

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd September 2017

Selfless love

It can be difficult to understand why anyone would willingly place a burden on themselves. We are bombarded daily with promises of a better, easier life. Magazines and lifestyle gurus offer us a better work-life balance. New gadgets pledge to remove obstacles or irritations and make our lives less stressful. It's all a bit of a contrast to the message of today's gospel, where Jesus says that his followers must take up their cross. Why would we deliberately suffer, or take on a burden? Surely we should aim to make our lives as easy as possible!

Yet, we see self-sacrifice all the time. Parents make sacrifices for their children, and many people tend lovingly to elderly parents or relatives. Friends give up their time to listen and support each other. Teachers go the extra mile for a vulnerable child, and nurses, doctors, and care workers often go beyond the call of duty. Countless people give up their time and resources to help those in need, whether it's raising funds for charities or offering practical support to those who are sick, homeless, or struggling. And it's all done out of love.

When Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to suffer grievously and be put to death, they naturally react with shock, as it seems like a strange path to choose. But he is not doing it simply to make life difficult for himself. His sacrifice stems from his passionate love for us, just as we would sacrifice everything for someone we love dearly. Being a follower of Jesus means being prepared to sometimes put others' needs before our own.

Collections: 28th Aug Envelopes €353 Baskets €685
No of Envelopes 56 Direct Debits 4
Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

Mass Schedule: Mass on Mon 4th & Fri 8th Sept. at 7.30pm
Mass Tues 5th - Thurs 7th at 9am
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 2nd Sept **Group 3**

Confessions in Sacred Heart, Borris from 11.30 – 12 noon every Saturday morning. All welcome.

Message from Fr. John

I am having my pre-op this week and then next Tuesday 5th Sept I am going in to hospital to have my operation on Thursday 7th Sept all going well. Once again thank you for all your support and prayers, you have helped me through this difficult year.

Fr. John

This Weekend 2nd/3rdSept. we have our **Annual Collection for the Priests of the Parish.** Our Christmas and Easter collections and the proceeds from the November List of the Dead and from Weddings and Baptisms are entered into this account. The proceeds from the special envelope and the basket collection of the first week in September are also entered into this account. We are totally dependent on your generosity. You have always been very generous in your contributions and we appreciate the major effort you are making. I would like to ask you to be as generous as possible in the special envelope and the Offertory Collection this weekend, please. You have a special green envelope in your box of envelopes for this collection.

Fr. Rory

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

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

Pre-Marriage Courses

Accord Carlow have a limited number of places available on the following courses this year; Oct 13th & 14th, Nov 17th & 18th & Jan 12th & 13th 2018 Couples getting married in the Catholic Church are required to attend a Pre-Marriage Course. Please book now on www.accord.ie and avoid disappointment. For further information phone Mary at 059 9142590

Grandparents National Annual Pilgrimage September 10th 2017, Knock Shrine 2.30p.m. Everybody welcome to honour & thank Grandparents alive & dead for all they have done for us down through the ages. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin - Ballina School Choir - Dana sings 'Our Lady of Knock'

Parish Envelopes – would those who distribute the parish envelopes please collect them from the Parish Office – they are now ready for collection.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



A Student's Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year.

Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

Amen

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK