

PARISH NEWS

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th July 2017

Rest for your souls

Pope Francis had some strong words of advice recently for priests. As he ordained ten men to the priesthood on Good Shepherd Sunday, he said in his homily: 'A priest who has perhaps studied much theology and has achieved one or two or three advanced degrees, but has not learned to carry the Cross of Christ, is useless: he will be a good academic, a good professor, but not a priest. Please, I ask you in the name of Christ and of the church to be merciful, always: do not saddle the faithful with burdens they cannot carry – nor ought you so burden yourselves. He must have been thinking of the extract from Mathew's Gospel that we hear today, where Jesus talks about the exact opposite of laying burdens on people – he promises to take them away, and to lighten our load.

I don't think Jesus is saying that the Christian life is always going to be easy, that there will not be burdens or crosses to carry, or that we should not hold ourselves to high standards. Rather, he is reminding us that when we find ourselves overburdened – tired, frustrated, afraid, overwhelmed, disheartened – help is at hand. He invites us to come to him, and to unload our troubles onto him. He is a place of rest for our weary souls. With Jesus on board, our minds and hearts will be lighter, and we can get on with our tasks with renewed energy and zeal.

Collections:	2 nd July	Envelopes €369	Baskets €579
	No of Envelopes 63	Direct Debits 3	

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Monday 10th & Fri 14th July at 7.30pm
Tues 11th – Thurs 13th July at 9am
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 8th July **Group 3**

Confessions in Sacred Heart, Borris from 11.30 – 12 noon every Saturday morning. All welcome.

Visiting the Sick – Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on **Thursday 6th July** in the Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas and in Borris area on **Friday 7th July**.

Dates for Your Diary

Prayers In Cemeteries 2017

Rathanna: Sunday August 6th 3pm
Ballymurphy: Sunday August 27th 3pm

Message from Fr. John

"It's over a month since I finished with chemotherapy and every day I am getting stronger. I was expecting a call from my consultant about a date for surgery, but last week he went on holidays and will return **Monday 3rd**. He will be in contact with me on **Tuesday 4th**. It will soon be all behind and it is wonderful to be at this stage. I will let you know when surgery is. Once again thanks for all your prayers and support. They have helped me enormously get through this long and challenging journey. Be assured of my prayers."

Fr. John

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.

Safeguarding: If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Ms. Joan Treacy**

mob: 085-8021633 e-mail – dlp@kandle.ie

Pre-Marriage Courses

Accord Carlow have a limited number of places available on the following courses this year. Sept 8th & 9th, Oct 13th & 14th. Nov 17th & 18th Couples getting married in the Catholic Church are required to attend a Pre-Marriage Course. Please book now on www.accord.ie and avoid disappointment. For further information phone Mary at 059 9142590

Please see below notices from Knock Shrine.

Guided Prayer Sessions at Knock Shrine take place in the prayer guidance centre daily. Take some time for quiet prayer, meditation and to listen to the word of God. Mon-Fri: 12 noon; 4.15pm, 8.15pm. Sat & Sun: 12 noon, 5pm, 8.15pm.

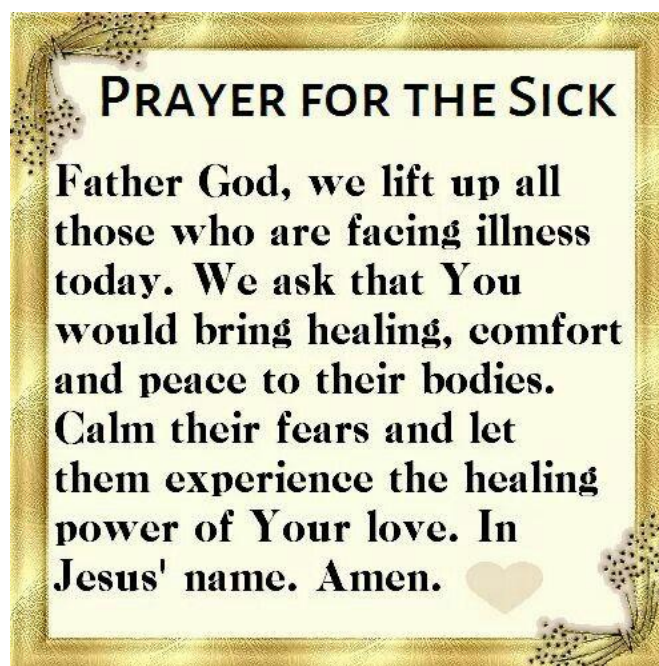
Knock Counselling Centre Drop-In Service offers people an opportunity to discuss difficult or challenging life issues in a caring and confidential environment. People attend single sessions to reflect on and discuss personal issues or concerns. No appointment necessary. Available Thursday: 10am-5pm, Friday: 2pm-5pm, Saturday & Sunday: 11am-5pm.

Watch Masses online from Knock Shrine

The daily 3pm Mass in the Basilica is now being streamed live. The 12 noon Sunday Mass is also available to watch online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch and recordings of all Sundays Masses are also available on the Knock Shrine YouTube channel.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 17th – Sunday 20th August 2017. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1400 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. **Free** busses travelling from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see www.youth2000.ie or tel: 01-6753690

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK