

# PARISH NEWS

## Fourth Sunday of Lent 15<sup>th</sup> March 2015

### **'Those who do what is true come to the light'**

Out of death comes new life. Have you ever seen someone come back to life? It may have been a friend who got over a really tough break up or someone who after many months of grief started to get their life back together again. Resurrection is all around us, all the time. It is easy for us to be cynical when we think of an issue like climate justice. As Christians we are called to be resurrection focused. There are always ways to turn a situation around, to make things right, to strive for life again and again. This is the vision that Jesus gives each of us, to love and hope rather than despair.

We have been journeying this Lent with Mahlet (which means 'Life') and her family from Sebeya. Mahlet and her family have contributed nothing to the problem of climate change, yet they are the ones who suffer the most when the rains fail. They will benefit from a new irrigation system being built with help from Trocaire this year, helping to ensure food security for Mahlet's family and other's in her village. We can make a real difference to people's lives through the small choices we make: the promise to live more simply and more sustainably. It is up to us and we can choose to be part of the solution rather than the problem. Take the option for radical love, for hope, for climate justice.

**'I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.'**  
*Mother Teresa*

**Collections:** 8<sup>th</sup> March 2015 Envelopes : €518 Baskets €965

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

**Mass Schedule: Vigil Mass** in Ballymurphy on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm

**St. Patrick's Day 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Mass will be celebrated at 9.30pm  
in Rathanna and 1pm in Borris

Mass at 9am Wed 18<sup>th</sup> March

Mass at 7.30pm on Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March

**Ballymurphy Servers** Sat 14<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March – Group 3

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

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

**Dates for Your Diary Weekend Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick & Knock** Sat 27<sup>th</sup> -

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015 €100 per person, includes bus, dinner & bed & breakfast in hotel. **Please book as soon as possible if you are interested in this pilgrimage as we need to finalise details. The deposit is €20 per person.**

**Trocaire** "You created my inmost self, knit me together in my mother's womb." *Psalms 139:13*. On this Mothering Sunday we remember mothers all over the developing world who face the daily struggle to feed their children, clothe them and send them to school. Trócaire works with thousands of families in the world's poorest countries to support them in this struggle. *Find out more at [trocaire.org/lent](http://trocaire.org/lent)*

**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](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com) Closed Bank Holidays

**Masses during Lent** will be at 7.30pm on Mondays & Fridays and at 9.00am from Tuesday to Thursday. There are many positive ways of marking Lent special. Some possible ways are:

- ❖ For those who travel to work, to make the effort to get up half an hour earlier to attend Mass
- ❖ For those who are retired or unemployed, to make an effort and make a daily visit to the Blessed Sacrament
- ❖ For families, to say the Rosary together daily or even a decade a day.

**Polish Mass** A mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris.

**Stations of the Cross** The Polish Community will have the Stations of the Cross in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm All welcome

**24 HOURS ADORATION - in Carlow Cathedral "God is rich in mercy "**, at the request of Pope Francis starting on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>. March at 6pm and ending with the 6.15pm Mass on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>. March. Please come and spend some time with us in prayer. During the 24 hours confessions will be available.

**The Irish Cancer Society's Care to Drive** service is currently seeking volunteer drivers to drive local patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments in the Dublin hospitals. We are looking for volunteers from Kildare/Carlow to pick patients up at their homes, drive them to the door of the hospital, pick them up again when they are finished their treatment and bring them home. The service is free to the patient and all drivers' expenses are paid. Telephone Gail on 01 2310 566 or email [transport@irishcancer.ie](mailto:transport@irishcancer.ie)

**Visiting the Sick** Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. John if you are in the Borris, Ballymurphy or Rathanna areas and wish to be visited in your home once a month by Fr. John.

**ACCORD Carlow Pre-Marriage Courses** Couples getting married this summer or early autumn should book a course now. Places are available on the following 3 courses April 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> , May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. **There are no courses in July or August.** Bookings can be made on line at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) or phone Mary at 059 9138738

## *THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*

### *WITH A LITTLE HOPE*

Often, it is through the most difficult days of our lives that we come to know ourselves and what is truly important to us. No matter how sad you may feel at times, be confident that hope will awaken with tomorrow. Faith and courage reach out to you – take hold of them and you will find that you will be able to smile again and truly be happy once more. How we deal with life is really a matter of personal choice, so choose to be happy.

Find joy in the simplest things, and see beauty in each person you meet. When things are difficult, remind yourself that no pain comes to you without a purpose. Above all, trust in God's handcrafted plan that He has made just for you and let Him love you through life's joyous and painful aspects. If you do, you will find inner peace and an unending joy.

*HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*