

PARISH NEWS

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Temperance

3rd March 2019

'It is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.'

Today's Gospel is taken from the Sermon on the Plain, where Jesus is warning a 'multitude of people' about the dangers of hypocrisy. We, too, are reminded that we are disciples who must learn from the Teacher, otherwise we will be like the blind leading the blind. This learning and listening is ongoing so that we can be filled again and again with Christ's challenging love. This Gospel call us to remove the logs from our own eyes so that we can see more clearly. It appeals to the reader to stop and check in with ourselves if we are about to make judgements about others. Whatever the situation may be, perhaps a comment about migrants, homelessness or gossip, we are challenged to ask ourselves first: 'How am I going in relation to this?' before we rush to condemn others. Jesus urges us to remove the planks from our own eyes first.

The end of this parable speaks to the fruits and treasures which come from people. Trees bear fruit according to what they themselves are. It is almost like saying what you put in is what you get out. If we are feeding ourselves with fake news, intolerance and hatred, then that is what will come out. If we are spending time with the Teacher, where we experience healing, forgiveness, love and with those qualities and they will be evident in our lives. Spending time with today's Gospel, perhaps we can examine how we feed our body, mind and spirit to ensure that we are living in a way that is not hypocritical before the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

Collections:	24th February	Envelopes €494	Baskets €867
	No of Envelopes 68	Direct Debits 3	
Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish			

Mass Schedule

Mass Monday 4th. & Friday 8th Mar. at 7.30pm

Mass on Tuesday 5th – Thursday 7th Mar. 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 – dip@kandle.ie

Visiting The Sick Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 7th March in the Ballymurphy and Rathanna areas and on Friday 8th March in the Borris area.

The Eist Cancer Support Centre provides emotional support and practical help to anyone affected by cancer, their families and friends. The centre is currently running a variety of programmes including nutrition and mindfulness - please contact Eist at the Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow on 059 9139684 for further details.

**Accord Carlow
Pre – Marriage Courses 2019**

May	10th & 11th	Friday & Saturday
June	7th & 8th	Friday & Saturday
September	6th & 7th	Friday & Saturday
October	4th & 5th	Friday & Saturday

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Ode to spring



*The light breaks free from winter's bone
to cast its warmth; to life atone,
to warm the dark; to thaw the chill,
to synthesize through chlorophyll,
a dormant seed to resurrect,
and coax a soul from introspect.*

*Awake! And breathe the wafting spice
of lilac buds and wild rice,
the lavender; the orange puccoon,
the sweet of honeysuckle bloom.
An overture, the sparrows sing,
to celebrate the oeuvre of spring;
while wind and weeping willow dance
to promises of new romance.*

*Come alive! Draw in your breath,
let winter die a noble death.
The seeds of yesterday are strewn;
it does not do to weep and croon.
If you seek, so shall you find,
as true for darkness as divine.*

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