

PARISH NEWS

First Sunday of Lent

1st March 2020

Embrace the Wilderness

We journey into the desert as we begin Lent 2020, and we are encouraged to embrace the richness of this time and the possibilities that lie within. The desert can be unappealing, we may feel a resistance to the challenge, but the potential is enormous. Going inward, praying, fasting, taking on, giving – all of these practices offer us opportunities for genuine spiritual growth. It is through this journey that we can deepen our relationship with the One who urges us on. We should not be afraid of the desert for, as the Gospel today tells us, it is the Spirit who leads us on this path.

Let us bring to mind this season the fact that our global community stands at a crossroads, confronted with a frightening environmental crisis, another type of wilderness. We watched in horror this past year as wildfires destroyed vast ecosystems in the Amazon, Indonesia and Australia, killing an estimated one billion animals, destroying homes and taking lives. Ecologists in Ireland also tell us that to look at the Irish countryside today is to look and see what is no longer there. Another wilderness.

Lent is an opportunity to examine our lifestyles and to think about our relationship with God's creation. As Catholic faith communities, let us embrace the challenge to care for our common home in these weeks, making small changes. We can all do something: eliminate single-use plastics, fast from our cars, plant trees, bring a small group together to read Laudato Si, pray for our world leaders. Let this be a time of discerning our call to care for this planet, our home.

'Truly much can be done!'

(Laudato Si 180)

Collections:

23rd February
No of Envelopes 57 Envelopes €416 Baskets €589
Direct Debits 3
Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

Mass Schedule:

Mass on Monday 2nd & Friday 6th March at 7.30pm
Mass Tuesday 3rd – Thurs 5th at 10.00 am

Rosary will be recited every Thursday morning before 10 o'clock mass.

Safeguarding: If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Mr. Mick Daly** Mob: 085-8021633, email – dlp@kandle.ie

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie **Diocesan Website:** www.kandle.ie

Parish Centre: Mon/Wed/Fri 9.30 – 12.30, Tues & Thurs 1pm – 4pm

Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

Dates for your Diary

CONFIRMATION BORRIS SATURDAY 25TH APRIL AT 11AM BORRIS CHURCH

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION BALLYMURPHY SATURDAY 16TH MAY 12 NOON

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION BORRIS SATURDAY 23RD MAY 11AM

Carlow Family Support Group - You Are Not Alone

Drugs and Alcohol abuse effects families regardless of status in life. You did not cause it, you can't control it and you can't cure it. Help is available for those who live with this dreadful disease call 085 7872730.

Carlow COPD Support Group

Weekly exercise sessions resume Wednesday 19th February 12 – 1pm in O'Hanrahans GFC, Dublin Rd., Carlow. For more information contact Anna Corcoran 086-3794613

From Grief to Grace

A holy hour of prayer for those affected by sexual abuse will take place in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on **Friday 28th February** beginning at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Let today be the
day you give up
who you've been
for you who can
become.

Blessed Ash Wednesday

Have a Wonderful Week

