

PARISH NEWS

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7th July 2019

Synergy

Earlier in Luke's Gospel, Jesus sent out the Twelve disciples to heal disease and to teach about God's Kingdom. Here he sends out a much larger group ahead of him, in pairs to every town and place where He himself intended to go. Being sent in pairs reminds us of the value of team work. In order for communities to grow and flourish the gifts of many people are needed. Synergy is needed. This happens when individual talents are harvested and aligned, as in the beauty of a choir singing in perfect harmony, or a sports team at the peak of their performance. Synergy is like a power of the Spirit that rewards collaborative efforts. It is when we can dream and strive for the possibility of things before they happen. Synergy promotes collaboration, not competition or exclusion.

Jesus gathered his followers around him, men and women, who were enthused by his vision. He sends his followers out in pairs so that they can support one another. In all our different roles, we too are sent out ahead of him, as parents, ministers of various kinds, politicians, educators, social workers, nurses ... In any team – a parish council, a ministry group, a choir, we need a type of synergy. We are all responsible for our Church, not just a select few. We all have different roles to play, we all have responsibilities. When we promote collaborative team work and strive for synergy, we embrace each other's stories and work for the common good. Then, exciting things are possible!

Collections:	30th June	Envelopes €331	Baskets €584
	No of Envelopes 49	Direct Debits 4	

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

Mass Schedule:

Mass on Mon 8th & Friday 12th July at 7.30pm
Mass Tuesday 9th – Thursday 11th July at 10am

Friday 5th July is the Annual Mass of the Sick

Visiting The Sick: Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 4th July in the Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas and on Friday 5th July in the Borris area.

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Safeguarding: If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Mr. Mick Daly** Mob: 085-8021633, e-mail – dip@kandle.ie

Parish Centre: Mon/Wed/Fri 9.30 – 12.30, Tues & Thurs 1pm – 4pm
Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

Accord Carlow
Pre – Marriage Courses 2019

September 6th & 7th Friday Night & Saturday
October 4th & 5th Friday Night & Saturday

Please note there are no Pre-marriage courses in July or August.

To reserve a place book on line at www.accord.ie

For further information please contact:

Mary at Accord Carlow phone no 059 9138738

St Catherine's Community Service Centre, St Joseph's Road, Carlow

Email: accordcarlow@eircom.net

Counselling Service

Accord offers low cost confidential counselling to couples experiencing challenges or difficulties in their relationship.

For further information contact Mary at 059 9138738

Sacred Heart Church 2020 Celebrations

In 2020 our Parish Church in Borris, the Sacred Heart, celebrates its 200th Anniversary. We are looking for ideas on how to celebrate this as a Parish. We would welcome also old photos and stories about the Church which we can integrate into our celebrations. All of these can be emailed to a special email address borris2020@gmail.com **Fr. Rory**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*'Hope' is the thing with feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune without the words -
And never stops - at all -*

Emily Dickenson

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK