

PARISH NEWS

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

13 OCTOBER 2013

The other nine

Some of us will be familiar with the prayer to St. Joseph of Cupertino for success in examinations. Many of us regularly turn to St. Anthony for help in finding a lost item, while others enlist the help of St. Jude for particularly 'hopeless' cases, or Padre Pio when a loved one is sick or in hospital. We are very good at prayer when we need something, and have no problem turning to God in times of strife. But what about after the storm has passed?

The leper in today's Gospel offers us a lesson in gratitude and faith. It is easy to ask for help, to call out 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us!' It is not easy to appreciate the implications of what God is doing in our lives.

Of course we would all like to think that we would be the one leper who came back to give thanks to Jesus when he saw he was healed. But in reality, are we more like the nine who forgot to give thanks? What Jesus wants to know is, 'The other nine, where are they?' I'd imagine they were so overjoyed to be healed, they simply got on with their lives! Perhaps over time the memory of this great thing God had done for them simply faded.

Jesus told the leper who returned that his faith had saved him. All ten were healed, yet this man had a fuller experience of the healing had of Jesus.

And his life was surely changed because of it.

Collections: 6th October 2013 Envelopes €386 Baskets €774.00

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

Mass schedule: Mass at 7.30 pm on Mon 14th & Fri 18th Oct.

Mass at 9.00 am Tues/Wed/Thurs 15th Oct. to 17th Oct. (Incl)

Borris Parish Website www.borris.myparish.eu Diocesan Website www.kandle.ie

If you wish to follow Fr. John on Twitter, you can do so @ Frjohn51

Parish Centre: The Parish Centre is open as usual Mon. – Fri. from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Phone 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank holidays.

We Welcome Bishop Denis Nulty to Our Parish. Bishop Nulty will say Mass in Ballymurphy on Saturday 2nd November and in Rathanna and Borris on Sunday 3rd November.

Permanent Diaconate Ordinations – 13th October The ordination of our seven permanent deacons will take place in Carlow Cathedral at 3pm on Sunday 13th Oct. All priests welcome. If you are attending, please contact the Cathedral Parish Centre so they can be prepared regarding seating etc.

Irish Catholic The Irish Catholic will again be on sale at the back of all the churches this coming weekend. It costs €1.50. It is also in sale in Kiernans, Borris.

Pre-Marriage Course. There are places available for our next two courses in St Catherine's Community Service Centre, Carlow. October 11th & 12th 2013 & November 8th & 9th 2013. To reserve a place book on line at www.accord.ie or phone Mary at 059 9138738. You are required to attend a Pre-marriage course if you are getting married in the Catholic Church.

Ballymartin School Reunion Meeting.

Due to important public meeting in Ballinkillen the meeting scheduled for 9th. Oct. had to be cancelled and will now take place in Joyces Pub on 16th. Oct. at 7.30. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Information Evening On Croí Nua: an eight session programme for Spiritual renewal Mount St Anne's Retreat Centre, Killenard, Co. Laois, Tuesday, October 22 (7:30 p.m. Tea/Coffee: 8:00 p.m. start) The event is free of charge. **BOOKING IS HELPFUL BUT NOT ESSENTIAL!** Bookings can be made with Christine at Kildare and Leighlin Faith Development Services at 059 9164084 or fds@kandle.ie

The Eist Cancer Support Centre will run a six week **Art Therapy** course starting on 16th October, next. Art Therapy uses paint, clay, collage, or other textile aids in a group setting to help the individual discover new possibilities in coping with loss and bereavement. For more information please contact the centre on 0599139684.

St Lazerian's House, Bagenalstown Fundraiser Concert

Country Night 22nd November 8pm Muinebheag Vocational School. For further details and if you want to sing on the night contact Marian 0861258480

Carlow Historical & Archaeological Society:

The first of our Autumn /Winter lectures will take place on Wednesday 16th October, at 8pm, in Borris Vocational School, entitled "The Bridges of Carlow's Mountain River and it's Tributaries" by Francis Coady. Admission Free. All Welcome

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parish Confirmation takes place on 1st May 2014 at 11 am in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris
First Holy Communion will take place on 11th May 2014 in Borris and 18th May 2014 in Ballymurphy

A meeting for those partaking in the **Holy Land Pilgrimage** will take place on Wed. 16th Oct. in Borris Church at 8pm.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

HOPE

Hope draws power from a deep trust in God and the basic goodness of human nature
Hope 'lights a candle' instead of 'cursing the darkness'

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK