

PARISH NEWS

Fourth Sunday of Lent

22nd March 2020

'It was your eyes he opened!'

The Trócaire Lenten campaign this year invites us to Kenya, to hear the struggles and concerns of the people of Ishiara parish who are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. Fr Barasa, the parish priest there, says: 'Climate change is an important issue within our faith because whatever God created is good. Whatever God created is also related to us; we need the environment and it needs us. What I pray for is that everyone will come together, because one continent cannot do it on its own. I would like to ask people to work together against climate change. Let us pray for rain and support each other so this planet may still be here for the next generations, so that we may not be the last ones to live here.'

The Gospel today tells the story of the healing of the man born blind who, like us, is being invited to see more clearly, until he finally worships Jesus. In contrast, the Pharisees in the story are becoming more blind. The more clearly the man can see, the more opposition he faces, as those who hold power object to him and his new-found vision. How can we as parish communities work for justice for our brothers and sisters who are in need? We need to see them, to see their struggle, to see the systems which contribute to the crisis. Through small actions we can live in solidarity and challenge those in power to work for transformation.

'Transformation ... begins with the people of God who start turning the things of death into things of life. And the kings and presidents and nations will follow.' – Shane Claiborne

Collections:

	Envelopes €	Baskets €
No of Envelopes	Direct Debits	

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

Mass Schedule:

Sunday 22nd Mass in Borris will be celebrated behind closed doors at 11am and will be available via webcam.

Weekday Morning Masses also available via webcam at 10am

Safeguarding: If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Mr. Mick Daly** Mob: 085-8021633, email – dlp@kandle.ie

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie

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Parish Centre: Mon/Wed/Fri 9.30 – 12.30, Tues & Thurs 1pm – 4pm

Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

Dates for your Diary

CONFIRMATION BORRIS SATURDAY 25TH APRIL AT 11AM BORRIS CHURCH

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION BALLYMURPHY SATURDAY 16TH MAY 12 NOON

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION BORRIS SATURDAY 23RD MAY 11AM

Carlow Family Support Group - You Are Not Alone

Drugs and Alcohol abuse effects families regardless of status in life. You did not cause it, you can't control it and you can't cure it. Help is available for those who live with this dreadful disease call 085 7872730.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly
to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

STAY SAFE

