

# PARISH NEWS

**Fourth Sunday of Lent  
11<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

*Today, the 'middle' Sunday of Lent, is known as Laetare Sunday. The name comes from the opening words of the entrance antiphon of the Mass, Laetare Jerusalem' or 'Rejoice, O Jerusalem'. We tend not to think of Lent as a time to rejoice, but a few small signs of joy are permitted at Mass today, such as the use of flowers on the altar and rose-coloured vestments for the priest instead of the Lenten purple. The shadow of the cross still looms large, but we look forward with hope to Easter, when light will conquer darkness.*

*We are offered an opportunity today to pause and reflect on our Lenten journey. Listen to the words of St. Paul: 'You are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.' Many of our efforts during Lent are aimed at improving ourselves, being more generous with our time or resources, more patient, more attentive to the needs of others – living as true followers of Jesus. What changes do I need to make to be 'God's work of art'?*

*And in John's Gospel we hear: 'The (person) who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.' One question we might ask this Lent is: Am I living a truthful life? Am I honest in my dealings with others, trying always to choose what is right and just, or are there things I think or do in secret that are unkind or dishonest? How might I step out into the light this Lent?*

**Collections:** 25<sup>th</sup>Feb Envelopes €473 Baskets €874  
No of Envelopes 67 Direct Debits 4

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

**Mass Schedule:** Mass on Mon 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm  
**Vigil Mass on Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Mar. in Ballymurphy – No Friday night Mass in Borris**  
**St. Patrick's Day Masses – Rathanna 9.30am & Borris at 1pm (to accommodate the parade)**  
Mass Tues 13<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Mar. at 10am  
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Feb **Group 2**

**Confessions** in Sacred Heart, Borris from 11.30 – 12 noon every Saturday morning. All welcome.

**Visitation of the Sick** Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list in Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March and in the Borris area on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

**Pro-Life Rally in Dublin** on Sat. Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> – Bus will be at Askea Church, Carlow at 11.30am – if enough register they will also have a bus in Bagenalstown at 11.30am. Contact Martina Kinsella 087-2987934

**Borris Parish Website:** [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie)

**Diocesan Website:** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

**Parish Centre:** Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday  
Phone 059 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie)

**[Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes](#)**

The Parish Pilgrimage this year 5 night package starting on **Tuesday 07 August 2018**.

The cost would be EUR 755.00 per person sharing a twin / double room and EUR 155.00 for the single room supplement. The cost would include the following;

**Transport & Accommodation**

- Flight from Dublin to Lourdes
- Transfer on arrival from the airport to the hotel with guide assistance
- Accommodation in the Hotel Paradis
- Breakfast, lunch and evening meal served each day at hotel
- Transfer to Lourdes Airport for return flight
- Luxury air-conditioned coach for all transfers and tours

**Tours & Religious Programme**

- Introductory tour of the Grotto Domain, visiting the Grotto, Baths, Basilicas and the Stations of the Cross
- Guided walking tour of Lourdes visiting places associated with the life of St. Bernadette
- Religious processions in Lourdes led by Spiritual Director: Blessing of the Sick, Blessed Sacrament and Torchlight Marian Procession
- Full services of guides and representatives throughout the pilgrimage and at airports

**For booking forms please call to the Parish Centre.**

**[Message from Threshold to the Parish](#)**

I want to thank you for your generous gift to Threshold at Christmas. At Threshold our team of expert and hard-working housing advisors respond to calls from struggling families and people from all across the country on the brink of homelessness. We're receiving over 300 calls each day to our helpline, and thanks to donations like yours we can help, support and give hope to each and every caller.

*John-Mark McCafferty, Threshold*

**'24HOURS FOR THE LORD'**

St. Andrews Church, Bagenalstown will be opened for 24 hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession. *All are welcome.*

6pm Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March to 6pm Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Opening Ceremony at 6pm Friday, Closing Mass on Saturday at 6pm.

**Parish Finance Meeting** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in The Parish Centre

**Liturgy Meeting** on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in The Parish Centre

*WE NEED YOUR HELP*

**Sacred Heart Church 2020 Celebrations**

In 2020 our Parish Church in Borris, the Sacred Heart, celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are looking for ideas on how to celebrate this as a Parish. We would welcome also old photos and stories about the Church which we can integrate into our celebrations. All of these can be emailed to a special email address [borris2020@gmail.com](mailto:borris2020@gmail.com)

*Fr. Rory*

*HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*

