

# PARISH NEWS

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4<sup>th</sup> October 2015

## **Family values**

When was the last time you attended a marriage or baptism ceremony? It's probably not that long ago; these celebrations tend to come around every year or two, and they are often big family occasions. When a family gathers in the Church to celebrate a wedding or a baptism, it is a time to reflect on the role our faith plays in our lives. What has brought us here?

When a couple says their wedding vows, they promise to seek God together, in good times and bad; during a baptism, parents and godparents are reminded of their responsibility to bring their child up in the practice of the faith. There is no such thing as the perfect marriage or family. In the home, we experience some of our greatest joys and our deepest hurts and sorrows. But it is also where we experience God's love, and do our best to pass it on.

Today's readings offer an opportunity to think about marriage and family. Somewhere along the line, someone in your family made the decision to follow Jesus. Your parents may have brought you to be baptised, just like their parents did for them, and so on down through the generations.

However you came to faith, the responsibility now rests with you. Jesus invited the little children to come to him. We have a responsibility to pass on the faith in our own families. 'May the Lord bless us all the days of our life' (Psalm 127)

**Collections:** 27<sup>th</sup> Sept.      Envelopes €625      Baskets €755

No of Envelopes 63      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> Oct at 7.30pm

Mass at 9am Tues 6<sup>th</sup> & Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**No Mass** on Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**Annual Envelopes** – We would appreciate if those who distribute the annual envelopes could call to the Parish Centre to collect their boxes for distribution.

**Visiting The Sick** Fr. John will visit the sick on his list in Rathanna & Ballymurphy on Tues. 13<sup>th</sup> Oct and in Borris area on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**PPC Meeting** A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held in the Parochial House on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 8.30pm.

**Parish Centre:** The Parish Centre is open as usual Mon. – Fri. from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.  
Phone 059 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com) Closed Bank Holidays.

**The Parish Centre will be closed on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

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

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

**September Collection** The total of the September Collection is **€3,977**. We wish to thank those parishioners who contributed so generously to this collection. We appreciate your continued support.

**Fr. John**

**Blood Donor Clinic** A blood donor clinic will take place on Mon 5<sup>th</sup> & Tues 6<sup>th</sup> October from 4.30pm to 8.00pm in the Lord Bagenal Hotel, Leighlinbridge. The IBTS is at present experiencing difficulty in collecting enough voluntary blood donations in order to meet hospital requirements of 3,000 units of blood a week.

**Irish Catholic** The price of Irish Catholic is now **€1.80**. It is on sale every weekend at the back of the parish churches and in Kiernan's shop.

**ACI-the Association of Catholics in Ireland** are hosting a discussion forum on the recent encyclical from Pope Francis "Laudato si" (on the care for our Common Home-The Environment) on Thursday 15th Oct at 8 pm in the Parish Centre Leighlinbridge, Co.Carlow. Speakers -Fr Sean McDonagh SSC the well known environmentalist who advised the team drafting the encyclical and a speaker from a Concern, All Welcome

**Accord Pre-Marriage Courses** Accord Carlow have only a few places left on their October 9th &10th and November 6th & 7th courses. Couples getting married in early 2016 should book a course now **Booking can be made at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information**

***Would you like to be a Minister of Holy Communion in the Parish?***

***Are you already a Minister of Holy Communion who would like a refresher course?***

A three night diocesan training course for ministers, led by Kildare and Leighlin Faith Development Services, will take place in the Parish Centre, Goresbridge on Tuesday, October 6, 13 & 20 from 7.30-9:30 p.m. **Booking is essential**. If you would like to explore this ministry for the first time or if would like to renew your training please contact the Parish Centre.

## *THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*

### **Thanks**

**Dear Friend,**

As you got up this morning, I watched you and hoped you would talk to me. Even if it was just a few words, asking my opinion or thanking me for something good that happened in your life yesterday - but I noticed you were too busy trying to find the right outfit to put on and wear to school. I waited again. When you ran around the house getting ready, I knew there would be a few minutes for you to stop and say hello, but you were too busy. At one point you had to wait fifteen minutes, nothing to do except sit in a chair. Then I saw you spring to your feet. I thought you wanted to talk to me, but you ran to the phone and called a friend to get the latest gossip. I watched as you went to school and I waited patiently all day long. With all your activities I guess you were too busy to say anything to me. I noticed that before lunch you looked around, maybe you felt embarrassed to talk to me, that is why you didn't bow your head. You glanced three or four tables over and you noticed some of your friends talking to me briefly before they ate, but you didn't. That's okay. There is still more time left, and I have hope that you will talk to me even yet. You went home and it seems as if you had lots of things to do. After a few of them were done you turned on the TV. I don't know if I like TV or not, just about anything goes there and you spend a lot of time each day in front of it, not thinking about anything - just enjoying the show. I waited patiently again as you watched TV and ate your meal but again you didn't talk to me. As you did your homework I waited again you did what you had to do. At bedtime I guess you felt too tired. After you said goodnight to your family you plopped into bed and fell asleep in no time. That's okay because you may not realise that I am always there for you. I've got patience more than you will ever know. I even want to teach you how to be patient with others as well. Because I love you so much, a long time ago I left a wonderful place called Heaven and came to Earth. I gave it up so that I could be ridiculed and made fun of. I even died so you wouldn't have to take my place. I love you so much that I wait every day for a nod, a prayer, or a thought, or a thankful part of your heart. It is hard to have a one-sided conversation. Well, you are getting up again and once again I will wait with nothing but love for you hoping that today you will give me some time. Have a nice day!

Your friend,

**Jesus**

*HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*