PARISH NEWS

First Sunday of Lent 10th March 2019

Into the Wilderness

Lent is a great season where we are called to fasting, almsgiving and prayer. While our motivations may vary from weight loss to genuine spiritual journeying, this is a season where we take time to stop and take stock of our lives. What's there? What's there that shouldn't be there? Are there things in my life that I need to change, to move around, to let go of? Are there obstacles in the way of my relationship with Jesus and with the world around me?

Given the extent of the climate crisis that the world now finds itself in, and Ireland's dismal record on climate action, Lent would be an excellent time for each of us to examine our relationship with the earth in the hope that we might recognise the interconnectedness of all things. We might fast from our cars when we can, or look at how much food, clothes and energy we consume. How are our recycling habits? You might pledge to read Laudato Si, Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, during Lent, and perhaps to ask a few friends to join you.

Whatever you decide to do, embrace this very special time. In the Gospel we are given encouragement as we read that Jesus is being led by the Spirit into the wilderness. The wilderness is not a place to be feared: it can be a place of transformation; a place where God is ultimately in control. We might encounter our demons and temptations there, but that is part of the journey. As with all things, we will get out of Lent what we put in. The more we put in, the greater the celebration on Easter Sunday morning.

Collections: 3rd March Envelopes €691 Baskets €569

No of Envelopes 52 Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule

Mass Monday 11^{th.} & Friday 15th Mar. at 7.30pm Mass on Tuesday 12th – Thursday 14th Mar. at 10am **St. Patrick's Weekend – Saturday/Sunday Masses at usual times.**

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Parish Centre:

New Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday, Wednesday & Friday 1.00pm to 4.00pm Tuesday & Thursday

Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays. Safeguarding: If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Ms. Joan Treacy Mob: 085-8021633, e-mail – dlp@kandle.ie

Visiting The Sick Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 7th March in the Ballymurphy and Rathanna areas and on Friday 8th March in the Borris area.

The Eist Cancer Support Centre provides emotional support and practical help to anyone affected by cancer, their families and friends. The centre is currently running a variety of programmes including nutrition and mindfulness - please contact Eist at the Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow on 059 9139684 for further details.

Accord Carlow

Pre – Marriage Courses 2019

May10th & 11thFriday & SaturdayJune7th & 8thFriday & SaturdaySeptember6th & 7thFriday & SaturdayOctober4th & 5thFriday & Saturday

To reserve a place book on line at www.accord.ie. For further information please contact: Mary at Accord Carlow phone no 059 9138738, St Catherine's Community Service Centre, St Joseph's Road, Carlow. Email: accordcarlow@eircom .net

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

March 8th International Women's Day



HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK