

PARISH NEWS

Second Sunday of Lent 1 March 2015

'Coming down the mountain'

The people of Sebeya in Ethiopia once lived in a region where mountain tops were green and covered in vegetation. Today, the people of Sebeya are confused as to why their rains have stopped; why a land once full of vegetation is now dry. Having lived a simple life and played no part in causing their weather systems to change, these people are now experiencing the effects of climate change, the causes of which lie with the lifestyles of rich nations thousands of miles away. This is a great injustice. When we read today's Gospel we can see Peter who is desperate to stay on the mountain in that blissful moment with Jesus. But Jesus' way is different to what Peter may have had in mind at the time. Jesus' way involves coming down from the mountain and walking a very different path. We hear the call to act on climate justice everywhere but now we need to really listen and to take urgent action. This involves making changes to our lifestyles and campaigning governments who are slow to act. We start with ourselves, with small acts in the hope that the Kings and Presidents of the world will follow.

'Creation is not a property, which we can rule over at will; or, even less, is the property of only a few; Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all'

Pope Francis

Collections: 22nd Feb 2015

Due to a bereavement the money was not counted this week

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

Mass Schedule:

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

Mass at 9am Tues 3rd to Thurs 5th March Incl.

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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.

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

Trocaire “With justice he **will** judge the poor of the people, he **will** save the **children** of the needy and crush their oppressors.” *Psalms 72:3-4*. Trócaire’s Lenten campaign 2015 highlights the injustice faced by many in the developing world who have to cope with drought & increasing temperatures because of climate change. The very people who have done least to cause this situation are the ones suffering most. To find out more visit trocaire.org/lent

The Little Purple Book for Children is a book for Lent which explains all about lent to children with Lenten Games, Puzzles & Quizzes. It is available in the Parish Centre, cost €3. It would make a lovely gift from grandparents or parents to children. We also will have some copies available for sale at the Masses next weekend.

Dates for Your Diary

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 not interested in climbing Croagh Patrick you will have the opportunity to visit Westport on the Saturday, and Knock on the Sunday.**

Committee for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Our Bishop recently met with this committee and has asked us to promote Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our Parish. This would be a wonderful opportunity for people to dedicate more time to prayer during Lent. We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all day Wednesday in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel. If you are interested in participating please contact Fr. John or the Parish Centre.

Making Marriage Work! Healing day in Emmanuel House, Clonfert on Saturday 7th March 2015 from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm Guest Speakers Peter and Fiona Perrem (Nazareth Family Institute) Contact Emmanuel House 057 9151552 or email contact@emmanuelhouse.ie Bring a packed lunch

International Women’s Day A Coffee Morning to celebrate International Women’s Day will be hosted by County Carlow Women’s Network on Monday 9th March 2015 in Askea Parish Centre from 10.00 am to 12 noon. All men and women are welcome to come and join us for the celebration.

SYNOD on the FAMILY

As you know Pope Francis has convened a synod to reflect on the mission of the family in the world today. Pope Francis wants all of us to be engaged in this process. Last year we organised a public meeting in our parish which was well attended and we submitted the responses to the questionnaire that was sent out to us. We are now in the second stage of preparation for this Synod and another questionnaire has been sent out to us.

We have organised a public meeting for **Wednesday 4th March at 8pm** in the Parish centre in Borris. The purpose of this meeting is to pray for the family and the synod and to answer the questionnaire that has been sent out to us. If you are interested in attending this meeting, please let us know or just turn up on the day. This is a way of making sure that your voice is heard. If you would prefer not to attend this meeting you can download the questionnaire from the diocesan website (we have a few copies in the Parish centre as well), fill it out and send it back to Bishops’ house Carlow. The questionnaire has to be returned before the 13th March.

Thank you for your participation in this process.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK