

PARISH NEWS

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
26th October 2014

Selfless saints

Various figures down through the ages have become synonymous with selfless love – Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Oscar Romero, St. Damien of Molokai, St. Don Bosco, St. Maximilian Kolbe...the list goes on. They were people who gave up everything to help others, often suffering greatly themselves in the process. They were people those rare human beings who truly lived out the familiar, yet challenging instruction to 'love your neighbour as yourself'.

I recently came across the story of St. Josephine Margaret Bakhita of Sudan, who was kidnapped as a young woman and spent many years as a slave. Asked once 'What would you do, if you were to meet your captors?', she responded: 'If I were to meet those who kidnapped me, I would kneel and kiss their hands. For, if these things had not happened, I would not have been a Christian and a religious today.' During illness in her later years, when a visitor would ask how she was, she would reply 'As the Master desires'. Her words display a deep understanding of the two greatest commandments, to love God with all your heart, and to love your neighbour as yourself.

The God who speaks in today's First Reading is a God 'full of pity' who hears the cry of the poor and vulnerable. Many of the saints down through the ages echoed this love in their service of others. Reading about the lives of the saints might no longer be fashionable, but there is so much we can learn.

Collections: 19th Oct 2014 Envelopes €988 Baskets €874

No. Of Envelopes Returned 67 Direct Debits 5

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

Mass Schedule: Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 27th Oct. & Fri. 31st Oct.

No Mass Tues 28th - Thurs 30th Oct.

Mass in Ballymurphy for the Eve of the Feast of All Saints on Fri 31st Oct at 7.30pm
Sat. 1st November Feast of All Saints – Mass in Rathanna 9.30am, Mass in Borris 11am

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan website 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 Closed Bank holidays.

Polish Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 25th October in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris at 7.30pm

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Coffee morning and cake sale with a twist in aid of breast cancer awareness in the Lazy River Cafe Graiguecullen on Sunday 2nd November from 9am until 2pm. Come show your support . Donations of cakes may be left into cafe from 9.00.

Eist Cancer Support Centre opens each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30a.m. - 4.00p.m. The Centre operates a drop in service during these times.

Autumn Schedule now up and running, Yoga each Wednesday at 11.30a.m. Pottery each Thursday at 10.30a.m.

Our 15 week walking programme "Strides for Life" continues each Thursday morning in Eire Og GAA Grounds starting at 11.00a.m. New Members Welcome at any time.

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The Irish Cancer Society's Care to Drive service is currently seeking volunteer drivers to drive local patients to and from their hospital chemotherapy treatments. We are looking for volunteers to pick a patient up at their home, drive them to the door of the hospital, then when they have finished treatment, to pick them up again and bring them home. The service is free to the patient and all drivers expenses are paid. Telephone the Irish Cancer Society on 01 2310 566 / 01 2316 642 or email transport@irishcancer.ie

County Carlow Women's Network with the **MABS** (Money and Budgeting Advice Service) are offering a 3 week Budgeting programme for Women for all ages around Carlow starting on Monday Nov 3rd at 7pm- 9pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre for 3 consecutive Mondays–It is free course and includes refreshments. This is a great opportunity to get some hints and tips around general budgeting but also on line shopping and general living. This workshop can be adapted to what needs of the group actually are. Contact Olive on 087 6165690 to reserve your place as limited numbers available.

Foróige Information Meeting An information meeting on establishing a Foróige Junior & Foróige Senior Club in Borris will take place on Wednesday night November 5th @ 8.00pm in Borris community hall. Foróige caters for young people aged from 10 - 18 years. For more information contact Rosie O'Brien 086 2997677 / rosie.obrien@foroige.ie

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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- ❖ DON'T UNDERMINE YOUR WORTH BY COMPARING YOURSELF WITH OTHERS. IT IS BECAUSE WE ARE DIFFERENT THAT EACH OF US IS SPECIAL. DON'T SET YOUR GOALS BY WHAT OTHER PEOPLE DEEM IMPORTANT. ONLY YOU KNOW WHAT IS BEST FOR YOU.
- ❖ DON'T TAKE FOR GRANTED THE THINGS CLOSEST TO YOUR HEART. CLING TO THEM AS YOU WOULD YOUR LIFE, FOR WITHOUT THEM LIFE IS MEANINGLESS. DON'T LET YOUR LIFE SLIP THROUGH YOUR FINGERS BY LIVING IN THE PAST OR IN THE FUTURE. BY LIVING YOUR LIFE ONE DAY AT A TIME, YOU LIVE ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE.
- ❖ DON'T GIVE UP WHEN YOU STILL HAVE SOMETHING TO GIVE. NOTHING IS REALLY OVER, UNTIL THE MOMENT YOU STOP TRYING. DON'T BE AFRAID TO ADMIT THAT YOU ARE LESS THAN PERFECT. IT IS THIS FRAGILE THREAD THAT BINDS US TO TEACH OTHER.
- ❖ DON'T BE AFRAID TO ENCOUNTER RISKS. IT IS BY TAKING CHANCES THAT WE LEARN HOW TO BE BRAVE. DON'T SHUT LOVE OUT OF YOUR LIFE BY SAYING IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND. THE QUICKEST WAY TO RECEIVE LOVE IS TO GIVE LOVE; THE FASTEST WAY TO LOSE LOVE IS TO HOLD IT TOO TIGHTLY; AND THE BEST WAY TO KEEP LOVE IS TO GIVE IT WINGS.
- ❖ DON'T DISMISS YOUR DREAMS. TO BE WITHOUT DREAMS IS TO BE WITHOUT HOPE; TO BE WITHOUT HOPE IS TO BE WITHOUT PURPOSE. DON'T RUN THROUGH LIFE SO FAST THAT YOU FORGET NOT ONLY WHERE YOU'VE BEEN BUT ALSO WHERE YOU'RE GOING. LIFE IS NOT A RACE, BUT A JOURNEY TO BE SAVOURED EACH STEP OF THE WAY.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK