PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th September 2015

Remove the stumbling blocks

Earlier in the Gospel of Mark the disciples were arguing about who amongst them was the greatest; in any group there is bound to be the occasional dispute! Today they are complaining that people, who are not part of the gang, are performing works in Jesus's name. The disciples are eager to pass judgement, yet Jesus is asking them not to focus so much on how other people are a stumbling block to the Gospel, but to look inwards and ask themselves how are they doing? What stumbling blocks do they put in their way or in the way of others?

On 4 October we will celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, bringing 'Creation Time' to a close. Some parishes have a blessing of animals; others have 'Eco-Sunday' and some have achieved the 'Eco-Parish' award from Eco-Congregation Ireland. (If your parish is not on the list, maybe you can gather people together to start the process: http://ecocongregationireland.com/eco-tips.) It is easy to point the finger at major corporations and poor leadership and think that there is nothing we can do about climate injustice. As this season of 'Creation Time' draws to a close, let us really celebrate by committing to small actions as parish communities, being part of the solution and not a stumbling block.

'Common destiny beckons us to seek a new beginning.... Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life. '

Pope Francis, Laudato Si',207

Collections: 20th Sept. Envelopes €374 Baskets €949

No of Envelopes 44 Direct Debits 5

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

Mass Schedule: No Mass from Mon 27th - Thurs. 1st Oct. (incl) due to the

Priest's Retreat this week. Mass at 7.30pm on Fri. 2nd Oct.

Annual Envelopes – We would appreciate if those who distribute the annual envelopes could call to the Parish Centre to collect their boxes for distribution.

Would you like to be a Minister of Holy Communion in the Parish? Are you already a Minister of Holy Communion who would like a refresher course?

A three night diocesan training course for ministers, led by Kildare and Leighlin Faith Development Services, will take place in the Parish Centre, Goresbridge on Tuesday, October 6, 13 & 20 from 7.30-9:30 p.m. **Booking is essential**. If you would like to explore this ministry for the first time or if would like to renew your training please contact the Parish Centre.

Polish Mass A Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 26th September at 7.30pm in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris. All Welcome.

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

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

ACI-the Association of Catholics in Ireland are hosting a discussion forum on the recent encyclical from Pope Francis "Laudato si" (on the care for our Common Home-The Environment) on **Thursday 15th Oct-8** pm in the Parish Centre Leighlinbridge,CoCarlow. Speakers -Fr Sean McDonagh SSC the well known environmentalist who advised the team drafting the encyclical and a speaker from a Concern, All Welcome

"**Trócaire** is calling on the Dáil to be recalled early to establish an immediate and effective response from Ireland. The people of Ireland have made it clear that they want to help distraught refugees arriving in Europe and are looking for leadership on how we as a nation can act. "In the past year, 3,573 people have died attempting to reach Italy, Greece and Spain by sea, an average of ten people a day. This is both a humanitarian crisis and a crisis of humanity. The EU must apply humanitarian standards to save lives, protect those most vulnerable and reduce the scandalous suffering being met by refugees reaching European borders.

Trócaire is responding to the growing needs of extremely vulnerable refugees in partnership with Caritas Serbia and has allocated €50,000 so far to provide sleeping bags and raincoats, hygiene kits, health services and psychosocial support. Trócaire also works with partners in Syria, Iraq, South Sudan and Somalia, which are burdened by protracted conflicts and in Jordan and Lebanon, countries which are hosting 1.75 million Syrian refugees. Extract from Trocaire Newsletter

Accord Pre-Marriage Courses Accord Carlow have only a few places left on their October 9th &10th and November 6th & 7th courses. Couples getting married in early 2016 should book a course now Booking can be made at www.accord.ie or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Let's pray together for our families, parish, diocese and world."

An Invitation from Bishop Denis for Week of Priests' Retreat

September 27 - October 2, 2015

A message from Bishop Denis

Dear friends,

I and many of the priests of the diocese will be away together on retreat in Dromantine, Co. Down from Sunday, September 27 – Friday, October 2. During this time, I am inviting you to join your prayers with ours. Let's pray together for our families, parish, diocese and world.

For this week, I am asking parishes to maintain their regular schedule of weekday liturgy and for parishioners to continue to gather for prayer on those days when they normally celebrate Mass. In the many churches where Mass will not be able to be celebrated, parishioners are invited to pray Morning Prayer together. This prayer has long been considered the daily prayer of the Church and the prayer of the people of God.

In the coming days, I invite you to write any prayer intentions you may have and leave them in the church. These intentions, as well as any anniversaries or recently deceased members of the community, will be prayed for in the parish and by all of us on retreat.

Finally, I invite you to pray the diocesan prayer in your home during this week. Praying in union together for ourselves, our diocese and the many needs of the world at this time, may we experience the rich graces of God's love for us. Yours in Christ,



Prayer for our Diocese



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bless the faith community of Kildare and Leighlin which traces its origins to Brigid, Conleth and Laserian.

May it be outstanding in charity as St. Brigid of Kildare,

may it be constant in faith as St. Conleth of Old Connell,

wise and prayerful as St. Laserian of Leighlin.

Bless its bishop, priests, religious and laity. Fill them with the light of your love.

Bless its young people. Help them to seek your truth.

Bless all who are poor or weak or wounded by life's hurt. Grant them justice, light and hope. Sin é ár nguí tré Críost ár dTiarna.

Amen.

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WONDERFUL WEEK