

# PARISH NEWS

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
20 OCTOBER 2013

## A sting in the tale!

On the face of it, today's Gospel is a parable about perseverance: if even a corrupt judge will give in to persistent 'pestering', how much more will God answer our prayers when we pray continually? We can only imagine the help God makes available to those who ask him. Don't lose heart, Jesus tells us. Your prayers will be answered.

But there is a sting in the tail, and Jesus also has a challenge for his followers. Almost as an afterthought he poses a question: 'But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?' The real question is not whether our prayer can move God. Jesus turns this question on its head and asks instead: can our prayer move us?

Does our faith spur us into action?

The widow in the parable is seeking justice, and she refuses to stop fighting until it is granted. We cannot ask God for what we want or need, and then sit back and expect it to happen. That is not faith. Our prayer life goes hand in hand with our willingness to fight for what is right, to live as Jesus asks us to.

We are part of the process!

Collections: 13th October 2013 Envelopes €627 Baskets €542

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

**Mass schedule : There will be no weekday Masses next week 21<sup>st</sup> October to 25<sup>th</sup> October due to the Holy Land Pilgrimage from 20<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Borris Parish Website [www.borris.myparish.eu](http://www.borris.myparish.eu) Diocesan Website [www.kandle.ie](http://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](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com) Closed Bank holidays.

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

**Mission Sunday. October 20<sup>th</sup>** is Mission Sunday. The theme for the day is 'Be missionaries of God's love and tenderness and mercy' **Pope Francis**

**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](http://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.

**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](mailto: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**

The **date has been changed to 29th November** in the Mhuine Bheag Vocational School. For further details contact Marian 0861258480

***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY***

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

**Polish Mass** A Mass in Polish will be celebrated in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm

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**Short-Term Pledge for November in Honour of the Holy Souls.** November is traditionally dedicated as the Month of the Holy Souls when we pray in a special way for family members/ relatives/friends who are no longer with us. By a long-standing Irish custom, many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this sacrificial act for the benefit of their deceased loved ones, and for all the Souls in Purgatory. Take the **SHORT-TERM** pledge for **NOVEMBER** [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie) or contact (353) 1 8749464

***THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK***

***GOD OF AUTUMN***

*God of Autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green, letting go of what has been. We too, have our moments of surrender with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to do so.*

*God of fallen leaves lying in coloured patterns on the ground, our lives have their own pattern. As we see the pattern of our growth, may we learn from them.*

***HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK***