

PARISH NEWS

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st February 2015

A teaching that is new

A friend once told me a story about his favourite lecturer in college. He met him while crossing the campus one day, stopped and asked the lecturer how he was. The lecturer paused for a long moment, thinking about it, before eventually replying, 'I'm fine, thanks for asking.' At the time my friend wasn't sure what to make of it, though the unusual encounter stuck in his mind for years afterwards. On reflection, he appreciated that the lecturer had thought about his question, and to this day it has made him stop and think every time he asks someone, or is asked, 'how are you?'. The lecturer had taken an everyday question, and everyday language, and infused it with new meaning.

The people who listen to Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel are used to hearing scribes and teachers in the synagogue. But with Jesus they witness something new. We don't know what Jesus was teaching that day, or what kind of language he was using, but what struck people was that he taught with authority. He had drawn them in, but they couldn't quite put their finger on it. 'What does it all mean?' they asked each other. He had made them think, and they recognised that he was offering something different.

Collections: 25th Jan 2015 Envelopes €373 Baskets €622

No. Of Envelopes Returned 68 Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule:

Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 2nd Feb & Fri 6th Feb

Mass at 9am Tues 3rd -Thurs 5th Feb Incl.

Solemn Evening of Prayer - Celebrating the Year for Consecrated Life in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, at 4 p.m. on the Feast of St. Brigid, February 1, 2015.
Refreshments afterwards in Carlow College.

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan website 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 Closed Bank Holidays

Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Andrew's Church, Bagenalstown starting on Tuesday 17th February for 9 Tuesdays commencing with Mass each night at 7.30pm. The Rosary will be recited at 7.10pm.

Attending the Sick Fr. John will visit the sick on his list on Tuesday 10th Feb. in Rathanna and Ballymurphy areas, and in Borris area on Wednesday 11th Feb.

Variety Concert in Ballinkillen Lorum Community Centre Club on Friday 6th, February 2015.
Doors open at 8pm - Admission €10

Dates for Your Diary

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

Weekend Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick & Knock Sat 27th - Sunday 28th June 2015 €100 per person, includes bus, dinner & bed & breakfast in hotel. If you are interested book your place with a deposit of €20 in the Parish Centre for this pilgrimage.

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

The Centre will be running the following Spring Programmes:

Tuesday : 11.00a.m - Meditation

2.00p.m. Mens Group (every second Tuesday)

Wednesday: 10.30a.m. Bereavement Support (every second Wednesday)

11.00a.m. Pilates Beginners

Thursday: 10.30a.m. Advanced Pottery

11.00a.m. Strides for Life

2.00p.m. Beginners Pottery

Graiguecullen Monster Bingo

Tuesday 2nd February 2015 @ 8.30pm, Great Prizes to be won, bring a friend.

Aspiro – Ireland's leading choir for children & young people resume **Aspiro Inspired** (Adult Community Choir) Friday 6th February, 10.00-11.30am. - contact info@aspirochoir.ie, or ph: 0857451111

DVD's of the Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage 2014 are available at the Parish Office

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Wednesday 11th February in Parochial House at 8.30pm

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will. When the road you are trudging seems all uphill. When the funds are low and the debts are high and you want to smile but you can only sigh. When care is pressing you down a bit. Rest if you must, but don't you quit!

Life is queer with its' twists and turns as every one of us sometimes learns and many a person turns about, when had they stuck it out.

Don't give up though the pace seems slow, you may succeed with another blow! Often the struggler has given up, when he might have captured the Victor's cup and he learned to late when the night came down how close he was to the Golden Crown!

Success is failure turned inside out, so stick to the fight when you are hardest hit.

It is when things seem worst. **"YOU MUST NOT QUIT!"**

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK