

PARISH NEWS

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th June 2019

I'll do it tomorrow!

Those of us who are procrastinators will identify with today's Gospel. We have the best of intentions, but somehow our 'to do' list for today keeps getting pushed out until tomorrow, and the next day, and the next day, and the next week. There is always an excuse, or something more urgent that needs to be done. The things that we do not prioritise get relegated to the bottom of the list, and sometimes drop off altogether, so that they never get done.

In Luke's Gospel, when Jesus invites people to follow him, he gets some similar responses – I'll be right with you, I'll add it to my 'to do' list. 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me....' The excuses these people give are far from feeble: one wants to go and bury his or her father first, another simply wants to say goodbye to their family. But Jesus has what sound like very harsh words for these predicaments. There is no time, there can be no excuses, this is more important.

Discipleship is a path that means living in a new and different way. Rather than focusing on the past, we need to move forward and get on with the task. Jesus tells us: 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' There is work to be done, and it cannot wait. People who are hungry, homeless, marginalised or suffering cannot wait. The earth cannot wait. Our 'to do' lists need to be shaken up. If we are to live as disciples, the time is not tomorrow, it is now.

Collections:	23rd June	Envelopes €455	Baskets €446
	No of Envelopes 64	Direct Debits 3	

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

Mass Schedule:

Mass on Mon 1st & Friday 5th July at 7.30pm

Mass Tuesday 2nd – Thursday 4th July at 10am

Friday 5th July is the Annual Mass of the Sick

Graveyard Masses/Prayers in June

Sacred Heart Cemetery Mass on Friday 28th June at 7.30pm

Clonagoose Cemetery Mass on Sunday 30th June at 3pm

A Novena to The Sacred Heart will take place in Rathanna Church from Thursday 20th June at 7.30pm continuing for 9 days to Friday 28th June; leaflets will be available in the Church.

Visiting The Sick: Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 4th July in the Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas and on Friday 5th July in the Borris area.

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Safeguarding: If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Mr. Mick Daly** Mob: 085-8021633, e-mail – dlp@kandle.ie

Parish Centre: Mon/Wed/Fri 9.30 – 12.30, Tues & Thurs 1pm – 4pm
Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

Accord Carlow
Pre – Marriage Courses 2019

September 6th & 7th Friday Night & Saturday
October 4th & 5th Friday Night & Saturday

Please note there are no Pre-marriage courses in July or August.

To reserve a place book on line at www.accord.ie

For further information please contact:

Mary at Accord Carlow phone no 059 9138738

St Catherine's Community Service Centre, St Joseph's Road, Carlow

Email: accordcarlow@eircom.net

Counselling Service

Accord offers low cost confidential counselling to couples experiencing challenges or difficulties
in their relationship.

For further information contact Mary at 059 9138738

Sacred Heart Church 2020 Celebrations

In 2020 our Parish Church in Borris, the Sacred Heart, celebrates its 200th Anniversary. We are looking for ideas on how to celebrate this as a Parish. We would welcome also old photos and stories about the Church which we can integrate into our celebrations. All of these can be emailed to a special email address borris2020@gmail.com **Fr. Rory**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



School is out and summer camps start
And older people feel younger at heart
And even at night it's warm and lazy
If you don't like summer you must be crazy

Swim in the pool, eat some ice cream
Stare at the clouds, get lost in a dream
Spin in circles until your brain is hazy
If you don't like summer you must be crazy

Go to the beach and build a castle
Or you and your friend in the sand can wrastle
Lie on the green grass, make a chain with a daisy
If you don't like summer you must be crazy

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HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK