

PARISH NEWS

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

31st July 2016

Building bigger barns

There is a lot of pressure these days to upgrade. Phone companies offer special incentives if we upgrade to the latest smartphone, while car dealers are constantly trying to convince us to trade in our older car for a brand new model. And it wasn't so long ago that all the talk was about buying a starter home or getting on the property ladder. The idea is that we can always go bigger and do better for ourselves. If we think about it, most of us will admit we have more than we need to get by, but there is still a drive to acquire more 'stuff'.

The rich man in today's parable was busying himself with upgrading. Faced with a lack of sufficient space to store all his crop and his goods, he decided to build bigger barns. Satisfied, he then sat back to enjoy the finer things in life, to 'eat, drink, have a good time'.

But Jesus offers a gentle reminder that, really, these are not the things that matter. After all, we can't take any of these treasures with us. Our farmer friend had forgotten to focus on the more important things in life – he had stored up riches on earth instead of focusing on making himself 'rich in the sight of God'. What treasures are important to us?

Collections: 24th July Envelopes €298 Baskets €466
No of Envelopes 46 Direct Debits 5

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Monday 1st & Friday 5th August
Mass Tues 2nd – Thurs 4th August at 9am

Fr. Rory Nolan P.P.

We welcome Fr. Rory to Borris Parish and wish him the best of luck, health and happiness here.
Fr. Rory's contact details are Ph: 087-2714161, email rorypmnolan68@gmail.com

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.

The Parish Centre will be closed on **Friday 29th July** as well as Bank Holiday Monday 1st August.

Lough Derg 2016: You may begin the Three Day Pilgrimage on any day up to and including Saturday 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary.

There are various travel options available countrywide. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. Telephone Maureen or Lorraine on 071 9861518. Email: info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org

Trócaire Emergency Appeal: The worst drought in decades has left approximately 60 million people, ten times the population of the island of Ireland, facing hunger across the developing world. Trócaire has launched an emergency appeal to get relief to people in Ethiopia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Honduras and Guatemala. To donate log on to www.trocaire.org, call 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI).

Graveyard Patterns this Summer

Rathanna Pattern : Sunday August 7th 3pm

Ballymurphy Pattern : Sunday August 28th 3pm

Weaver's Cottage Museum is nestled in the beautiful village of Clonegal. Beautifully restored to its original beauty it was once the home to local weavers, it now holds artefacts and local history of the Cottage Weaving Industry. Open Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.00pm and Saturday and Sunday 12.00 to 4.00pm. Why not pop by for a visit and step back in time.

For more information contact weaverscottage1@gmail.com

Pre-Marriage Courses Accord Carlow are currently taking bookings for Pre-marriage courses on Sept 2nd & 3rd, October 7th & 8th, Nov 4th & 5th. All couples getting married in the Catholic Church are obliged to attend a Pre-marriage Course. To reserve a place book on line at www.accord.ie or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Poets and mystics of our own time have experienced God's presence in creation in very profound ways. Bede Griffiths OSB lived in an ashram in India for much of his life. He describes one such moment:

'I walked out alone in the evening... a lark rose suddenly from the ground beside the tree by which I was standing, and poured out its song above my head, and then sank – still singing – to rest... Everything then grew still as the sunset faded and a veil of dusk began to cover the earth. I remember now the feeling of awe which came over me. I felt inclined to kneel to the ground, as though I had been standing in the presence of an angel; and I hardly dared to look on the face of the sky because it seemed as though it was but a veil before the face of God.'



Creation is not a property, which we can rule over at will; or even less, is the property of only a few: Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude.

Pope Francis,
Papal Audience 21 May 2014

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK