

# PARISH NEWS

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017

## *A cup of water*

Life is busy. Whether we are in school, college, working, or juggling family life with all sorts of other commitments, there is sometimes little time to pause and take stock of things. It can be hard to find time to reflect on how our faith is faring. When we do get a minute to assess things, do we find ourselves wanting? Many of us have the idea that we would like to live up to what Jesus asks of us, if only we had time to do more. This desire to do better is an important element of our Christian journey. But often we imagine that this will require some sort of grand gesture or dramatic change of direction.

If we are paralysed or overwhelmed by what we can't do, Jesus has some good news for us today. A cup of water isn't much, and offering hospitality to a stranger might not seem like a big deal, but that is where Jesus starts. Instructing his twelve disciples, he tells them that anyone who welcomes them or offers them a cup of cold water will be rewarded. What's more, he adds that anyone who welcomes them in fact welcomes Jesus, the one who sent them. Small acts of kindness and hospitality have significance beyond what we might expect. No matter how busy we are, there are opportunities every day to offer a cup of water here, or a helping hand there. All these small things play their part in building up God's kingdom.

**Collections:** 25<sup>th</sup> June Envelopes €486 Baskets €700  
No of Envelopes 79 Direct Debits 4

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

**Mass Schedule:** Mass on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July (**Annual Mass of the Sick**) at 7.30pm  
Tues 4<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> July at 9am

**Sacred Heart Cemetery: Mass on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm**

**Clonagoose Cemetery: Mass on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 3pm**

**Please note both Cemetery Masses are on the same weekend**

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 1<sup>st</sup> July **Group 2**

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

**Visiting the Sick** – Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list **on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July** in the Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas and in Borris area on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**.

## *Dates for Your Diary*

### **Prayers In Cemeteries 2017**

Rathanna: Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup> 3pm

Ballymurphy: Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup> 3pm

### **Message from Fr. John**

"It's over a month since I finished with chemotherapy and every day I am getting stronger. I was expecting a call from my consultant about a date for surgery, but last week he went on holidays and will return **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>**. He will be in contact with me **on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>**. It will soon be all behind and it is wonderful to be at this stage. I will let you know when surgery is. Once again thanks for all your prayers and support. They have helped me enormously get through this long and challenging journey. Be assured of my prayers."  
Fr. John

**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 revolutionary Christian vision for our times on love, sexuality and relationships**

Christopher West, world-renowned speaker and author on the Theology of the Body, is coming to Ireland this July. The Theology of the Body is a profound Christian vision of the human person, human love and the gift of our sexuality formulated by Pope John Paul II from his meditation upon Holy Scripture and has since spread around the world transforming hearts and minds. Come and be inspired!

Waterford 06 July @7.30pm Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Waterford [Donation only]

Carlow 07 July @7.30pm St Patrick's College, College Street, Carlow [Donation only]

Maynooth 08 July 9am-4pm Evangelium Conference, Iontas Building, NUIM University North Campus [€25.00]

Drogheda 09 July @3pm The Barbican Centre, Drogheda [Donation only]

Dublin 10 July @6.30pm St Teresa's Church, Clarendon Street, Dublin [Donation only]

For further details contact the Pure in Heart office [ask@pureinheartireland.com](mailto:ask@pureinheartireland.com) or Tel 01-6629543 or see [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie)

### **Pre-Marriage Courses**

Accord Carlow have a limited number of places available on the following courses this year.

Sept 8th & 9th, Oct 13th & 14th. Nov 17th & 18th Couples getting married in the Catholic Church are required to attend a Pre-Marriage Course. Please book now on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) and avoid disappointment. For further information phone Mary at 059 9142590

Please see below notices from Knock Shrine.

**Guided Prayer Sessions at Knock Shrine** take place in the prayer guidance centre daily. Take some time for quiet prayer, meditation and to listen to the word of God. Mon-Fri: 12 noon; 4.15pm, 8.15pm. Sat & Sun: 12 noon, 5pm, 8.15pm.

**Knock Counselling Centre Drop-In Service** offers people an opportunity to discuss difficult or challenging life issues in a caring and confidential environment. People attend single sessions to reflect on and discuss personal issues or concerns. No appointment necessary. Available Thursday: 10am-5pm, Friday: 2pm-5pm, Saturday & Sunday: 11am-5pm.

### **Watch Masses online from Knock Shrine**

The daily 3pm Mass in the Basilica is now being streamed live. The 12 noon Sunday Mass is also available to watch online at [www.knockshrine.ie/watch](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch) and recordings of all Sundays Masses are also available on the Knock Shrine YouTube channel.

**Youth 2000 Summer Festival**, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1400 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. **Free** busses travelling from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or tel: 01-6753690

## *THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*

**There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humour.**

*Charles Dickens*

## *HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*