

PARISH NEWS

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th October 2017

Charity & Dignity

A number of years ago, I began working for a well-known homeless charity. At the induction week we had the privilege of being addressed by a leading campaigner against homelessness in Dublin city. 'Do not give broken cups to broken people' resonated from the address and has stayed with me ever since.

As acts of charity many people are often inclined to give or donate old items that they no longer have use for. Within this there is a sincere act of generosity and perhaps a desire of not letting anything go to waste. However, there is a challenge here to consider the recipient's feelings on being handed worn out clothes, almost out of date food or damaged toys. How, perhaps, is this impacting on their feelings of worth in society today? Are they not worthy of some new clothes to regain their sense of pride? Some fresh and tasty food to nourish their bodies? Some new, clean toys, the same as other children their age?

These are superficial examples but point towards a challenge to society to provide services of the highest standards to vulnerable people. History and even recent news stories from both home and abroad have presented infuriating examples time and again. Good intentions need to be coupled with thoughtfulness and a determination to give only the best to our neighbour most in need, to show them that they are respected and loved.

Mary Anne Stokes, Vincentian Lay Missionaries (VLM)

Collections: 22nd Oct Envelopes €422 Baskets €610
No of Envelopes 69 Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule: No Mass on Bank Holiday Monday 30th October

Vigil Mass on Tues 31st Oct in Ballymurphy at 7.30pm

Mass on Wed. 1st Nov. **All Saints Day** in Rathanna at 9.30am & in Borris at 11am

Mass on Thursday 2nd at 9am & Fri 3rd Nov. at 7.30pm in Borris

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 28th Oct **Group 2**

Confessions in Sacred Heart, Borris from 11.30 – 12 noon every Saturday morning. All welcome.

Polish Mass A Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 28th Oct. in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris at 7.30pm

Message from Fr. John

"I had an appointment on Tuesday the 17th with Dr. Quinlan. He told me that the chemotherapy had done all the work and what he removed in surgery was benign.

He said he was finished now and everything was positive. He said there would be a follow up from Prof. Mc.Dermott but in Dr.Quinlan's opinion, I won't need any more treatment.

This was great news for me to get and I am very grateful for all your support and best wishes. It has been a very tough year but it is great to be at the end of the journey.

I asked Fr. Rory if I could say a mass to offer it up for all your intentions and he invited me to say the **11am mass in Borris on Sunday 19th November**. I would like to offer this mass up for your intentions, in gratitude for your prayers and best wishes. Fr. Rory will concelebrate with me.

Looking forward to meeting you all soon."

Fr. John

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

Dates for Your Diary

Mass for those who Died during the Year Wed. 8th November 7.30pm

Borris

Mass of the Holy Angels

Wed. 15th Nov. 7.30pm

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.

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

Pre-Marriage Course

Accord Carlow have places available on the following courses

Nov 17th & 18th 2017, Jan 12th & 13th 2018, Feb 2nd & 3rd 2018,

Any couple wishing to get married in the Catholic Church are obliged to attend a Pre-marriage course.

Booking can be made on line at www.accord.ie or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

THAT NOVEMBER FEELING

The year quickens to a close, nature slows down its pace. Traditionally November is a time when we remember the dead in a special way. Gravestones, Memorial cards, Cemeteries, Anniversaries Masses, are really about the same thing – keeping our dead alive. Years on, it keeps us in touch with our deceased. We speak about

respecting the dead. These are simple ways in which we continue the regard that we held for our family members in life. Our memory of them is a kind one, which, like our God who is more anxious to search out what is good, than to condemn. Not that all our dead were saints, but somehow, in November, we view them at their best.

The parents who taught us our first prayers and guided us in so many ways, the infant, the child, the teenager, the grandparent – each of them no matter how long they lived, for seconds or years, give us cause for being grateful for their companionship in life. We look back, are inspired and are thankful. We look forward and hope that our legacy to a new generation will be no less generous.

‘Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again. Bring them into the light of your presence’.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK