

PARISH NEWS

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

6th November 2016

Seven weddings and seven funerals

It sounds like a trick question; the Sadducees are setting Jesus up for a fall. One suspects that whatever answer Jesus gives to their very technical question about death will be used to catch him out. The Sadducees are introduced as opponents of belief in the resurrection. Quoting the Law of Moses, under which a man whose brother died without children was obliged to marry his brother's widow, their question presents a hypothetical, far-fetched case. The story involves seven marriages and eight deaths, when you include the woman at its centre.

But Jesus surprises them with his answer, making their question seem ridiculous in the process. He brushes aside the premise of their case with what one commentator calls a 'theological shrug'. He sidesteps their attempt to trap him by affirming the reality of the life to come, which he says will be very different from how we imagine it. While we tend to think that heaven will be an improved and happier version of our earthly life, Jesus says reality is different. The relationships and structures of this life will be transformed in the next, far beyond our expectations. What we do know is that we will be with God. We might imagine it in the words from today's Psalm: 'I shall be filled when I wake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.'

Collections: 29th November Envelopes €tbc Baskets €tbc
No of Envelopes Direct Debits

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Monday 7th & Friday 11th Nov at 7.30pm
Mass for Those Who Died During the Year at 7.30pm Wed. 9th
Mass Tuesday 8th & Thurs 10th November 9am
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 29th Oct Group 3

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.

Message to Parishioners

I am an Irish-American from New York who has traced my Irish family to Ballyglisheen and Gowlin, County Carlow. Seeking any living descendants of Thomas Ryan (b1842) and Bridget Morrissey (b1845) or their children-Dennis, Mary, Margaret, James, Johanna, John, and Hugh. Their sister Bridget, who emigrated to America, was my great-grandmother. Contact Deirdre McInerney by email at dmacastin@aol.com, or leave a message in the Parish Centre.

Deirdre

'The Miscarriage Association of Ireland will hold it's Annual Service of Remembrance on Sunday the 13th of November 2016 at 3pm in St Teresa's Church, Donore Avenue, off South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All parents, siblings, grandparents & anyone else affected by the loss of a baby are very welcome to attend, regardless of whether the loss was recent or long ago.' www.miscarriage.ie

Feast of St Willibrord, Patron Saint of Luxembourg Service and Lecture

Celebrate the Feast of St Willibrord, Patron Saint of Luxembourg and his Co. Carlow connection in St Laserian's Cathedral, Old Leighlin on Monday 7th November at 7.00pm with an ecumenical service led by the Right Reverend Michael Burrows, Bishop of Ossory, Cashel, Ferns, Lismore, Waterford and Leighlin and the Most Reverend Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin. This will be followed by a Lecture by Professor Dáibhí Ó Cróinín, Department of History, NUI Galway on Clonmelsh, Willibrord, and Carlow's Contribution to the Anglo-Saxon mission on the continent in the 8th century. All are welcome to attend.

MASSES IN NOVEMBER

WED. 9TH NOV 7.30PM BORRIS FOR THOSE WHO DIED DURING THE YEAR
WED 16TH NOV 7.30PM BORRIS MASS OF THE HOLY ANGELS

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

THAT NOVEMBER FEELING

The year quickens to a close nature slows down its activity. Traditionally November is a time when we remember the dead in a special way. Gravestones, Memorial cards, Cemeteries, Anniversaries Masses, are really about the same thing – keeping our dead alive. Years on, it keeps us in touch with our deceased. We speak about respecting the dead. There is much more to it than that. These are simple ways in which we continue the regard that we held for our family members in life. It is also our way of saying thanks to people who helped the Word to become not only flesh, but helped the Word to become fresh. Our memory of them is a kind one, which like our God who is more anxious to search out what is good, than to condemn. Not that all our dead were saints, but somehow, in November, we view them at their best. The parents who taught us our first prayers and guided us in so many ways, the infant, the child, the teenager, the grandparent – each of them no matter how long they lived, for seconds or years, give us cause for being grateful for their companionship in life. We look back, are inspired and are thankful. We look forward and hope that our legacy to a new generation will be no less generous.

'Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again. Bring them into the light of your presence'.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK