PARISHNEWS

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th November 2015

Giving everything

In today's Gospel, Jesus is courageously speaking out against the hypocrisy of the so-called 'religious' of his time. This passage is encouraging all his followers to engage in a reality check. The hypocrisy of the scribes is in total contrast to the humility and generosity of the widow in the second part of the Gospel. She gives not of what she has to spare, but everything she has. She is free. We don't have to restrict this example to money either.

At the end of this month, a vitally important meeting is taking place in Paris called COP_{21. World} leaders will gather to try to settle on a universal agreement on climate change action. It is a hugely difficult task; one that has not been achieved before. We are asked to pray and to continue to put pressure on our governments to take real action on climate change. The widow gave her all in the Gospel today and we are challenged to model her behaviour rather than the behaviour of the 'elite' of the opening verses.

'The idea of infinite or unlimited growth... is based on the lie that there is an infinite supply of the earth's goods, and this leads to the planet being squeezed dry at every limit. Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start. Pope Francis, Laudato Si'

Collections: 1st Nov.Envelopes €638Baskets €563No of Envelopes 66Direct Debits 4Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

Mass Schedule:Mass on Mon 9th & Fri 13th Nov. at 7.30pmMass on Wednesday 11th for Those Who Died During the
Year at 7.30pm in The Sacred Heart Church
No Mass Tues 10th Nov. & Thurs 12th Nov

Mass for Those who Died during the Year, from 1st November 2014 to 31st October 2015, will be celebrated on Wednesday 11th November at 7.30pm in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris. If there is someone (not necessarily from this parish) you would like remembered in this Mass, who died during the year, please write their names on the list which will be placed at the back of all the churches from this coming weekend.

A Mass for the Holy Angels will be celebrated in the Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday 18th November at 7.30pm

November List of the Dead November is the month of the Holy Souls and you will find a blue envelope in your box of envelopes in which to place your list of the Dead and donation for 2014-15. Throughout the coming year a Mass will be offered in each of the churches for the deceased on this List. **Indulgences** from 12 noon on Sat 1st November until midnight on 2nd Nov. ; all who have confessed, received Holy Communion and prayed for the Pope's intentions (1 Our Father & Hail Mary or any other prayer) can gain a plenary indulgence by visiting a church or oratory and there reciting 1 Our Father and The Apostles Creed. The indulgence is only applicable to the souls of the departed. Confession may be made within the week preceding or following 1st Nov. Holy Communion may be received on any day from 1st to 8th Nov. The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence applicable on to the Holy Souls on the usual conditions , (as above) once a day from 1st to 8th Nov. **Towards Peace** is a new spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to nine sessions are offered and there is no cost. For more information, please visit <u>www.towardspeace.ie</u>, phone 01 505 3028 or email towardspeace@iecon.ie

"Feedback from abuse survivors in Ireland has highlighted the damage done to their own spirituality, particularly because they were abused by Catholic Church personnel. Within this context, spiritual direction might provide a space for exploring the spiritual impact of the abuse such as: the impact on a person's own sense of goodness; connection to God and connection to others; beliefs, theology and faith; relationship with Church and religion. Spiritual direction might also provide a space to gain clarity about what one's spiritual needs and hopes for healing are today."

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.comClosed Bank Holidays.Borris Parish Website:www.borrisparish.ieDiocesan Website:www.kandle.ie

THE PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH will take place in Dublin, Cork and Belfast on Sunday 29th November at 2pm. Hundreds of thousands of us will be marching in cities around the world on November 29th, in what we hope will be the largest climate change mobilisation in history, just before our leaders travel to Paris for the climate summit. Pope Francis in his encyclical Laudato Sí, encourages us all to take action like this for Climate Justice. He says, "Let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment."

¹ 1pm - Climate justice ecumenical service at St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast

2pm - People's Climate Rally, Belfast, Writer's Square, Belfast 2pm – People's Climate Rally, Dublin - Custom's House Quay, Dublin

2pm – People's Climate Rally, Cork - Grand Parade, Cork



Note to Parish from Trócaire re Lent 2016 & Jubilee Year of Mercy:

The year-long Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy will begin on 8th **December 2015**. Throughout this Jubilee year, Parishes and individuals will be invited to become *"Merciful like the Father"* through joining in the celebration of specific highlights in the church calendar in communion with Pope Francis and Catholic communities across the world. Alongside these celebrations, efforts will be made to offer concrete signs of God's Love and Mercy to our neighbours in need, both locally and globally.

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, Anniversary Masses, are really about the same thing – keeping our dead alive. These are simple ways in which we continue the regard that we held for our family members in life. It. 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.

'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