PARISH NEWS

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CROWDS AND SHEPHERDS

The gospel today emphasises the importance of taking time for yourself as Jesus takes the disciples to a deserted place after all their hard work. It teaches an important lesson about remaining connected to Jesus if we are to be his followers. It is unfortunate for them that their break is interrupted. The crowd are thirsty for more and suffering from a lack of real leadership. Jesus has so much compassion for the people that the phrase Mark uses actually means he felt compassion in his intestines! A biblical way of saying he felt compassion for them in the pit of his stomach.

Next month we greet the shepherd of the Catholic Church as Pope Francis comes to Ireland for the World Meeting of Families. It will be a momentous occasion, a once in a life-time experience to see and to hear from a Pope who has so much to say to us about sharing the gospel message in our world. He calls us to be joyful Christians, to reach out to the poor and abandoned, to be disciples in our families, communities, on the streets and to help build a world that is true to Christ's vision for this world. Pope Francis is a leader who inspires many. Whether you are travelling to the festival or watching it at home we pray for the success of this extraordinary event. Let us pray today for leaders in our Church and in our communities, that they will inspire people, nurture people and listen to the Spirit who guides us on this path.

Collections: 15th July Envelopes €338.00 Baskets €582.00

No of Envelopes Direct Debits

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

Mass Schedule;

Mass on Monday 23rd & Friday 27th July 7.30pm Mass Tues 24th – Thurs 26th July at 10am Ballymurphy Servers Sat 21st July **Group 4**

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

A LATIN MASS will be held in Borris Church on Saturday 28th July at 3pm. This Mass is being organised by the Catholic Heritage Association.

Rathanna August 5th 3pm **Ballymurphy** August 26th 3pm

Pre-Marriage Course

Accord Carlow run Pre-marriage course's for couples intending to get married in the Catholic Church. It is a requirement of the church that all couples attend a Pre-Marriage course before getting married. There are a small amount of places available on the forthcoming courses: Sept 7th & 8th at St Catherine's Community Service Centre, Carlow Oct 19th & 20th at The Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow How to Book a place? Book on line www.accord.ie Contact Mary at Accord Carlow 059 9138738 for further information

Lough Derg 2018: The Three Day Pilgrimage is currently open. You may begin on any day until Monday 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality, phone Lorraine on 071 9861518 (from NI +353) email: info@loughderg.org

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES – POPE FRANCIS EVENTS

Official Opening Liturgy for the Diocese for WMOF will take place in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, August 21 – a date for the calendar.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Care of Our Common Home

"In the family too, we can rethink our habits of consumption and join in caring for the environment as our common home." (Amoris Laetitia, 277)

In response to Pope Francis' call for families to care for our own environment, WMOF2018 is inviting all pilgrims attending in August into a conversation about 'Our Common Home'.

People can visit 'Our Common Home' eco-spaces and join in discussion, prayer and action in caring for our beautiful planet. They can hear some of the eco-stories of families from around the world and discover more about how we can care for our beautiful world and live more sustainable lives; they can visit some of our eco-exhibitions and participate of various workshops dealing with how to care for our planet. The 'Our Common Home' Project at WMOF2018 is being offered in partnership with the Global Catholic Climate Movement, Trócaire & Laudato Si' Ireland.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK