PARISH NEWS

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

14th August 2016

Peace on earth?

It is only a few short weeks since Jesus was advising his disciples to greet people with the words ‘Peace to this house!’ We certainly like to associate Jesus more with peace than division. When Jesus later appears to the disciples after his resurrection, his first words are ‘Peace be with you’. And now here he is talking about division!

At the time that Luke was writing his Gospel, the early Christian community was experiencing division. Households were divided over what to believe. It is not that Jesus was encouraging division; rather, not everyone was ready to accept his teachings. Jesus remains a divisive figure today. People either run towards him or run from him. Division is a natural consequence of Jesus’ work, and those who follow him must be willing to sacrifice everything.

This is a challenging Gospel for us. It’s almost as if Jesus is asking us what we are willing to do in his name, if we are truly ablaze with love for him. We may at times face ridicule or rejection from the world. We may have to change the company we keep, or leave old ways of life behind, in order to truly follow him. In this sense there may well be division.

**Collections:** 7thAugust Envelopes €736 Baskets €521

No of Envelopes 69 Direct Debits 4

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

**Mass Schedule:** Mass on Friday 19th August

 Mass Tues 16th – Thurs 18th August at 9am

**Vigil** Mass on Sunday 14th August in Ballymurphy at 7.30pm

Mass at 9.30am in Rathanna and 11am in Borris on Monday 15th August, Feast of The Assumption

***Fr. Rory Nolan P.P.***

We welcome Fr. Rory to Borris Parish and wish him the best of luck, health and happiness here.

Fr. Rory’s contact details are Ph: 087-2714161, email rorypmnolan68@gmail.com

 **Borris Parish Website:** www.borrisparish.ie **Diocesan Website:**  [www.kandle.ie](http://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.

**Visiting The Sick :** Fr. Rory will visit the Sick on his list on the **1st Thursday** of each month in the Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas, and on the **1st Friday** of each month in the Borris area from now on. If you wish to be put on the list please contact Fr. Rory or the Parish Centre with you details.

**Lough Derg 2016:**  You may begin the Three Day Pilgrimage on any day up to and including Saturday 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary.

There are various travel options available countrywide.  The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality.  Telephone Maureen or Lorraine on 071 9861518.  Email: info@loughderg.org   [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org/)

***Trόcaire Emergency Appeal:*** The worst drought in decades has left approximately 60 million people, ten times the population of the island of Ireland, facing hunger across the developing world. Trócaire has launched an emergency appeal to get relief to people in Ethiopia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Honduras and Guatemala. To donate log on to [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org/), call 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI).

**Graveyard Patterns this Summer**

Ballymurphy Pattern : Sunday August 28th 3pm

**Pre-Marriage Courses** Accord Carlow are currently taking bookings for Pre-marriage courses on Sept 2nd & 3rd, October 7th & 8th, Nov 4th & 5th**.** All couples getting married in the Catholic Church are obliged to attend a Pre-marriage Course.To reserve a place book on line at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie/) or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information.

**A new contemporary stained glass mural in County Carlow**

‘1916 Commemorative Stained Glass Mural’ by artist Peadar Lamb was unveiled last week in Carlow County Museum as part of the Carlow Ireland 2016 Centenary Programme. This innovative and unique contemporary stained glass mural illustrates a Carlow narrative showing key Carlow figures and the role they played in 1916. The piece is now on view to the public.

Museum Opening Hours: Monday - Saturday 10.00am - 5.00pm; Sundays & Banks Holidays 2.00pm - 4.30pm, Admission is free.

**Heritage Week 2016**

National Heritage Week takes place 20th-28th August this year, with over 40 events and activities happening across county Carlow. There is a great line up of events allowing you to explore wildlife along the Barrow, learn more about Carlow’s military heritage, experience village life as it was in 1916, learn a new skill with a weaving demonstration and join in on informative walks, talks and much, much more!

**To see the full Programme visit** [**www.carlow.ie**](http://www.carlow.ie/)**, and find ‘Heritage Week 2016’ under ‘News’. National Heritage Week is co-ordinated by the Heritage Council and promoted and supported by Carlow County Council.**

***THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK***

PRAYER

“I am neither a man of letters nor of science but I humbly claim to be a man of prayer. It is prayer that has saved my life. Without it I would have lost my reason long ago. If I did not lose my peace of soul in the midst of my many trials, it is because of the peace that came to me through prayer. One can live several days without food, but not without prayer. Prayer is the key to each morning and the lock to each evening. It is a sacred alliance between God and us. It delivers us from the clutches of the price of darkness. We have to choose either to ally ourselves with the forces of evil or with the forces of good. Let everyone try this experience and they will find that daily prayer will add something new to their lives, something which cannot be found elsewhere. This is my sacred teaching” *Mahatma Gandhi*.

***HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK***