

# PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7<sup>th</sup> September 2014

## *'I shall be there with them'*

Mathew 18 is a discourse on relations within the Christian community and today's Gospel gives some very practical advice about a problem we all encounter: conflict. The beautiful phrase 'you have won back your brother' highlights the importance of resolving our differences with one another; love sometimes involves confrontation. We may involve others to help mediate but only when the first stage has failed. To seek help requires great humility and involving the wider community may seem harsh, but we should not be naive, lasting peace sometimes requires mediation.

There is an unusual verse referring to tax collectors and Gentiles and the drastic steps that are taken in order to protect the community. Perhaps it is these groups of people who are calling on the community to face facts and to move forward.

Mediation is not an easy task, whether it be a parent dealing with conflict in the family; a diplomat brokering peace-keeping deals in conflict zones; a counsellor journeying with two people; conflict is all around us. Today's Gospel urges dialogue, patience, perseverance and the space to allow grace to enter.

*'The conclusion of our meditation is not 'Jesus tells us to do this', but 'let us celebrate Jesus at work in the world'. We recognise moments of grace when we ourselves lived this teaching, and celebrate the great people who by word and example taught us to live it.*

*Michel de Verteuil*

Collections: 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2014 Envelopes €368 Baskets €815

No. Of Envelopes Returned 62 Direct Debits 6

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

**Mass Schedule :** Mass at 7.30pm on Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> & Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
Mass at 9.00 am Tues 9<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. (Incl.)

**This Weekend 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>** we have our **Annual Collection for the Priests of the Parish**. Our Christmas and Easter collections and the proceeds from the November List of the Dead and from Weddings and Baptisms are entered into this account. The proceeds from the special envelope and the basket collection of the first week in September are also entered into this account. We are totally dependent on your generosity. We still have a major challenge trying to keep 3 churches open in the present economic climate. You have always been very generous in your contributions and we appreciate the major effort you are making. I would like to ask you to be as generous as possible in the special envelope and the Offertory Collection on this coming weekend, please. You have a special green envelope in your box of envelopes for this collection. **Fr. John**

**Visitation of The Sick** Fr. John will visit the sick on his list on Tues. 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. in the Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas and on Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. in the Borris area.

**Parish Donation Envelope Boxes** We would be very grateful if the people who distribute these boxes would be able to call to the Parish Centre on or after next Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and collect their usual number for collection.

**Irish Blood Transfusion Service** will be visiting Abbey Hall , Graiguenamanagh, on Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup> September from 4.30pm – 8.00pm.

**Eist Cancer Support Centre** - Eist Cancer Support Centre, The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow, opens Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 10.00a.m. to 4.00p.m .We provide Counselling, Reflexology Services, Support Groups, Meditation, Yoga and a host of activities free of charge to those diagnosed and their families and carers affected by cancer. PH 059 91 39684  
[www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie](http://www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie) Visit us on facebook

**Borris Parish Website :** [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie) Diocesan website [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)  
**Parish Centre:** The Parish Centre is open as usual Mon. – Fri. from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.  
Phone 059 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com) Closed Bank holidays.

**Camino de Santiago** We've had a **cancellation** of one of the people travelling on the Camino, due to an injury. If anyone is interested in taking this person's place, please contact Fr. John or Tully's as soon as possible.

The Irish Catholic will again be on sale at the back of all the churches this coming weekend. It costs €1.60 It is also on sale in Kiernans, Borris.

### **Carlow Choral Society**

*Rehearsals resuming Monday 8th of September at 7.45pm in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre. New members are most welcome. Only a love of singing is required. Come along and try it out. Contact us on 0879422608, by email: [carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com](mailto:carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com). Find us on Facebook and at [www.carlowchoralsociety.com](http://www.carlowchoralsociety.com)*

**Aspiro** – Ireland's leading choir for children & young people – classes resume Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Limited number of places available in all groups for interested new members. New Aspiro initiative for Pre-School age 3+ starting in September - contact [info@aspirochoir.ie](mailto:info@aspirochoir.ie).

### **Accord Pre-Marriage Courses Autumn 2014**

Couples getting married are required to attend a Pre- Marriage Course  
Bookings are now been taken for Courses on Sept 12th/13<sup>th</sup> & Oct 10th/11<sup>th</sup> & Nov 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> 2014 at St Catherine's Community Centre, Carlow.  
Book on line at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

### **A BLESSING**

*May the light of your soul guide you. May the light of your soul bless the work you do with the secret love and warmth of your heart. May the sacredness of your work bring healing, light and renewal to those who work with you and to those who see and receive your work. May your work never weary you. May it release within you, wellspring and refreshment, inspiration and excitement. May you be present in what you do. May you never become lost in the bland absences. May the day never burden. May dawn find you awake and alert, approaching your new day with dreams, possibilities and promises. May evening find you gracious and fulfilled. May you go into the night blessed, sheltered and protected. May your soul calm, console and renew you.*

## **HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK**