

PARISH NEWS

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th August 2019

Living the Dream

Some of us may hear today's Gospel reading and think: 'Well, what is so wrong with that?' In a lot of ways, the actions of the man in the parable make sense. He has had a good harvest (presumably a result of his own hard work) and is making provisions for the future – building bigger barns to store his crops, ensuring he has enough to live on for the coming years, allowing himself to enjoy the fruits of his labour. He is living the dream! He is a good businessman, he has achieved security in life, so why shouldn't he 'eat, drink, have a good time'?

Yet God brands him a 'fool.' Why? As it turns out, the man is to die very soon. He certainly can't take all his treasure with him. He has not thought beyond his own enjoyment. He is living only for this life, without any thought for the bigger picture. As Jesus warns: 'a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Furthermore, there is no indication that the considered sharing his wealth with anyone else. His focus is 'me, me, me.' He comes across as selfish and greedy. What does he have to show for his life? Yes, he had a good time, but has he helped anyone else, or left the world a better place?

We do not need to renounce all our worldly possessions or stop planning for the future, but we do need to keep things in their proper perspective.

"If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next." – CS Lewis

Collections: **21st & 28th July** Envelopes €982 Baskets €1065

No of Envelopes 113

Direct Debits 6

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

Mass Schedule:

No Mass on Bank Holiday Monday 5th August

Mass on Friday 9th August at 7.30pm

Mass Tues 6th – Thurs 8th Aug. at 10am

Visiting the Sick/Housebound – Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 1st August in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and on Friday 2nd August in the Borris area.

Cemetery Prayers August

Rathanna August 4th 3pm

Ballymurphy August 25th 3pm

Mass will be held on the Rock of Tinnecarrig on Sunday, August 11th 2019 at 2pm. Chief celebrant will be Bishop Denis Nulty and will be con-celebrated with local priests. Tea and refreshments will be provided later in local Club House. All Welcome!

National Dawn Walk for Cancer

Saturday 24th August 2019, starts at 5.45am in the Presentation De La Salle College, Bagenalstown, Co Carlow. Registration online www.nationaldawnwalk.com Support of this event is greatly appreciated.

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

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie **Diocesan Website:** www.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

Happiness is not a station you arrive at, but a manner of travelling.

Margaret B. Rumbeck

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK