

PARISH NEWS

The Baptism of the Lord 10th January 2016

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In Luke's account of the baptism of Jesus we hear that Jesus was at prayer after his baptism, when the heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended like a dove. This is the main focus of Luke's account of this story, he is the only Gospel writer who says that Jesus was at prayer before 'heaven opened' and God's voice was heard. A call to do God's work can often be preceded by a deep prayerful experience of God. Luke's focus is on the *experience* of Jesus in this account but we are also called to see the revelation of God in ourselves and in others. Perhaps you can recall when you suddenly saw a divine spark in someone you know or noticed a change in yourself because of a deep experience.

We can recall moments in our lives when we experienced God tenderly and lovingly saying to us, 'you are my son/daughter'; 'you are my *beloved*'; 'my favour rests on you'. Very often experiences such as these are simple events. They can also call to a greater commitment to our faith and our relationship with God.

'The descent into the waters of our spirit, is a journey into the presence of divinity.... All human beings are children of God but not all live in the awareness that there is 'that of God' within them'

W.L. WALLACE

Collections: 27thDec./3rd Jan Envelopes €2242 Baskets €1518
 No of Envelopes 123 Direct Debits 11

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

Mass Schedule : Mass 7.30pm Mon 11th & Fri 15th Jan
 Mass at 9am Tues 12th Jan – Thurs 14th Jan

Visiting the Sick Fr. John will visit the sick on his list on Tuesday 12th Jan in Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas and on Wednesday 13th in the Borris area.

Webcam The webcam is up and running again in the Sacred Heart Church, we have had some problems with it lately. Apologies for any inconvenience.

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.

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Aspiro – Ireland’s leading choir for children & young people are now taking in new members in all age-groups. Newest initiative Aspiro Early Year Programme Parent/Minder & Child age 2+, Monday 9.30-10.15am. Limited number of places available in all groups - contact info@aspirochoir.ie, or ph no: 085-7451111

Accord Carlow Pre-Marriage Courses

Couples getting married in the Catholic Church are required to attend a Pre-Marriage Course
Places available on the following courses

Jan 22nd & 23rd ,Feb 5th & 6th, March 11th & 12th at St Catherine’s Community Centre, St Joseph’s Road, Carlow

Please book on line at www.accord.ie or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

NEW YEAR BLESSING

Thank you lord for giving me the brand new year ahead.
Help me to live the way I should as each new day I tread.

Give me gentle wisdom that I might help a friend.

Give me strength and courage so a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty; help me to fill it with good things.

Each new day filled with joy and the happiness it brings.

Please give the leaders of our world a courage born of peace that they might lead us gently and all the fighting cease.

Please give to all upon the earth a heart that's filled with love.

A gentle happy way to live with your blessings from above.

The new year lies before you, like a spotless tract of snow.

Be careful how you tread on it, for every mark will show.

Birds singing their song loud and clear, announcing to the world a new year is here.

I wish you health so you may enjoy each day in comfort.

I wish you the love of friends and family and peace within your heart.

I wish you the beauty of nature that you may enjoy the work of God.

I wish you the wisdom to choose priorities for those things that really matter in life.

I wish you generosity so you may share all good things that come to you.

I wish you happiness and joy and blessings for the New Year.

I wish you the best of everything that you so well deserve.

HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS