

PARISH NEWS

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th July 2015

'What is this wisdom?'

Can you think of a time when someone returned home after a life-changing experience, full of enthusiasm, and the response of the locals was mixed: 'Who do they think they are?' Perhaps it was you who had changed in some way, experienced a conversion or a new outlook on life and suddenly you were surrounded by people who know you deeply and who are struggling to accept your new found wisdom. Often when these experiences happen, our family and friends do us a favour. They keep our feet on the ground and bring us on a journey back to everyday life. Like Jesus, we too can be amazed that this 'wisdom' is not shared by those around us. We should never crush the dreams or visions of others, but sometimes it is useful to keep one foot in reality while trying to achieve our dreams in small steps.

Today, it is also worth asking how we treat our modern day prophet? Prophets are controversial, they swim against the tide; they tell people things that they don't want to hear; they try to encourage change and transformation. They can be extremely unpopular. Can you think of one modern-day prophet who may be calling you to something different, to something greater, even if it is uncomfortable? We will always learn something, even if our viewpoint doesn't change. We should challenge ourselves to listen, to grow. How often has Jesus come to us in the form of someone we know very well, but we did not recognise him?

Collections: 28th June Envelopes €402 Baskets €525

No of Envelopes 44 Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule: Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 6th & Fri. 10th July

Mass at 9am Tues 7th - Thurs 9th July

Clonagoose Cemetery Mass is on Friday 3rd July at 7.30pm.

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 4th July – Group 4

Annual Mass of the Sick will be in The Sacred Heart Church on Friday 10th July at 7.30pm

Confirmation Pledges The children who made their confirmation this year will be making their Confirmation Pledges at the 11am Sunday Mass in The Sacred Heart Church on **July 12th**. This pledge is made in consultation with parents and is a private and confidential decision.

Visiting the Sick Fr. John will visit the sick on his list on Tuesday 14th July in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and in Borris area on Wednesday 15th July.

The Eist Cancer Support Centre, The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow provides practical help and emotional support to anyone affected by cancer in County Carlow and the surrounding areas opens Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 4.30pm. You are free to contact us at 059-9139684 or drop-in during our opening hours.
Website: www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie

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 Closed Bank Holidays

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan website www.kandle.ie

EVANGELISM AND CATECHESIS A Gathering of Catechism teachers, studying through the Maryvale course, will take place in Maynooth College on Monday 6th July. Priests and students or graduates of theology, or Christian doctrine, who would like to help in adult catechesis in their parishes are particularly welcome to this day of prayer and thought. For more information contact Bríd Ní Rinn phone 045 860170

Borris Garda Station will remain closed until August this year - date to be confirmed - as further work is being carried out. Existing arrangements where a Garda is available in Borris Library on Wednesdays between 4pm and 5pm will remain in place until then.

You can still phone Borris Gardaí at 059-9773102, it is diverted to a mobile number, or you can phone Baginbun Gardaí at 059-9721212

Graveyard Patterns this Summer

Rathanna Graveyard Sunday 2nd August at 3pm
Ballymurphy Graveyard Sunday 30th August at 3pm

Family Day of Celebration to Mark the Year of Consecrated Life

In this Year of Consecrated Life CORI are organising a Celebration Day for those in Consecrated Life and their Families on Saturday 11 July 2015 in the grounds of Mount St Joseph Abbey, Roscrea from 2pm-5pm. This afternoon of celebration and entertainment will include Family Fun Day Activities, Live Music and Spot Prizes, Bouncing Castles and Children's Entertainment. All are welcome to this free event, especially religious and their families. Celebratory Evening Prayer in the Abbey Church at 4.30pm.

Pre-Marriage Courses

Accord Carlow are currently taking booking for the following courses
Sept 11th & 12th, Oct 9th & 10th, Nov 6th & 7th
Booking can be made on line at www.accord.ie
Or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God won't ask....

God won't ask what kind of car you drove, but He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
God won't ask the square footage of your house, but He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, but He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
God won't ask what your highest salary was, but He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
God won't ask what your job title was, but He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
God won't ask how many friends you had, but He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
God won't ask in what neighbourhood you lived, but He'll ask how you treated your neighbours.
God won't ask about the colour of your skin, but He'll ask about the content of your character.
God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation, but He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven, and not to the gates of Hell.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK