

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd September 2018

'Every Generous Action is a gift from God;'

The second reading today reminds us that as Christians we are called to put our faith into practice; every generous action is a gift from God. St. James speaks of the word that is planted within each of us and through that word we are sent out to work together for a more just world. From September 1 until the Feast of St. Francis on 4 October Christian churches are encouraged to celebrate the Season of Creation. This is an annual celebration of prayer and action inviting us to think more deeply about what is happening at present to the Earth and the environmental destruction which threatens our world. The theme this year is 'Walking Together'. As pilgrims, let us walk together to awaken again to the wonder of the Earth, our common home, and the web of life which it shelters.

In the gospel Jesus tells the Pharisees that it is what comes out of a person that defiles a person, emphasising how through our actions we show what is in our heart. Let us encourage one another during this season of Creation by praying with and for creation; encouraging small actions in our homes and parishes to try to live more sustainable lives.

'God has written a precious book, whose letters are the multitude of created things. From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe... Alongside revelation in sacred Scripture, there is a divine manifestation in the blaze of the sun and the fall of night.'

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, 85

Collections: 26th August Envelopes €534 Baskets €685
 No of Envelopes 73 Direct Debits 5

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

Mass Schedule;

Mass Monday 3rd & Friday 7th Sept. at 7.30pm

Mass Tues 4th – Thurs 6th Sept. at 10am

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 1st Sept. **Group 2**

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

YEARLY ENVELOPES – THOSE WHO DISTRIBUTE THE YEARLY BOXES OF PARISH ENVELOPES MAY COLLECT THEM AT THE PARISH CENTRE FROM FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST

VISITING THE SICK – FR. Rory will visit the sick on his list on **Thursday 6th September** in the Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas and on **Friday 7th September** in the Borris areas.

[BORRIS TOWN HALL – Donations Please !](#)

We are looking for donations of floor and wall tiles to re-decorate the toilets in the town hall. You can contact Magda King at 087-2168929 or the Parish Centre regarding same.

[CLONAGOOSE GRAVEYARD COMMITTEE](#)

We would like to respectfully thank all those families who kindly donated towards the works on the entrance to the graveyard which will commence shortly. We are glad to say we met the required amount.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DENIS

As we gather our thoughts over what was a truly wonderful and uplifting weekend spent in the company of His Holiness Pope Francis, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank each and every one of you who contributed in any way to the World Meeting of Families.

A special word of thanks to secretaries and priests and those in parishes who arranged tickets and transport for people, I know at times it was frustrating. Your commitment and capacity for looking after others does not go unnoticed and I remember you all in my prayers of thanksgiving for your work, help and support. A truer representation of pastoral care would be hard to find!

In light of this I would like to put together a gallery of photos on our diocesan website captured by pilgrims over the last five days, if you have any photographs that you would like included in this gallery please email them to bishopshouse@kandle.ie or private message them to our Facebook and Twitter pages. Don't forget to mention the parish you are from, I am confident that each of our 56 parishes were represented!

Every blessing

✠ Denis

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING

A message every adult should read, because children are watching you and doing as you do, not as you say.

- ✓ When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.
- ✓ When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.
- ✓ When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favourite cake for me and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.
- ✓ When you thought I wasn't looking I heard you say a prayer, and I knew there is a God I could always talk to and I learned to trust in God.
- ✓ When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.
- ✓ When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.
- ✓ When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.
- ✓ When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.
- ✓ When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.
- ✓ When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.
- ✓ When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.
- ✓ When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say, "Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."

(Written by a former child)

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK