

Webcam The webcam is up and running again in the Sacred Heart Church, we have had some problems with it lately. Apologies for any inconvenience.

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.

The Parish Centre will be closed from Wed. 23rd December to Mon. 4th January Incl. Back open on Tues. 5th January.

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Reach Out Campaign Next weekend at all the Masses we will distribute the Reach Out Campaign for this year which will overlap with the beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The gift will include a Christmas card & greeting from our Bishop Denis Nulty. Along with this we will distribute a candle & our Parish Christmas Card & greeting. Our Parish Calendars will be available also for collection. Don't forget to collect your gifts at the end of Mass & collect one for your neighbour aswell.

Christmas Collections The envelope (green) and basket collections at all Masses on Christmas Day and the Vigil Mass will be for the priests of the Parish. We would ask you to be as generous as possible, as the clergy fund (for which these collections are) has decreased considerably in recent years. I would like to thank you in anticipation for your continued support and generosity in these difficult times.

Fr. John O'Brien P.P.

Don't Miss The Irish Catholic Special Souvenir Edition on December 17th, themed **The Church & The Rising**, 40 pages complete with historic photographs and maps. Available in the Churches this weekend and from Kiernan's shop, Borris.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR LOVED ONES

For those who have an abundance of love, a bounty in heart and home, keep them mindful of the world's poor, lift their voices often to you in gratitude, loving God.

For those who carry hurts and angers and other heartaches, help them to feel the peace, which only you can give and the grace to let go of long burdening memories.

For those who struggle with the lack of this world's riches, those who know what unemployment and empty pockets feel like, gift them with a counting of blessings which are often hidden and far more valuable than earthly treasure.

For those whose faith has grown dim and whose sense of you seems far away raise in their hearts a great yearning for you that will not cease and a desire for the truth that cannot be ignored.

For those who are tired, weary, worn from a constant generous giving of their lives in love, be their energy and enthusiasm, be a great and deep spark of light and happiness within them.

For those who grieve the goodbye of a loved one and whose hearts are very lonely this time of year, touch them with dear memories and transform the inner missing and heartache into a vision of what lies far beyond this time and space.

For those, whose lives speak of growing old, bless again and again with peace and serenity, let them know, what gentle witnesses they are to all of us who still ponder the meaning of life and growth.

And finally, O God, for those with young eyes, keep their hearts full of wonder, and thank you for slipping some of their delight and simplicity into our own hearts each time we celebrate the Christmas moment.

Amen.



HAVE A WONDERFUL

CHRISTMAS