

PARISH NEWS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th February 2017

Salt & Light

In today's Gospel we hear of two scenarios where salt is concerned; one is that we are called to be 'salt of the earth'. What salt does for food, Christians are called to do for the world – to give life 'taste'. You might recall someone who brought 'taste' to your own life, encouraging you on your journey, offering hope, a new insight or project, someone you followed and learned from. What gifts did they bring?

The other scenario in the Gospel today is where salt has lost its taste – how can it be restored? You might recall someone you placed great hope in, whether it be a family member, a public figure, a Church leader or politician; someone who had vision and inspired others. Yet the 'salt' or the 'taste' was lost. We see this all around us in our world, when someone's potential is lost. There are many situations in our world today where people's light is not allowed to shine. It is controlled, hidden,, prevented from being used for the benefit of all because of jealousy or perhaps others are afraid of the consequences. Jesus tells us that these lights must shine, for all, and then we can give glory to God in heaven for the fruits it may produce. To help lights shine and to give flavour to the world is our task today. Another way of putting it might be; how are the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ evident in our lives?

Collections: 29th Jan Envelopes €465 Baskets €700

No of Envelopes 76 Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Mon 6th Feb & Fri 10th Feb at 7.30pm
Mass Tuesday 7th - Thurs 9th Feb 9am
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 4th Feb Group 1

Message from Fr. John

Some of you have probably heard that I haven't been too well lately. Just to let you know it is not "fake" news, it is true. I have testicular cancer and next Monday I will go to Vincent's hospital to get 5 days of chemotherapy, then two weeks off, another 5 days and two weeks off and then another five days and two weeks off. The two weeks that I am off I will be resting in my house in Portlaoise. They are hoping after 3 months that it will be reduced to nothing. The oncologist I spoke with last week was very confident of the outcome and I am also very confident. I would like to thank you very much for all your best wishes and continue to pray for me. As Dr. Michael Byrne reminded me I am in the hands of a very powerful and good God.

God bless you and I will keep you posted on my recovery. Fr. John

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.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION – Service of Light will take place for Confirmation Candidates on 15th February in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris at 7.30pm

Inaugural Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2017

Led by the Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin Most Reverend Denis Nulty

16th July 2017 - 5 Nights €719 per person sharing, Flights, Transfers Full Board & Accomodation included.

Full details available at the Parish Office or Joe Walsh Tours

Dedicated Assisted Section for Sick Pilgrims, Pilgrimage Director Fr. Paddy Byrne

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

START OVER

When you've trusted God and walked his way
When you've felt his hand lead you day by day
But your steps now take you another way...
Start over.

When you've made your plans and they've gone awry
When you've tried your best and there's no more try
When you've failed yourself and you don't know why...
Start over.

When you've told your friends what you plan to do
When you've trusted them and they didn't come through
And you're all alone and it's up to you...
Start over.

When you've failed your kids and they're grown and gone
When you've done your best but it's turned out wrong
And now your grandchildren come along...
Start over.

When you've prayed to God so you'll know his will
When you've prayed and prayed and you don't know still...
When you want to stop cause you've had your fill...
Start over.

When you think you're finished and want to quit
When you've bottomed out in life's deepest pit
When you've tried and tried to get out of it...
Start over.

When the year has been long and successes few
When December comes and you're feeling blue
God gives a January just for you...
Start over.

Starting over means "Victories Won"
Starting over means "A Race Well Run"
Starting over means "God's Will Done"
Don't just sit there.....
START OVER

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK