

# PARISH NEWS

## First Sunday of Lent

18<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### Operation Transformation

The first Sunday of Lent – I love Lent, it's a great season where we can get in 'transformation' mode. Regardless of whether or not someone is still 'practising' their faith, people still seem to get on board with Lent. We usually give something up, but remember it's not simply about weight loss or getting fit. By doing these things we are trying to make room for something deeper. It's a spring cleaning sort of time. What needs clearing out in my life so that I can make more room for God? Or often do we need to make more room for what God has planned for us? We can get stuck, especially when we are comfortable and don't really want too much to change. But without change we can't grow and things fast become stale in our lives. God is always urging us on because God knows just what possibilities there are for each of us. So lent might be a time where in giving up something or taking on something, we make space for something new. The gospel today is short and sweet – Jesus is sent into the desert and we too are invited into a desert time. Deserts are interesting places which can allow us to reflect, give ourselves space and we should not be afraid because as the gospel tells us clearly today, it is a Spirit led desert. God is with us in this desert. So enjoy Lent, embrace it. How we make use of this time determines what will be.

**Collections:**                      4<sup>th</sup>Feb                  Envelopes €640                  Baskets €777  
  No of Envelopes 64                  Direct Debits 4

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

**Mass Schedule:**    Mass on Mon 19<sup>th</sup> & Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. at 7.30pm  
  Mass Tues 20<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb at 10am

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Feb **Group 3**

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

### [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.

**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)

**The Three Tenors-In Concert**  
**Borris Church**  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 8.30pm**  
**Ireland's Greatest Voices** with Star Violinist  
**An Evening of Popular Classic Hits**  
**from Sinatra, The Dubliners, Pavarotti & Spiritual Favourites!**



**Ireland's Most Popular Trio-** RTE award-winners Shane Morgan, Dominic McGorian, Derek Moloney, promise you a night to remember! This thrilling concert is packed with the most beautiful spiritual favourites– Ave Maria, The Prayer, I Believe, & the world's most popular, uplifting, magical songs from Sinatra (*My Way*), and Pavarotti (*O Sole Mio*). Their noted friendliness & connection with their audience makes this a unique Tenors concert.

**Tickets €25 Available Soon**

(outlets for tickets will be advertised)

***THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK***

**A Family Prayer for Lent**

Creator God, be with us as we make our Lenten journey together as a family.

Give us the strength to do what we have promised and the love to help one another along the way. When Easter comes, may our Lenten promises have brought us closer to You and to Your Son, Jesus.

**AMEN.**

***HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK***

