PARISH NEWS

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

20th March 2016

Playing our Part

We tend to be uncomfortable with audience participation, especially when it is sprung on us at the last minute. Many people get embarrassed or clam up when a microphone is thrust in their face. TV Audience members can even look uncomfortable when expected to sing or clap along to a performance. I was once cajoled up on stage with a friend during a comedy show, and I still cringe at the memory.

More than most, today's liturgy calls for our participation. First, we are caught up in the drama of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. We are comfortable enough with this – holding up our palm branches and imagining ourselves celebrating and supporting Jesus as he arrives into town riding on a colt.

But our participation takes on a darker tone during the reading of the Passion, and we soon find ourselves joining in with those who question and accuse Jesus. Before long we are shouting 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' and taunting Jesus on the cross to 'save himself if he is the Christ of God'. It is enough to make even the most complacent among us uncomfortable. Palm Sunday and Good Friday are the only two occasions when the congregation is invited to take part in the reading of the Gospel. What strikes you as you play your part today?

Collections: 13th March Envelopes €489 Baskets €452

No of Envelopes 59 Direct Debits 4

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

Polish Mass Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 19th March at 7.30pm in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris.

Easter Station Masses are for Borris on Friday 18th March, Ballymurphy on Saturday 19th and Rathanna on Sunday 20th March. There is a Special Envelope in your boxes for this.

Timetable of Ceremonies for Holy Week

No Mass 7.30pm Mon 21st March as Chrism Mass is being celebrated in the Cathedral in Carlow Mass at 9am Tues 22nd & Wed 23rd March

Easter Penance Service on Tuesday 22nd March at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church **Holy Thursday** 24th March No morning Mass, Solemn Mass of the Last Supper at 7.30pm in Borris **Good Friday** 25th March Day of Fast & Abstinence. **Stations of the Cross Community Event** at 11am in Borris. Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm in Borris & 7.00pm in Rathanna.

Holy Saturday 26th March Easter **Confessions** in Borris from 11.30am to 12noon. **Vigil Mass** at 9.00pm in Sacred Heart Church Borris. We will have the *Blessing of the Easter Fire* in the Church. At 8.30pm we will have the *Blessing of Food for the Polish Community*.

Easter Sunday 27th March Mass in Ballymurphy at 8.30am, Rathanna at 9.30am and Borris at 11am.

Stations of the Cross for Our Time Good Friday morning @ 11.00am we will have a Community Stations of The Cross for our time. We will congregate in the Sacred Heart Church at 11.00am, we will then walk to the different localities and in each area we will have a different Station. We would encourage you to come along and join us in this community event.

Attending the Sick Fr. John will attend the sick people on his list on Tuesday 22nd March in the Ballymurphy and Rathanna areas and on Wednesday 23rd March in the Borris area.

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** on Friday 18th March, and also from Good Friday 25th March to Tuesday 29th March (Incl).

Attention All Eucharistic Ministers During Holy Week on Holy Thursday we will have a special commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. At the end of the commissioning we will issue certificates to all our Eucharistic Ministers.

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

<u>Pilgrimage to Medjugorje & Dubrovnik from the 14th. September – 21st. September.</u> If you are interested in taking part in the pilgrimage we would appreciate if you could let Tully's know as soon as possible as they need to make reservations in the hotels etc.

Phone Donna (059-9136100) in Tully's Travel Carlow.

Trocaire "He went off, went off weeping, carrying the seed. He comes back, comes back singing, bringing in his sheaves." Psalms 126:6. Many people in Kenya have sown their crops not knowing if there will be a harvest to bring in to feed their families. However your support has ensured that with irrigated lands many farmers there are now able to sow in confidence of harvesting a good crop. Joseph Iriri is one of those farmers who has seen his family transformed because a Trócaire irrigation scheme means he can not only feed his children but now afford to send them to school. Find out more at www.trocaire.org

Permanent Diaconate Following on from the successful introduction of the first permanent deacons into our diocese, and recognizing the tremendous work which they have accomplished, Bishop Denis is again inviting men who feel a call to this ordained ministry to make application. If you would like to explore a call to Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin please make contact with your Parish Priest who will forward your name and details to the Director for the Permanent Diaconate.

Pre-Marriage Courses

Couples getting married in the Catholic Church are required to attend a Pre-Marriage Course If you intend to get married this summer or early autumn 2016 you should now book a Pre-Marriage Course Accord Carlow have places available on the following courses at St Catherine's Community Centre Carlow April 8th & 9th, May 6th & 7th, June 10th & 11th .There will be no courses in July & August Booking can be made on line at www.accord.ie or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Don't Forget! Chrism Mass 2016

You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis for the annual celebration of the **Chrism Mass** in the Cathedral, Carlow on Monday, March 21 at 7:30 followed by a cuppa in Carlow College. Please come early to be sure of a seat!

Parking available in Carlow College; entrance opposite Court House on the Old Dublin Road. See kandle.ie for map.

HAVE A WONDERFUL ST PATRICK'S DAY

