

PARISH NEWS

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
5th October 2014

Family matters

Pope Francis has called a synod of the Bishops this October to discuss some of the challenges facing the family. That synod starts today, with the theme 'The pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelisation'. Were you one of the thousands of Catholics from around the world who took part in the Vatican's survey on matters such as marriage, contraception, same-sex marriage, and divorce? The Pope has asked us to pray for the Bishops as they enter this important time for the Church: 'May we all, then, pray together so that through these events the church will undertake a true journey of discernment and adopt the necessary pastoral means to help families face their present challenges with the light and strength that comes from the Gospel'. Let us keep the Synod in our thoughts and prayers over the next fortnight.

Many of us know challenges in our families. We face all sorts of everyday worries about health and money, as well as bigger fears about the future. Saint Paul has some comforting words for today: 'There is no need to worry; but if there is something you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.'

Collections: 28th Sept 2014 Envelopes €381 Baskets €470

No. Of Envelopes Returned 65 Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule: Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 6th Oct. & Fri. 10th Oct.
Mass at 9am Tues 7th Oct. to Thurs 9th Oct (incl.)

Visitation of the Sick Fr. John will visit the sick on his list on Tues 14th Oct. in the Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas and in the Borris area on Wednesday 15th Oct.

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 to collect their usual number for collection.

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan website www.kandle.ie

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. The Centre operates a drop in service during these times. www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie Visit us on facebook
Autumn Schedule now up and running: Yoga each Wednesday at 11.30a.m. Pottery each Thursday at 10.30a.m. New Members Welcome.
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.
Contact the centre on 059 9139684 for info.

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.

Meeting for Parents of First Communion & Confirmation Children A meeting has been arranged for the parents of First Holy Communion & Confirmation Children on Tuesday 7th October in Borris Mixed National School at 7.30pm. The meeting from 7.30pm – 8.15pm will be for the parents of First Holy Communion children. There will be a break from 8.15pm – 8.30pm and the meeting for the parents of Confirmation children will follow from 8.30pm to 9.30pm

County Carlow Women's Network are holding their Annual Women's Health and Well Being Exhibition in conjunction with the Mensana Fest – Carlow Mental Health Week on **Wednesday October 8th in the Seven Oaks Hotel. The event will run from 7.00pm – 9.30pm.** Dr. Eddie Murphy will speak on "Living Life to the Full – Developing our Strengths and abilities". There will information stands focusing on promoting positive mental health as well as Q&A's sessions. The cost for the night is €5 which will include light refreshments and a free goodie bag from Kevin Kelly Pharmacy. For information on the night please contact Olive on 0876165690- Look forward to seeing you there!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
A Tree of Hope will stand proudly in the Lazy river cafe Graiguecullen Supporting the fighters, admiring the survivors, honouring the taken and never ever giving up hope. All are invited to drop in and hang a ribbon on the tree. Ribbons are €2 and all donations to cancer awareness.

Blood Donor Clinic take place on Mon 6th Oct. & Tues. 7th Oct. from 4.30pm – 8.00pm at the Lord Bagenal Hotel, Leighlinbridge. The IBTS is at present experiencing difficulty in collecting enough voluntary blood donations in order to meet hospital requirements of 3,000 units of blood a week.

Dates for Your Diary

- ❖ **The Confirmation in Borris will take place on Thursday 30th April 2015 at 11.30am**
- ❖ **The First Holy Communion in Ballymurphy will be on Sunday 10th May 2015 at 12.30pm**
- ❖ **The First Holy Communion in Borris will be on Sunday 17th May 2015 at 11am**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 5th October Day for Life 2014 & Rosary Sunday

Every one of us, young and old alike can play our part in the promotion of life. Our every thought, word or action can promote or extinguish life – we all have a valuable contribution to make. Pope Francis tells us that being a protector of life is about, "protecting all creation, the beauty of the created world... It means respecting each of God's creatures and respecting the environment in which we live."
Rosary Sunday is an invitation to people in parishes, in homes, in religious orders to pray the Rosary for the intention of the Family, linking in with those gathered in Rome for the Synod on the Family. The once-common tradition of the family Rosary links very well with the theme of the Synod on the Family in Rome which takes place from 5 – 19 October.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK