PARISH NEWS

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th June 2018

From small seeds....

The parable of the mustard seed seems pretty straight forward at first glance, but as always there is more to it than first meets the eye. Jesus did not compare the Kingdom of God to a majestic tree. There is an ancient text which forbade planting mustard seeds in Palestinian gardens because the shrub takes over wherever it is planted. It is wild, gets out of control, and attracts unwanted birds. The kingdom of God grows from something small to something large, but more than that, its growth is overwhelming and it will grow even where it is not wanted. Author and activist, Shane Claiborne, compares it to kudzu, a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas, smother trees, even crack cement buildings.

People of Jesus' time may have preferred the image of the lofty 'cedars of Lebanon' to explain God's kingdom, where the nations could build nests like the eagles do. Now that image may have gotten a few cheers from the crowd! Mustard plants however, only stand a few feet tall. Jesus is turning the ideals of power and triumph on their head again. The image we have here is of the birds who find a home in this little shrub which cannot be curtailed. It will grow even where it is not wanted. Watch out this week for glimpses of this 'mustard seed' kingdom quietly growing.

Collections: 10th June Envelopes €427 Baskets €586

No of Envelopes 57 Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule:

Mass on Monday 18th & Friday 22nd June 7.30pm Mass Tues 19th - Thurs 21st at 10am

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 16th June Group 3

Retired Priests Collection: We are appealing for the support of the parishioners of the diocese to help us in providing an allowance to retired priests and to assist them with their accommodation and healthcare. Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese thank you for your ongoing contributions for priests' collections and in particular for your support. There is an envelope in your box for this purpose.

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

GRAVEYARD MASSES & PRAYERS

Kiltennel Cemetery 24th June Rosary & Blessing of Graves Sacred Heart Cemetery Mass Friday 29th June 7.30pm Clonagoose Cemetery Mass on Sunday 1st July 3pm Rathanna August 5th 3pm Ballymurphy August 26th 3pm

Annual Mass of the Sick Friday 6th July 7.30pm - Borris

MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED IN POLISH IN SACRED HEART BORRIS ON SATURDAY 23RD JUNE AT 6pm

This will be followed by a barbeque in Town Hall Borris. All are welcome. Tea & Coffee provided; everybody may bring something to share!

<u>Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes:</u> The Parish Pilgrimage this year 5 night package starting on **Tuesday 07 August 2018**. The cost would be EUR 755.00 per person sharing a twin / double room and EUR 155.00 for the single room supplement. **For booking forms please call to the Parish Centre.**The cost would include the following;

Transport & Accommodation

- Transfer to and from Dublin airport
- Flight from Dublin to Lourdes• Transfer on arrival from the airport to the hotel with guide assistance
- Accommodation in the Hotel Paradis• Breakfast, lunch and evening meal served each day at hotel
- Transfer to Lourdes Airport for return flight• Luxury air-conditioned coach for all transfers and tours

Kandle Family Fun Day

Do you remember Punchestown? Well, if you enjoyed Punchestown, you'll love what we have planned for the KandLe Family Fun Day, taking place in the grounds of Carlow College, St Patricks on Saturday, June 16 from 2-6. If you didn't get to Punchestown, don't miss out on this afternoon of family fun, hosted by our diocese as part of its preparation for the World Meeting of Families in August. Bring a picnic and from 2 o'clock onwards enjoy the music of the Garda Band, Music Generation's own youth trad orchestra – Reelig, Carlow Youth Orchestra, Presentation School Band and many other musicians and dancers. Official opening by Bishop Denis will take place around 3 pm, after the Garda band.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

PRAYER BEFORE AN EXAMINATION
LORD, AS I PREPARE TO SIT MY EXAMS
send your Holy Spirit to guide me and be with me.
Thank you for the many talents and gifts you have
given me and for the opportunity of education.
KEEP ME CALM.

Help me to do the best I can on the day of my exam.1
Help me to remember all that I have studied,
to express it clearly and to answer the questions
as best that I can.

Give me peace, understanding and wisdom and

BE WITH ME TODAY AND ALWAYS.AMEN



We would like to wish all students the very best of luck in their exams.