

Sister Anne Carr of the **Medical Missionaries of Mary** will speak at the weekend Masses of **5th/6th March** in this parish as part of the Mission Awareness Programme.

Scoil Náisiúnta Naomh Pádraig, Ballymurphy will be having an **Open Afternoon** from 3pm to 5pm on Wednesday **24th** February. If you are interested in enrolling your child for September, please call in for a visit, see the facilities and meet the teachers. Enrolment forms are available from the school.

For further info please contact 059 9773512 or ballymurphynationalschool@gmail.com.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje y Dubrovnik from the 14th. September – 21st. September.

4 nights Medjugorje and 3 nights Dubrovnik.

Price €995 (Incl. all airport taxes and charges)

Price includes: Coach from Borris - Dublin Airport & return

Return flight from Dublin to Dubrovnik - depart Dublin 14 September at 07.30hrs, arrive Dubrovnik at 11.45hrs. Return 21st September depart Dubrovnik at 12.30hrs, arrive Dublin at 15.00hrs.

· All transfers – return airport transfers and transfer between Medjugorje and Dubrovnik Four nights half-board guesthouse accommodation in Medjugorje close to St James's church

· Three nights BB in the 4 star hotel Neptun in Dubrovnik in standard rooms
City guided tour of Dubrovnik - Elaphite island cruise excursion - Full religious programme in Medjugorje

In 2009 we did this pilgrimage with a group from the Parish and those who travelled thoroughly enjoyed it. Being the extraordinary year of Mercy we decided to repeat this. If you are interested you would need to get your name in with Tully's Travel in Carlow, as soon as possible. We need about 20 people to make it feasible.

Further information from Fr. John or Ann in the Parish office or Donna (059-9136100) in Tully's Travel Carlow.

St. Patrick's N.S, Ballymurphy are delighted to announce that our school were the winners of the 1st Local Round, Under 11,

Credit Union Quiz that took place 30th January in Goresbridge. The winning team members were: Aislinn Joyce, Thomas Malone, Orla Ryan and Amy Murphy. Well done to you all and good luck in the Regional Round 2!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

How do you join the fight for justice?

When you support Trócaire, you are not just giving. You are directly helping struggling communities in their fight for justice.

From Pope Francis' Lenten Message 2016:

God's mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn. In an ever new miracle, divine mercy shines forth in our lives, inspiring each of us to love our neighbour and to devote ourselves to what the Church's tradition calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. These works remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbours in body and spirit: by feeding, visiting, comforting and instructing them. On such things will we be judged...Let us not waste this season of Lent, so favourable a time for conversion!

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK