

# PARISH NEWS

Third Sunday of Lent  
19<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## Cracked

'Ring the bells that still can ring.  
Forget your perfect offering.

There is a crack in everything...that's how the light gets in.'

*Leonard Cohen*

No one is perfect. This might seem like the most obvious statement in the world, but it's important to remember. We live in a time when people's thought and actions are more widely recorded and open to scrutiny than ever before. A small mistake can cost someone their reputation or livelihood. An opinion expressed, particularly online, can invite a world of insults. It appears to be easier than ever to take the moral high ground, and to dismiss a person entirely based on one thing we know about them.

This is not the way Jesus treated people, and it is not how he sees us. The Samaritan woman Jesus meets is all too aware of what the Jews think of her. She is nervous when approached by Jesus at the well. But he sees beyond the label to the person, the woman with a life story and a context of her own. He engages her in intellectual conversation, listens to her, and wins her over. Jesus could tell the woman everything about her life, and he knows each one of us just as intimately. He knows our past and our faults, our 'cracks'. That is why he is able to speak to us, if we resolve to try and listen. It is also an important lesson in how we should treat others.

**Collections:** 12<sup>th</sup> Mar Envelopes €492 Baskets €720  
No of Envelopes 71 Direct Debits 3

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

**Mass Schedule:** Mass on Mon 20<sup>th</sup> & Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm  
Mass Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> - Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> March 9am

**Vigil Mass** on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Mar in Ballymurphy at 7.30pm. Mass in Rathanna at 9.30am & in Borris at 1pm (to accommodate the Parade) on **St. Patrick's Day Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
**No Evening Mass in Borris on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Mar Group 3

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

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

## *Dates for Your Diary*

Confirmation Borris Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> April 11am  
First Holy Communion Borris Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> May 11am



**Another Date for Your Diary!  
Chrism Mass 2017**

Monday, April 10, 7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow.

Bishop Denis warmly invites parishioners from across the diocese to join him for this Mass during which the priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises and the Oil of Catechumen, Oil of the Sick and Chrism will be blessed and consecrated for use in parishes in the coming year.

***Please come early to be sure of a seat!  
Parking and refreshments afterwards in Carlow College.***

**Inaugural Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2017**

Led by the Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin Most Reverend Denis Nulty  
16<sup>th</sup> July 2017 - 5 Nights €719 per person sharing, Flights, Transfers Full Board & Accommodation included. Full details available at the Parish Office or Joe Walsh Tours  
Dedicated Assisted Section for Sick Pilgrims, Pilgrimage Director Fr. Paddy Byrne

***THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK***

**A Table Prayer for Lent**

God of mercy and love, source of our hope, this season of Lent we ask your blessing upon us and upon this meal we are about to share.

As we give thanks for the gift of this food we remember those people who will go without a meal today.

We remember, too, those who hunger for more than physical food.

We pray that all of us will seek out and be nourished by the daily bread that comes from you alone.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

***HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY***