

# PARISH NEWS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Jesus the Healer

In today's gospel we read about Jesus' first healing in Mark's Gospel. Jesus hears of the illness of the mother of Simon's wife and goes to her. Due to the purity laws of his time this scene would have been considered controversial. His first healing is of a woman and we are told that he touches her, raises her up; he completely restores her to health. Many of his actions here would be considered taboo. The 'whole city' was crowded around the door as people wanted to also be healed. What a commotion! Jesus, very early in his ministry, is clearly a very popular, attractive figure. Jesus is the healer. We might ask ourselves today: who do we know who is in need of healing of any kind? This week, how can we reach out to them?

Another important aspect of this story is that Jesus does not remain comfortable in this house. He keeps moving, keeps going outward. This requires so much energy and an outpouring of love for those in need. Jesus shows us in today's gospel what it takes to stay connected, to re-energise ourselves for our various tasks: quiet time and space for real encounters with God. Even then, the people hunted for him. *'Everyone is searching for you'*, and still today, everyone is searching. It is up to all of us to help those on this journey, the seekers, the lost and those in need of healing. We cannot break new ground unless we are inwardly free and connected to that divine presence within us and in our world.

**Collections:** 28<sup>th</sup> Jan Envelopes €483 Baskets €652  
No of Envelopes 59 Direct Debits 4

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

**Mass Schedule:** Mass on Mon 5<sup>th</sup> & Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 7.30pm  
Mass Tues 6<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10am

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb **Group 1**

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

**Borris Parish Website:** [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie)

**Diocesan Website:** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

**Parish Centre:** Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday

Phone 059 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto: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**

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**Visiting The Sick** Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February in the Borris area.

**St. Vincent de Paul** The Society would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Annual Church Gate Collection. The amount raised in Borris was €380.00

## **PRE-MARRIAGE COURSES**

April 13th & 14th, May 11th & 12th, June 8th & 9th.

Couples getting married in Summer or Autumn 2018 should book their courses now.

There are no courses in July or August

Bookings can be made on line at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

For further information please contact Mary at 059 9138738

## *THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*

### **Prayer for the Sick**

Jesus Christ,  
Source of Hope and Healing.  
Source of Peace,  
All over the world,  
we are sending up prayers,  
at bedsides and at altars  
and in waiting rooms.

Across the world,  
we light a galaxy of candles.  
for those tossed in the rapids of illness...  
for those lost in the maze of addiction...  
for those locked in broken bodies...  
for those caught in the dark night of despair...  
we pray.

Loosen the grip of pain  
And soothe their suffering.  
Throw open a wide way free...

a path of kindness and compassion, understanding,  
quiet strength and sweet serenity.

All over the world, we are sending up prayers.

*Deborah D. Cooper*

*National Association of Catholic Chaplains [www.nacc.org](http://www.nacc.org)*

## *HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*

