

PARISH NEWS

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th November 2018

The greatest commandment of all

Today we hear a very famous Gospel passage which we might dismiss easily because we feel we know it so well. Love God. Love your neighbour. It sounds simple, yet it can be so difficult. Loving God in our world today means being counter-cultural; often we are afraid to even admit that we are believers. Finding time for God can be impossible due to our hectic lifestyles; we are addicted to 'busy' and have become 'time poor'. Yet we can learn to see God in the everyday, right before us, in each task, in nature in our friends and family. We might ask ourselves today, what prevents me from loving God, for making time for God in my life? For nourishing my relationship with God?

The love of neighbour which Jesus speaks of is a controversial love. It involves a love of people we don't know or like. It is a radical love of those that society wants to dismiss: love of the migrant, love of the homeless family, love of the drug addict, love of the prisoner, love of the earth, love of the climate refugee. Love God and Love Neighbour – it sounds so simple yet these are the toughest, most radical lines in the Gospel. It sounds like two commandments and yet they are one, interconnected and inseparable, for to love God we must love our neighbour. And by loving our neighbour we are loving God. Today let us all ask ourselves how we can live more fully this great commandment and be a shining example of Christ's love in the world.

Collections: 28th October Envelopes €817 Baskets €583
No of Envelopes 63 Direct Debits 4
Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

Mass Schedule

Mass Monday 5th Nov. & Friday 9th at 7.30pm

Mass for Those who Died during the Year is on Wednesday 7th November at 7.30pm

Mass Tuesday 6th & Thursday 8th Nov. at 10am

Mass of the Holy Angels is on Wednesday 14th November at 7.30pm

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019

CONFIRMATION BORRIS SATURDAY 6TH APRIL

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION BORRIS SATURDAY 18TH MAY

The Miscarriage Association of Ireland will hold its Annual Service of Remembrance on Sunday the 11th of November 2018 at 3pm in St Teresa's Church, Donore Avenue, off South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All parents, siblings, grandparents & anyone else affected by the loss of a baby are very welcome to attend, regardless of whether the loss was recent or long ago.

This year The **Alzheimer Society of Ireland's** Memory Ribbon National Collection Day will take place on Thursday 22nd November and we are seeking your help! We need volunteers to sell our Memory Ribbons pins in villages and towns across Ireland. Every donation you collect will go directly towards funding vital services based in the heart of local communities in every county in Ireland.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Simply call Jarlath on the fundraising team on 012073826 or visit our website to register as a volunteer <http://www.alzheimer.ie/Get-Involved/Fundraising/Alzheimer-s-Memory-Ribbon.aspx>

Presentation School Band Carlow – 50th Anniversary Celebrations

The band (or Sr Anna's band to many) celebrates a milestone this year and will hold a concert in the Seven Oaks Hotel on Thursday November 8th at 7.30pm. There will be performances on the night from Fr Liam Lawton, Aspiro, Carlow Youth Orchestra, Reelig, Reelog and Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal aswell as the current Band. Senator Jennifer Murnane O'Connor will be MC on the night. All are welcome to enjoy the wonderful musical talent. Tickets are €10 each and available from Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre, Askea Parish Centre, Graiguecullen Parish Centre, Seven Oaks Hotel and all band members.

The Eist Cancer Support Centre, The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow, will hold its annual Ecumenical Service of Remembrance on Tuesday 13th November at 8pm.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We Remember Them

At the rising sun and at its going down; We remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter; We remember them.

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring; We remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer; We remember them.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of the autumn; We remember them.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends; We remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us as We remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength; We remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart; We remember them.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make; We remember them.

When we have joy we crave to share; We remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs; We remember them.

For as long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us as,

We remember them.

by Sylvan Kamens & Rabbi Jack Riemer

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK