PARISH NEWS

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th November 2017

Practise what you preach

We have all heard the expression 'Do as I say, not as I do'. According to one online dictionary, it is 'an expression used to call out hypocrites, including 'environmentalists' with private jets, politicians who send their children to private school while opposing measures to give other kids the same chance, or those who accuse others of racism while not hiring minorities'. We could all come up with examples of people who do not practise what they preach.

The accusation appears to have been made for the Scribes and the Pharisees that Jesus talks about in today's gospel. He criticises them for placing heavy burdens on people, while not lifting a finger to help them, and for making themselves look important in order to attract attention. If we are honest with ourselves, there are areas of our own lives where we value style over substance, where we wish to give a certain impression to others that does not reflect the truth of the matter. We like to look good, and for people to think highly of us.

There are also times when we do not live up to the expectations we set for others. We expect people to be honest and fair with us, yet we are not always honest in our dealings with others. We expect others to help us, but we might not always repay the favour. Today's gospel is a wake-up call. It tells us what Jesus expects of us. We must be humble and genuine, thinking of others rather than worrying about what people will think of us.

Collections:29th OctEnvelopes €532Baskets €678No of Envelopes 79Direct Debits 3Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

Mass Schedule:Mass on Mon 6th Nov & Fri 10th Nov at 7.30pmMass Tues 7th & Thurs 9th at 10 amThis is the new time for the Tuesday to Thursday Masses during the
winter months of November, December, January & February.

Mass for those who Died during the Year Wed. 8th November 7.30pm

Borris

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 28th Oct **Group 2 Confessions** in Sacred Heart, Borris from 11.30 – 12 noon every Saturday morning. All welcome.

Message from Fr. John

"I had an appointment on Tuesday the 17th with Dr. Quinlan. He told me that the chemotherapy had done all the work and what he removed in surgery was benign.

He said he was finished now and everything was positive. He said there would be a follow up from Prof. Mc.Dermott but in Dr.Quinlan's opinion, I won't need any more treatment.

This was great news for me to get and I am very grateful for all your support and best wishes. It has been a very tough year but it is great to be at the end of the journey.

I asked Fr. Rory if I could say a mass to offer it up for all your intentions and he invited me to say the **11am mass in Borris on Sunday 19th November**. I would like to offer this mass up for your intentions, in gratitude for your prayers and best wishes. Fr. Rory will concelebrate with me. Looking forward to meeting you all soon."

Fr. John

Visiting The Sick Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 2nd November in the Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas and on Friday 3rd November in the Borris area.

Date for Your Diary Mass of the Holy Angels Wed. 15th Nov. 7.30pm

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ieDiocesan Website: www.kandle.ieParish Centre:Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - FridayPhone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.comClosed Bank Holidays.Safeguarding:If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adultscontact the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Ms. Joan TreacyMob:085-8021633 e-mail – dlp@kandle.ie

Pre-Marriage Course Accord Carlow have places available on the following courses,Nov 17th & 18th 2017, Jan 12th &13th 2018, Feb 2nd & 3rd 2018.Any couple wishing to get married in the Catholic Church are obliged to attend a Pre-marriage course.

Booking can be made on line at <u>www.accord.ie</u> or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Inspirational Thoughts

- 1. God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.
- 2. Dear God, I have a problem -- it's me.
- 3. Growing old is inevitable, growing UP is optional.
- 4. There is no key to happiness. The door is always open.
- 5. Silence is often misinterpreted, but never misquoted.
- 6. Do the math.... Count Your Blessings.
- 7. Faith is the ability to not panic.
- 8. Laugh every day, it's like inner jogging.
- 9. If you worry, you didn't pray. If you pray, don't worry.
- 10. As a child of God, prayer is kind of like calling home every day.
- 11. Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be bent out of shape.
- 12. The most important things in your home are the people.
- 13. When we get tangled up in our problems, be still. God wants us to be still so He can untangle the knot.
- 14. A grudge is a heavy thing to carry.
- 15. He who dies with the most toys is still dead.
- 16. We do not remember days, but moments. Life is moving too fast so enjoy your precious moments.
- 17. Nothing is real to you until you experience it, otherwise it's just hearsay.
- 18. It's all right to sit on your pity pot every now and again. Just be sure to flush when you are done.
- 19. Surviving and living your life successfully requires courage. The goals and dreams you're seeking require courage and risk taking. Learn from the turtle, it only makes progress when it sticks out its' neck.
- 20. Life is uncertain; eat dessert first.
- 21. Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK