

### THE DEEP END: 'The First of His Signs'

This is a familiar story, rich in symbolism. It is the first 'sign' recorded in John's Gospel. These 'signs' in John's Gospel are miracle stories but John prefers to use the term 'sign,' as they point to something far more than just the miracle itself. John used these signs to encourage belief in his readers but they are also an invitation for us to understand something more of how God operates in our lives.

Jesus transforms the water which would be used for the Jewish purification rite. He takes something used to give life to people, and transforms it into something which brings joy, celebration and new life to the party. There are many messages we can take from this account: the ability of God to transform our lives, to transform that which is dead and stale. The abundance of wine (approx. 700 litres!) is a significant reminder of the abundance of God's love for us, beyond our comprehension.

We could also focus on the role of Mary in this Gospel – she is the one who notices, she is attentive to the needs of those around her and brings this concern to Jesus. We might pray today that we too may be able to notice, to see, to intervene when we are faced with situations that need attention. This may be a situation of injustice or it may be a situation where something in our own lives or in our church has become dead and stale and is in desperate need of new wine.

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### THE HOOK OF FAITH: THIS WEEK'S CONTENT

Check out the latest resources at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com) This week features a homily by Fr Sean Devereux, PP Cushinstown who offers us a challenging reflection on putting the variety of gifts we have received from the Spirit to use in our communities. Our interview this week is with Rev. Nicola Halford, Rector of St Mary's Church of Ireland, Enniscorthy, who looks forward to Christian Unity Week. Our featured saint is Francis de Sales whose feast day falls on 24th January and who was one of the inspiring voices behind the teaching of Vatican II that all the baptised are called to holiness. We have the second reflection on a recent pilgrimage to the hold land by Sean O'Leary and finally a poem by Dermot O'Brien of Ferns on the beautiful Cathedral at Leon in Spain.

### HORESWOOD PARISH INFORMATION

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Parish Office Opening Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 10am-1pm

### MASS TIMES

#### HORESWOOD

Saturday 7.00pm

Sunday 10.30am

Weekdays 9.30am

Confessions 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 7.00pm

Baptisms Horeswood: First & Third Saturday of the month 4:00pm

Baptisms Ballykelly: Second & Fourth Saturday of the month 4:00pm

Marriages: A minimum of three months notice must be given to both Church & State.

#### BALLYKELLY

Saturday 8:00pm

Sunday 11:30am

Tuesday & Friday 9:30am



## PARISH OF HORESWOOD

### Church of St. James, Horeswood

### Church of St. Brigid, Ballykelly

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### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers

#### HORESWOOD

Saturday 7:00pm

**Jim & Mary Sinnott and Tom & Maureen Sinnott**, Ballinamona, anniversaries.

Sunday 10:30am

**Martin & Kathleen Power**, Ballykerogue, anniversaries.

Pray for **Patrick Power**, Abbey View, anniversary, **Michael Connolly**, Ballycullane, anniversary, **Peggie Howlin & Leo, Richard & Nicholas Howlin**, Ballykerogue, anniversaries

Wednesday 9:30am

Mass for the Parish

Thursday 9:30am

**Peggie Howlin & Leo, Richard & Nicholas Howlin**, Ballykerogue, anniversaries.

#### BALLYKELLY

Saturday 8pm

**Mary Agnes Cleary**, Whitechurch, anniversary.

### Mass Intentions January 26th & 27th

**Horeswood:** January 26th, **Martin & Moira Murphy**, Priesthaggard, anniversaries. January 27th, **Thomas Gannon**, Priesthaggard, anniversary. **Ballykelly:** January 26th **Nan McMackin**, Ballykelly, anniversary. January 27th **Margaret Walsh**, Ballyverogue, anniversary.

### MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

**Horeswood:** Tuesday–Friday 9:30am. No Mass on Monday.

**Ballykelly:** Tuesday & Friday 9.30am

### PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday **10am-1pm.**

Parish Office : 051-593512

**horeswoodparishoffice@gmail.com**

### PARISH PHONE

NUMBER **051-593512**

We have changed

Telephone Provider and at the

moment we have a

temporary number.

**051-593512.** We hope to revert

back to the old number.




### FERNS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES INVALID SECTION

May 11<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>

Application forms for the invalid pilgrimage are available from the parish office. Forms must be returned to the Hospitalité Secretary by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**WEEKLY ENVELOPES**  
**HORESWOOD: 13/01/2019 €480.00**  
**BALLYKELLY: 13/01/2019 €245.00**  
**Thank you for your generosity.**

**READERS FOR JANUARY**  
**HORESWOOD**  
 7pm **John Sinnott**  
 10:30am **John Molloy**



**BALLYKELLY**  
 8pm January 19th **Agnes Flaherty**  
 11:30am January 20th **Joe Bridges**  
 8pm January 26th **June Hearn**  
 11:30am January 27th **Tommy Lennon**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
**HORESWOOD**  
**JANUARY**  
 7pm January 19th **Helen Hart**  
 10:30am January 20th **Susan Devane & Ann Caulfield**  
 7pm January 26th & February 2nd **Johnnie O'Leary**  
 10:30am January 27th & February 3rd **Ann Roche & Catherine Breen**

<b>COLLECTORS JANUARY</b>	
<b>Saturday 7pm</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30am</b>
Seán Clancy Nicholas Carr Richard Devane	Joe Ryan Bobby Murray Tony O'Shea

**PILGRIMAGE TO KRAKOW**  
 Pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland from September 26<sup>th</sup>-October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Visit places linked to St John Paul II; Salt Mines, Auschwitz, Jasna Gora etc. For further information contact Martin Colfer on 087-2596159.

**REFLECTION**  
**Believing in God – how do you do that?**  
 Believing in God means: I put all my trust in the One who loves me the most. I accept what God reveals of himself. I try to do what he tells me. Believing in God means to feel secure in him. God loves us. We do not need to be afraid. Together with Him we can bring out the best in us! "Your faith has saved you!" Jesus said this sentence over and over after He had healed people. He says it to a healed woman (Mt 9:22), he says it to a blind man (Lk 18:42), he says it to a leper (Lk 17-19).  
 The Lutheran pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) was arrested and sentenced to death during Adolf Hitler's dictatorship in Germany. In jail, amidst fear of death, he wrote an absolutely incredible song: "By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered, and confidently waiting, come what may, we know God is with us night and morning, and never fails to greet us each new day."  
 We pray :  
 Sometimes, for a moment, I pause, in the midst of the troubles of the day; I close my eyes and ears, and for a moment I am happy; for I am not alone; You are there, my God. Amen.  
*This is brought to you by the Diocesan Pastoral Council.*

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
 There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting next Wednesday January 23rd at 7:30pm in Horeswood.

 **HORESWOOD**  
**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
**Telephone**  
**086 / 3340071**  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul


**RAMSGRANGE ACTIVE RETIREMENT**  
**Monthly meeting: AGM** Monday February 4<sup>th</sup>, in St. Louis Day Care Centre at 2:15pm. New members welcome. Just a reminder yearly membership fees of €20 due by end February. We are always looking for new members, so if you are 50 or over, why not come along.  
**Trip to Omniplex Cinema:** Wednesday January to see 'Mary Poppins Returns', €15. Bus leaving Ramsgrange car park at 12noon. Usual Pickups on the way from Ramsgrange to Wexford. To book, 051 389012 or 087 0544976.  
**Annual Holiday:** with South East Tours for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Maritime Hotel Bantry. Cost PPS €529. Single supplement €25 per night extra. Cost includes B&B, Evening Dinner, Transport to & from Bantry, Day Trips / Entrance fee / Gratuities. Why not ask a friend to join you? Non-members welcome at no extra cost.

**SCOIL MUIRE HORESWOOD**  
**ENROLMENT SEPTEMBER 2019**




Application for enrolment for September 2019 will be open from January 7th 2019. Application forms are available from the school office. Please contact the school on 051-388255 or by email at horeswoodns@gmail.com to request an enrolment pack. Closing date for enrolment applications is Thursday, February 28th, 2019

**CAMPILE AREA DEVELOPMENT GROUP**  
 Campile Area Development Group will hold a Fundraising Table Quiz in Dunphy's Campile on Saturday January 26th at 9pm. Entry fee €20 for table of 4. All support greatly appreciated.



**SPLIT THE POT**  
**Saturday January 12th**



This week our lucky winner was **Nicole Hayes- €245.00**  
**Next Draw:** Saturday January 19th (at the end of Mass). Winners may collect money from the Parish office from Tuesday onwards after the draw has taken place.

**ST LOUIS DAY CARE CENTRE**  
**Assisted Home Living for the Elderly provide the following services:**  
 Meals on Wheels (daily delivery),  
 Day Care Service,  
 Home Baking Service, (Sweet & Savoury Orders can be catered for),  
 Medical and Counselling services, including Bereavement Support,  
 Chiropody and Hairdressing.  
 Services by appointment. For more information ring the Centre on 051-389509 or call in to see us.

**BALLYKELLY HALL AGM**  
 Ballykelly Hall AGM takes place on Thursday, January 31st at 8.30pm. All are welcome.



**12<sup>TH</sup> WEXFORD SCOUTS**  
**COFFEE MORNING**  
 12th Wexford, Horeswood & Ballykelly scouts are holding a coffee morning on Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup> in Ballykelly Hall after 11:30am Mass. Thank you for your continued support.

