

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th September 2019

Rethinking our attachments

The Gospel is troubling. Does Jesus really expect us to hate our families, friends and even ourselves in order to be his followers? We are being invited to think about how we attach ourselves to things and to people, even to images of ourselves. Attachment can cause all sorts of suffering in our lives. If we are to grow, we must move on from the comfortable, let go of the familiar. That can often be painful.

During the month of September, we are celebrating the Season of Creation. We know that our world is currently suffering from a catastrophic loss of bio-diversity, largely caused by a consumerist culture. God's creatures are disappearing from the Earth at a rate we can scarcely comprehend. Insects, mammals, trees, plants and creatures are becoming extinct. We pray that this decline may end, and we acknowledge that we are part of a complex, delicate and interdependent web of life, created by God. Today's Gospel invites us to let go of the attachments in our lives which contribute to this destruction. Let us try to live more simply and sustainably, and to encourage others to do the same. We are called to examine our relationship with material things and walk more gently on the earth.

'It is not enough to think of different species merely as potential 'resources' to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves ... Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right' (Laudato Si', 33).

Collections:

1st August

Envelopes €475

Baskets €926

No of Envelopes 58

Direct Debits 3

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

Priests of the Parish Collection There is a special envelope in your boxes for this collection which takes place on Sunday 1st September.

Mass Schedule:

Mass on Monday 9th & Friday 13th September at 7.30pm

Mass Tues 10th - Thurs 12th at 10am

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

Visiting the Sick Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 5th September in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and in Borris on Friday 6th September.

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.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.

Kildare / Carlow Pilgrimage (last remaining seats) October 10th 2019 ex Dublin
7 nights for Feast of Miracle of the Sun. Mass in Santarem where the bleeding host took place and Prayers, Mass and Hungarian Stations of the Cross in Fatima. Also, two trips to the seaside and Tour of Lisbon.
Contact James Treacy 086-0572216

Yearly Envelopes *The boxes of yearly envelopes will be ready for distribution from this **Friday 23rd August**. Could those who distribute them call to the Parish Centre for them during the usual opening times? If you are not available this year to distribute them we would be grateful if you would let us know so that we can organise another person to do so. Sincere thanks to everybody who helps in this regard.*

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

Prayer for the Earth (Pope Francis)

All-powerful God,
you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK