PARISH NEWS

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd February 2019

A prophet is never welcome in his home town. This familiar saying paraphrases the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.' We might find ourselves sympathising with Jesus on this front: that feeling that no matter what we have done in our adult life, in our homeplace we are still identified with the child we were or the family we came from. Sadly there are some who seem to delight in taking others down a peg or two and ensuring they don't get ideas 'above their station'.

Perhaps we ourselves have this tendency sometimes. We can be guilty of pigeonholing people, of silencing their voices because their message comes in the wrong package. We don't always recognise the prophets among us. Do we listen to young people's opinions? Do we dismiss the experience and wisdom of elderly people? Are we biased against certain groups of people, or do we shoot people down before they even speak, just because we have disagreed with something they said in the past?

Jesus, the carpenter's son, faces this attitude in today's Gospel. Returning home to Nazareth he impresses his former neighbours at first with his preaching. But as soon as he challenges them, they turn on him. They refuse to listen to his message of hope and inclusion. They hustle him out of town and attempt to throw him from a cliff. 'Joseph's son', should not be speaking to them in this manner. Joseph's son should know his place.

Collections:27th JanuaryEnvelopes €499Baskets €810No of Envelopes 71Direct Debits 3Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

Mass Schedule

Mass Monday 4^{th.} & Friday 8thFeb. at 7.30pm Mass on Tuesday 5th – Thursday 7th Feb. at 10am

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie Parish Centre:

New Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday, Wednesday & Friday 1.00pm to 4.00pm Tuesday & Thursday

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

Visiting The Sick – Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 31st January in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and in Borris on Friday 1st February.

Accord Pre-Marriage Courses: Some upcoming course dates for 2019 are: February 8th & 9th and March 8th & 9th.

Blood Donation Clinic – Graiguenamanagh Abbey Hall – 4.30pm to 8.00pm Thursday 7th Feb 2019

Clonagoose Graveyard – Laneway Renovations

Please see on our website some photos (under All Galleries) of the work which has now been completed on the graveyard laneway. Thanks again for generous contributions of our parishioners which made this possible.



The Three Tenors

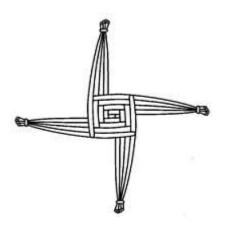


are in Concert in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris, again on

Saturday 16th February 2019

Tickets are now on sale. Please contact the Parish Centre for further details.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



St. Brigid, Abbess & Patron of Ireland

Father, your wonderful love is seen in Saint Brigid:
You taught her to open her heart and hands to the poor and to seek the image of your Son in
every welcomed guest.

Through her you showed a people the way of Mary, the Mother of your Son, in dedicated service and holiness of life.

On this feast you fill our hearts with joy for you continue to bless the Church you planted by her labours.

From the Preface for St. Brigid's Day

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK