Ballymurphy/Rathanna**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, Borris**

*HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*