

PARISH NEWS

Fifth Sunday of Lent
22nd March 2015

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified'

There is a very short parable in today's Gospel describing a seed which has fallen on the ground and eventually dies. It may remain a single seed or it may yield a rich harvest. This concept of losing what one has to give way to something new and life giving is frightening for some. We get so attached and lifestyle changes are tough. In this passage Jesus knows that his hour has come; this is his crisis moment. But Jesus' time of anguish moves from a cry of 'save me' to one of glorifying God 'let it be as You not I would have it'. We are at an 'hour' in terms of climate justice. This is the time where big decisions and commitments must be made and there is no other option but to opt for life; to listen to God's will, not ours. The priorities of wealthy nations must change, must turn outward and take risks if we are all to experience peace and security.

We remember the horrendous storms which battered Ireland last year and which will continue to do so as our climates change. We are called to be stewards of the earth and this means making different choices:

'I would like to ask all those who have positions of responsibility in economic, political and social life, and all men and women of goodwill: Let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment.'

Pope Francis

Collections: 15th March 2015 Envelopes : €519 Baskets €517

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

Mass Schedule: Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 23rd & Fri 27th March
Mass at 9am Tues 24th - Thurs 26th March
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 21st March - Group 4

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. **Please book as soon as possible if you are interested in this pilgrimage as we need to finalise details. The deposit is €20 per person.**

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

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.

Polish Mass A mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 21st March at 7.30pm in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris.

Stations of the Cross The Polish Community will have the Stations of the Cross in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris on Tuesday 24th March at 7.30pm All welcome

Visiting the Sick Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. John if you are in the Borris, Ballymurphy or Rathanna areas and wish to be visited in your home once a month by Fr. John.

Music Generation On **Saturday 28th March @ 8pm** there will be an intimate evening of music in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris, Co. Carlow as part of Music @ Mount Leinster. This evening of traditional Irish music will feature acclaimed musicians such as Zoe Conway & John McIntyre (fiddle and guitar), Damian Mullane (button accordion), Jack Talty (concertina), Aimee Farrell Courtney (bodhran), Conor Crimmins (traditional flute), and Dave Power (uilleann pipes).

The concert will showcase some of the best traditional musicians from Ireland, and the area of Borris is sure to serve as the perfect backdrop for this musical treat. Tickets for this event are FREE and you can receive more information by emailing pphelan@kcetb.ie or by phoning 059-9138532.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Dear Parishioners,

Warm greetings to you this Lenten season,

I am writing to you about one of the central celebrations in a Diocese: The Chrism Mass.

At this Mass the holy oils that we use in parishes throughout the diocese, the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Chrism and the Oil of Catechumens, are blessed and the priests of the diocese renew their vows in the presence of the faithful.

*This year's **Chrism Mass** will take place on the **Monday of Holy Week, March 30th in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow at 7.30pm** I want to take this opportunity to invite you to come to Carlow for this celebration. It promises to be a very special occasion with beautiful music and ritual.*

I am looking forward to meeting and saying hello to as many of you as possible after the Mass over a cuppa next door in Carlow College. So put the date in your Calendar because your presence will make all the difference!

With every good wish

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Denis

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK