

PARISH NEWS

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
6 JULY 2014

'All you who are weary...'

Jesus had little success with the 'professionals' of his day. Yet in today's Gospel he bursts into prayer of thanksgiving for revealing wisdom to those who are considered 'infants'. In the context of these chapters of Mathew, it is stressed that the poor are the only ones who truly understand the wisdom of God and they do so under the weight of great oppression and demands placed on them by the religious authorities. For example, the 'wise' place their particular interpretation of the law on the 'ritually unclean' by excluding them from meals (9:10-13) or place restrictions on the Sabbath that ignore human need (12:1-14).

Jesus wants people to leave aside these oppressors and learn from him; find rest in him. His focus is on mercy, compassion and love. This passage shows the tenderness with which Jesus welcomes and accepts. Jesus knows the reality of people's suffering. He is not saying that there are no burdens in life; but that he will help people to find wisdom. This wisdom gives consolation, tenderness, acceptance and the rest for which the soul yearns.

'Lowliness is humility, and that means down-to-earth realism. I accept myself as the raw material God has chosen to work through. For God can use me if I am ready to be me. God cannot do much with me as I wish I were, and even less with me trying to be someone else. In supple strength and cheerful self-acceptance lies the secret of a calm and restful spirit.'

William Yeomans

Collections: 29th June 2014 Envelopes €535 Baskets €673

No. Of Envelopes Returned 62 Direct Debits 6

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

Mass in **Clonagoose Graveyard** on Friday 4th July at 7.30pm

Mass schedule : Mass at 7.30pm on Mon. 7th & Fri 11th July
Mass at 9.00 am Tues - Thurs 8th - 10th July (Incl.)

Visitation of The Sick - Fr. John will visit the sick on his list on Tues 15th July in Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and on Wed 16th July in Borris.

Annual Mass for the Sick – Please note that the date of this Mass is **Friday 25th July**

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan website www.kandle.ie

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.

Tax Refund for the Parish Please return your CHY3 forms to the Parish Centre in order for us to reclaim from Revenue the tax paid on your donations. **There are still some outstanding.**

Eist Cancer Support Centre - The Centre is open Tue, Weds, & Thurs from 9.30 - 4.30 If you have been affected in anyway by a cancer diagnosis please do not hesitate to phone or call in to see Ann or Mary at the centre. Our phone number is 059 91 39684

www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie Visit us on facebook

Pilgrims on **Lough Derg** touch into a deeper awareness of God in their lives; to quote a recent pilgrim :-*"Of all my journeys and spiritual quests, it is totally unutterable how it makes you feel. I feel full where I have often felt void"*

Daily boats to the Island from 10.30am until 3:00pm 7 days a week until 13th August. No booking necessary.

For further information contact Maureen or Sharon 071 9861518 email: info@loughderg.org

Kildare Pilgrimage 4th – 6th July. Contact Michael Sammon 087 6697902

Dublin - Oliver Plunkett Pilgrimages 27th – 29th June & 8th – 10th August. Contact Miriam 01 4941171

Dublin / Lough Derg Bus Eireann Service weekly. Contact Maureen 071 9861518

ACCORD CARLOW:PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE,DATES AUTUMN 2014

Sept	12 th & 13	Friday & Saturday
October	10 th & 11 th	Friday & Saturday
November	14 th & 15 th	Friday & Saturday

To reserve a place book online at www.accord.ie or call **059 9138738**

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Carlow County Museum

Visit Carlow County Museum and get a snapshot of counties great history. View our special temporary exhibition: 'Journeys in Time – The Archaeology of the Carlow By-pass' which has objects on loan from the National Museum of Ireland.

Exhibition An Ghaeile I gCeatharlach 1889-2014

"The story of Irish in Carlow for over 100 Years"

Officially opened by Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh.

Now on display in our temporary gallery upstairs opening to the public from Friday 6th of June 2014 from 10.00am to 4.30 pm. Why not pop in and explore the History of Irish in Carlow.

June to August opening hours Open Mon – Sat 10.00am – 5.00pm, Sun and bank holidays 2.00pm – 4.30 pm. Free admission. Carlow County Museum & Carlow Tourist Office, College Street, Carlow Town. Tel: 059-9131554

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 14th – Sunday 17th August 2014. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic Faith and meet many new people. This Festival has been nicknamed the 'Holy Oxygen' with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from towns throughout Ireland. For more information and to book online see www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690 or from NI 07598 876399

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*There are two good rules which ought to be written on every heart.
Never to believe anything bad about anybody unless you positively know it to be true;
never to tell even that unless you feel that it is absolutely necessary, and that God is listening.*

Henry van Dyke

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK