

PARISH NEWS

The Transfiguration of the Lord

6th August 2017

The Mountain Top

In the Scriptures, the mountains are often places where people encounter God. Jesus takes the disciples up to the mountain top to pray, to a quiet place, away from all the attention and the crowds. They have the most wonderful experience as we read in the Gospel today.

Can you recall a place where you have felt deep peace or a sense of experiencing God? In nature or in the places you go for some 'time-out' for yourself? Perhaps it is in special moments with family and friends; times of joy and sorrow. These 'mountain-top' experiences nourish us, can bring us insights or help us to deal with difficult periods in our lives. They can bring feelings of euphoria, deep joy and blessing and often sustain us in life. No wonder the disciples wanted to build 'three dwellings' so that Moses, Elijah and Jesus would stay with them like this forever. However, we cannot remain in those experiences forever. Jesus' way involves both time for encounters with mystery but also coming down from the mountain and continuing on life's journey and mission.

Can we carve out these moments of quiet in our busy days to be with the Word, to create the space to listen and make room for these encounters with the Lord? This week, imagine yourself in this story as you read 'Jesus took me with him and went up on the mountain to pray....'

'To pray the scriptures is to descend to the level of the heart and find God'

Michael Casey OCSO

Collections: 30th July Envelopes €500 Baskets €625
No of Envelopes 59 Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Fri 11th Aug at 7.30pm

No Mass Bank Holiday Monday 7th

Mass on Tues 8th – Thurs 10th Aug at 9am

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 5th Aug **Group 3**

Confessions in Sacred Heart, Borris from 11.30 – 12 noon every Saturday morning. All welcome.

Fr. Rory will visit those who are housebound on Thursday 10th August, Ballymurphy/Rathanna & Friday 11th August, Borris

Dates for Your Diary

Prayers In Cemeteries 2017

Rathanna: Sunday August 6th 3pm

Ballymurphy: Sunday August 27th 3pm

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.

The Parish Centre will be **closed** from Monday July 24th - Tuesday 1st August (incl.)

Back open on Wednesday 2nd August

Safeguarding: If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Ms. Joan Treacy**

Mob : 085-8021633 e-mail – dlp@kandle.ie

Pre-Marriage Courses

Accord Carlow have a limited number of places available on the following courses this year. Sept 8th & 9th, Oct 13th & 14th. Nov 17th & 18th Couples getting married in the Catholic Church are required to attend a Pre-Marriage Course. Please book now on www.accord.ie and avoid disappointment. For further information phone Mary at 059 9142590

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 17th – Sunday 20th August 2017. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1400 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. **Free** busses travelling from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see www.youth2000.ie or tel: 01-6753690

Lough Derg 2017: You may begin the Three Day Pilgrimage on any day up to and including Sunday 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary.

There are various travel options available countrywide. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. Telephone Maureen or Lorraine on 071 9851518 (from NI 00353 71 9861518). Email:

info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross – Edith Stein 1891-1942

Feast Day 9 August

‘For the Christian there is no such thing as a ‘stranger’. There is only the neighbour – the person who happens to be next to us, the person most in need of our help. Whether he is related to us or not, whether we ‘like’ him or not, doesn’t make any difference. Christ’s love knows no boundaries, stops at no limits, doesn’t turn away from ugliness and filth. It was for sinners he came, not for the righteous.’

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK