

# PARISH NEWS

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of Migrants and Refugees 18<sup>th</sup> January 2015

### 'Come and see'

Today marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and this year's theme for the week is 'Jesus said to her: 'Give me to drink', from the story of Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well.

The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman invites us to try water from a different well and to also offer some of our own. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an opportunity for encounter and dialogue with others, and a time to ask God for the gift of unity.

Today is also World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Speaking last summer when he met with migrants and asylum seekers on the Mediterranean island of Lampedusa, Pope Francis urged 'brotherly responsibility' towards our fellow human beings.

There is a Brazilian proverb used when a visitor is leaving one's home: 'Whoever drinks of this water keeps coming back.' Today's readings see Jesus invite the disciples to 'come and see' where he lived. He welcomed them into his home and they stayed with him for the rest of the day. The example of Jesus encourages us to be welcoming, to extend a warm invitation to all, and to spend time with others in conversation and friendship.

**Collections:** 6<sup>th</sup> Jan & 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015 Envelopes €1021 Baskets €910

No. Of Envelopes Returned 147 Direct Debits 9

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

### Mass Schedule:

Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Jan & Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan

Mass at 9am Tues 20<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan Incl.

**St. Vincent de Paul** wish to thank everybody for their generosity in the pre-Christmas Church Gate Collection, and also Borris Vocational School and Private Donations. Ph. 086-0579532

**Polish Christmas Carols Evening** on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris. All welcome.

The **Eist Carlow Cancer Support** Centre is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 9.30a.m. - 4.00p.m. daily. Please contact the Centre for further information at (059) 9139684 or e-mail [eistcarlowcancersupport.ie](mailto:eistcarlowcancersupport.ie)

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

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

**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

### **Mount Leinster Camogie and Football club.**

Anyone interested in becoming a mentor and helping out with Camogie and football next season is invited to a meeting in the clubhouse next Wednesday 21st January at 8.30pm.

If interested a Foundation and Code of Ethics course needs to be completed before training commences. To put names forward for these courses please contact either Elaine 0861736463 or Stella 0876195533.

**Also look out for our new facebook Camogie and Football page where we will keep you up to date with what is happening in the club.**

**Aspiro** – Ireland's leading choir for children & young people finally recruiting new members in 2015. Classes resume Tuesday 13th January. Limited number of places available in all groups . New Aspiro initiative for Pre-School age 3+ started in September 2014 - contact [info@aspirochoir.ie](mailto:info@aspirochoir.ie).

### **Borris Foróige Club Pizza Night**

A Registration Night for members for the new Foróige Club (12-17 year olds) in Borris will take place on Friday Night the 23rd January from 8.15pm – 9.00pm in the Community Hall. The meeting will offer those interested in joining Foróige the opportunity to meet the volunteer leaders, find out what Foróige is all about and enjoy a slice or two of pizza. For further information, contact Rosie O'Brien, Foróige Regional Youth Officer on 086 2997677.

### **Accord Carlow Pre- Marriage Courses**

Couples getting married in spring or early summer should now book a course

Places are available for the following 2 courses

March 13th & 14th, April 10th & 11th

**Booking can be made on line at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information.**

## **Dates for Your Diary**

**Pilgrimage to Rome & Tuscany** 15<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> (9 nights) September 2015 €1295 Bed & Breakfast Basis, includes Flights & All Transfers.

**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.

Further details to follow

## ***THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK***

### **Try this recipe for a Happy New Year!**

Take twelve full-grown months free from old memories or bitterness, hate and jealousy. Cleanse them completely from every clinging spite. Pick off the little specks of pettiness. See that these months are free and clean as when they came from the storehouse of time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts; the whole batch equals one year. If you try to make up the whole batch at once you may spoil the whole lot.

Prepare one day at a time according to this pattern:

Into each day put 12 parts of faith, 11 parts of hope, 10 parts of prayer, 9 parts of kindness, 8 parts of patience, 7 parts of work, 6 parts of fidelity, 5 parts of courage, 4 parts of generosity, 3 parts of quiet meditation, 2 parts of good humour and a dash or two or three of fun and play. Put love into the whole batch and mix with enthusiasm. Garnish with smiles and a sprig of cheer.

Follow these directions and a happy New Year is guaranteed!

***HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK***