

PARISH NEWS

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7th August 2016

Watching and waiting

We do not like to wait. Listening to a radio discussion recently about the ever-increasing role technology plays in our lives, one panellist described how her smartphone had become almost like an extension of her arm. We don't know how to be alone or to have free time anymore, she lamented. If we're waiting for a friend or family member, the slightest delay has us reaching for our phones to catch up on emails, social media or the latest news. Delayed flights, or food that doesn't arrive promptly in a restaurant, can make us impatient and jittery. We have lost the art of waiting.

Yet Jesus regularly emphasises the importance of waiting. But it is clear that it is not the sort of waiting where we can sit around scrolling through our phones – there is an art to it. We must be awake and dressed for action and have our lamps lit, ready to go. We must be ready to open the door to the master when he knocks.

The 'waiter' described in today's Gospel is a devoted servant, eagerly awaiting his master's return. We don't know when Jesus will return, but we are called to live in constant vigilance and readiness. Let us not be found asleep on the job, or distracting ourselves with the trivial things in life.

Collections: 31st July Envelopes €736 Baskets €521
No of Envelopes 69 Direct Debits 4
Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

Mass Schedule: Mass on Monday 8th & Friday 12th August
Mass Tues 9th – Thurs 11th August at 9am
Vigil Mass on Sunday 14th August in Ballymurphy at 7.30pm
Mass at 9.30am in Rathanna and 11am in Borris on Monday 15th August,
Feast of The Assumption

Fr. Rory Nolan P.P.

We welcome Fr. Rory to Borris Parish and wish him the best of luck, health and happiness here.
Fr. Rory's contact details are Ph: 087-2714161, email rorypmnolan68@gmail.com

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.

Lough Derg 2016: You may begin the Three Day Pilgrimage on any day up to and including Saturday 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 9861518. Email: info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org

Trócaire Emergency Appeal: The worst drought in decades has left approximately 60 million people, ten times the population of the island of Ireland, facing hunger across the developing world. Trócaire has launched an emergency appeal to get relief to people in Ethiopia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Honduras and Guatemala. To donate log on to www.trocaire.org, call 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI).

Graveyard Patterns this Summer

Rathanna Pattern : Sunday August 7th 3pm

Ballymurphy Pattern : Sunday August 28th 3pm

Weaver's Cottage Museum is nestled in the beautiful village of Clonegal. Beautifully restored to its original beauty it was once the home to local weavers, it now holds artefacts and local history of the Cottage Weaving Industry. Open Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.00pm and Saturday and Sunday 12.00 to 4.00pm. Why not pop by for a visit and step back in time.

For more information contact weaverscottage1@gmail.com

Pre-Marriage Courses Accord Carlow are currently taking bookings for Pre-marriage courses on Sept 2nd & 3rd, October 7th & 8th, Nov 4th & 5th. All couples getting married in the Catholic Church are obliged to attend a Pre-marriage Course. To reserve a place book on line at www.accord.ie or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information.

A new contemporary stained glass mural in County Carlow

'1916 Commemorative Stained Glass Mural' by artist Peadar Lamb was unveiled last week in Carlow County Museum as part of the Carlow Ireland 2016 Centenary Programme. This innovative and unique contemporary stained glass mural illustrates a Carlow narrative showing key Carlow figures and the role they played in 1916. The piece is now on view to the public. Museum Opening Hours: Monday - Saturday 10.00am - 5.00pm; Sundays & Banks Holidays 2.00pm - 4.30pm, Admission is free.

Heritage Week 2016

National Heritage Week takes place 20th-28th August this year, with over 40 events and activities happening across county Carlow. There is a great line up of events allowing you to explore wildlife along the Barrow, learn more about Carlow's military heritage, experience village life as it was in 1916, learn a new skill with a weaving demonstration and join in on informative walks, talks and much, much more!

To see the full Programme visit www.carlow.ie, and find 'Heritage Week 2016' under 'News'.
National Heritage Week is co-ordinated by the Heritage Council and promoted and supported by Carlow County Council.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It is good to love many things, for therein lies the true strength, and whosoever loves much performs much, and can accomplish much, and what is done in love is well done.

Vincent Van Gough

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK