

# PARISH NEWS

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**'Counting the Cost'**

Today's Gospel is troubling. Does Jesus really expect us to hate our families, friends and even ourselves in order to be his followers? Jesus is making a point here about how we attach ourselves to things and to people, even to images of ourselves. Attachment can cause all sorts of suffering in our lives. If we are to grow, we move on from the comfortable, we let go of the familiar, and that can often be painful. Today, we can ask ourselves: 'What is it that I need to let go of?'

The two parables in this story remind us to think things through and weigh up the cost involved. This Kingdom of God journey involves sacrifice and sometimes it feels like '20,000 against 10,000'. A disciple of Jesus must be ready to carry the burden not only of tensions with one's family but even the burden of legal consequences. This was the experience of Luke's community and it is still the experience of many Christians in the world today. So this passage is a call to conversion and we read it from the various forms of discipleship that we are in: parenting, advocacy, political life, social work, friendships, community building.....

Jesus 'turned to them', he is speaking from experience. Jesus' words are harsh, but spend time with this text today; his words can be interpreted as passionate, urgent, and focused, and can even offer us a great freedom and encouragement in whatever journey of discipleship we are on.

<b>Collections:</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> August	Envelopes €535	Baskets €575
	28 <sup>th</sup> August	Envelopes €345	Baskets €655
	No of Envelopes	Direct Debits	

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

**Mass Schedule:** Mass on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> & Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm  
Mass Tues 6<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 9am

**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.

**Visiting The Sick:** Fr. Rory will visit the Sick on his list on the **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday** of each month in the Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas, and on the **1<sup>st</sup> Friday** of each month in the Borris area from now on. If you wish to be put on the list please contact Fr. Rory or the Parish Centre with your details.

**For September that will be Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**'Follow me up to Carlow' Benefit night in aid of Co Carlow Hospice featuring special guests Paddy Cole, Mary Duff and Leo from 'Fair City'. Thursday September 1<sup>st</sup> in the Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow at 8pm. Tickets E20 available from the hotel or on the night. Your support is much appreciated.**

**This Weekend 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sept.** 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**

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje & Dubrovnik** from the 14th. September – 21st. September. 4 nights Medjugorje and 3 nights Dubrovnik. Price €995 (Incl. all airport taxes and charges) This pilgrimage is going ahead , there are places still available. If you are interested please contact Fr. John or Tully's Travel. *Fr. John*

**Pre-Marriage Courses** Accord Carlow are currently taking bookings for Pre-marriage courses on Sept 2nd & 3rd, October 7th & 8th, Nov 4th & 5<sup>th</sup>. All couples getting married in the Catholic Church are obliged to attend a Pre-marriage Course. To reserve a place book on line at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information.

**Yearly Envelopes** We would appreciate if those people who usually distribute the Parish Envelopes could call to the Parish Centre to collect them please.

### **You're Invited: Opening of Final Diocesan Jubilee Door**

The parishes of St Mullins and Graignamanagh have been working hard preparing for the opening of the Holy Door in Duiske Abbey on September 11. They now extend an invitation to people from across the diocese to join them and Bishop Denis for this special celebration.

Assembling in St Mullins at 1.00 pm with prayers at St Moling's Well; proceed to walk the Barrow track, to arrive at Upper Tinnahinch Lock for 3.30pm; merge with groups coming from St Fiachra's Well, Ullard and St Michael's Well, Tinnahinch; proceed to Door of Duiske Abbey; 4.00 pm opening of Door and Mass of Thanksgiving, followed by refreshments in Abbey Hall.

*Why not put the date in your diary and join us for this unique event marking the Jubilee Year of Mercy*

**Volunteer Befriending** : If you are a good listener and are interested in getting to know an older person who may be feeling lonely and like a chance to make a difference to their lives, we'd love to hear from you! Befriending is all about offering companionship once a week on a time and day which suits you and the older person.

If you are interested and would like to apply or just to find out more, please ring Mary on **059-9136340** or **086-4108902**

**Aspiro** – Ireland's leading choir for children & young people have a limited number of places available in all primary and secondary school groups as well as Aspiro Inspired Adult Community Choir who meet Friday mornings. Contact [info@aspirochoir.ie](mailto:info@aspirochoir.ie) or ph: 085-7451111

## ***THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK***

### ***Prayer for New Seminarians***

**Two seminarians from Kildare & Leighlin started in Maynooth this week and we will also have a seminarian in Rome from the end of the month.**

Lord Jesus, we ask your special blessing on all our new seminarians beginning their preparation for the priesthood today, their families and friends who have accompanied them. We pray that they will grow in faith, hope and charity. May their hearts overflow with your compassion, understanding and generosity, and may their desire to serve you inspire others to answer your call.

Lord, give our new seminarians the grace to follow you more perfectly. When they are discouraged or lonely, fill them with your peace and courage. Jesus, gentle Shepherd, meek and humble of heart, make the hearts of all our new seminarians like yours.

Lord bless the families and friends of our new seminarians and all who encourage, inspire and guide them in responding to your call to be a priest.

Amen.

## ***HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK***