

Attention All Eucharistic Ministers During Holy Week on Holy Thursday we will have a special commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. At the end of the commissioning we will issue certificates to all our Eucharistic Ministers.

On **Wednesday 16th March at 8.30pm** we will have a Refresher Course for all our Eucharistic Ministers. The meeting will take place in the Parish Centre.

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Catholicism Journey Around the World and Deep into the Faith - Join us every **Monday** night during Lent for this incredible Journey on DVD in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris after the 7.30pm Mass.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje & Dubrovnik from the 14th. September – 21st. September. If you are interested in taking part in the pilgrimage we would appreciate if you could let Tully's know as soon as possible as they need to make reservations in the hotels etc.

Phone Donna (059-9136100) in Tully's Travel Carlow.

Trocaire "He went off, went off weeping, carrying the seed. He comes back, comes back singing, bringing in his sheaves." Psalms 126:6. Many people in Kenya have sown their crops not knowing if there will be a harvest to bring in to feed their families. However your support has ensured that with irrigated lands many farmers there are now able to sow in confidence of harvesting a good crop. Joseph Iriri is one of those farmers who has seen his family transformed because a Trócaire irrigation scheme means he can not only feed his children but now afford to send them to school. Find out more at www.trocaire.org

Pre-Marriage Courses

Couples getting married in the Catholic Church are required to attend a Pre-Marriage Course. If you intend to get married this summer or early autumn 2016 you should now book a Pre-Marriage Course. Accord Carlow have places available on the following courses at St Catherine's Community Centre Carlow April 8th & 9th, May 6th & 7th, June 10th & 11th. There will be no courses in July & August. Booking can be made on line at www.accord.ie or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information.



A Message to You from Bishop Denis

I want to take this opportunity to invite you to come to Carlow for this year's celebration of the Chrism Mass on Monday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral. During this Mass the Holy Oils that will be used across the diocese in baptisms, confirmations, ordinations and anointing of the sick will be blessed and the priests of the diocese will renew their vows of ordination. We will be led in song on the night by the Diocesan Choir, and I am delighted that many of our young pilgrims going to World Youth Day this Summer will be with us also.

I look forward to meeting and saying hello to as many of you as possible after the Mass over a cuppa next door in Carlow College. So put the date in your calendar because your presence will make all the difference!

+Bishop Denis

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

This week we will celebrate the fifth-century mission of Patrick to the Irish. But, like any vocation, or way of life, Patrick's sense of mission only unfolded gradually. He tells us in his *Cofessio*: 'I was not quick to accept what [the Lord] showed me, and so the Spirit prompted me. The Lord was merciful to me a thousand times, because he saw in me that I was ready, but that I did not know what I should do about that state of my life.....I was not quick to recognise the grace that was in me'.

Lord, help us to recognise the grace that is in each one of us.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK