

PARISH NEWS

**Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe
22nd November 2015**

Christ the King

The Feast of Christ the King is the final Sunday in the liturgical calendar. In the Gospel today, Pilate is concerned with what type of King Jesus is and what kind of Kingdom he is talking about? To understand what type of kingship Jesus is talking about we need to lay aside a lot of cultural baggage that we have about kings and Kingdoms. There are no palaces, no pomp and ceremony involved here. Jesus' Kingdom is concerned with justice for the weak and the oppressed.

At our baptism we were each anointed as 'priest, prophet and king', and therefore we share in this kingship that Pilate is wondering about. We are called to show the world that Jesus' Kingdom is built on a different kind of foundation. With so much brokenness in the world we are called to *transformative* service. There is no shortage of causes; the refugee crisis; homelessness; climate justice....

At the end of this month, world leaders gather in Paris at 'COP21' to try to come to a universal agreement on addressing climate change. We pray that the 'Kings' and Presidents' of this world take strong action to protect our planet.

'We pray for the representatives of the nations meeting in Paris, and in every government everywhere – and all business leaders and consumers – that we will see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. (LS 12)' #pray4cop21

Collections: 15th Nov. Envelopes €480 Baskets €548

No of Envelopes 52 Direct Debits 6

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

Mass Schedule:

Mass on Mon 23rd & Fri 27th Nov. at 7.30pm

Mass Tues 24th Nov. - Thurs 26th Nov (Incl.)

November List of the Dead November is the month of the Holy Souls and you will find a blue envelope in your box of envelopes in which to place your list of the Dead and donation for 2014-15. Throughout the coming year a Mass will be offered in each of the churches for the deceased on this List.

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

There are Divine Word Missionaries Christmas Cards and Christmas Mass Bouquets for sale in the Parish Centre.

Visiting The Sick Fr. John will visit the sick on his list on Tuesday 24th November in the Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas and in Borris area on Wednesday 25th November.

Enrollment Ceremony The enrolment ceremony for the candidates for confirmation will take place on Sunday 29th November at 11am Mass in Borris. This Mass will be celebrated by **His Excellency The Most Rev. Charles John Brown, Papal Nuncio to Ireland.**

Special Children's Charity Event: An evening with Lorna Byrne and Cathy Kelly, 22nd November, National Concert Hall, Dublin Two of Ireland's best loved authors Cathy Kelly and Lorna Byrne have come together for a very special fundraising speaking event which takes place at the National Concert Hall, Dublin on 22nd November. All proceeds of An evening with Lorna Byrne and Cathy Kelly will go directly to support the Lorna Byrne Children's Foundation's three chosen charities for 2015, Unicef Ireland's Syria Appeal and Irish charities Blue Box and APA – A Partnership with Africa, organisations who are working tirelessly to change the lives of children in Ireland and around the world for the better. All of you are encouraged to come along and tickets are priced from €15 to €25 from the National Concert Hall on www.nch.ie or 01 417 0000.

Parish Finance Committee A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will take place in the Parochial House on **Monday 30th November** at 8.30pm

Pre- Marriage Courses Any couple wishing to be married in the dioceses of Kildare & Leighlin are required to attend a Pre-Marriage course. The next two courses are on January 8th & 9th 2016 and January 22nd & 23rd 2016. Couples getting married in spring 2016 should now book on line at www.accord.ie or for further information contact Mary 059 9138738

EIST Cancer Support Centre upcoming Events

EIST Candle Walk of Hope Saturday 28th November 4pm starting at St. Mary's Academy Railway Road, Carlow to switching on of Christmas Lights at Potato Market. EIST Celebration of Christmas Variety Concert in Arboretum Garden Centre Leighlinbridge on Friday 11th December at 8pm. For further details please contact the Eist Cancer Support Centre which opens at 10.00 am to 4 pm Monday to Thursday and 10.00 am to 1.00 pm of Fridays. Telephone Number **059 9139684**. Or check out our Facebook page or web site.

BEAM CENTRE – Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow

Craft Fair & Coffee morning on Thursday 19th November in BEAM Centre from 10.00am – 3.00pm. Handmade crafts on sale on the day will include: Christmas cakes, decorations, ornaments, jewellery, knitted items, cards, Beams very own cookbook "Get Cooking" plus much much more!! Tickets cost €5.00 (Entry includes refreshments & entry into a draw) Come along and join us!!

Funeral Rites Gathering for Parish Staff & Funeral Directors

Following our survey and series of conversations last year, there will be a gathering for parish staff and funeral directors on Saturday, November 28th in Mount St Anne's, Killenard, Co. Laois from 2:30 - 4:00. The purpose of this gathering will be to bring both funeral directors and parish staff up to date with recommended practices in light of what has emerged through the diocesan wide consultation, to indicate supporting resources that will be available to parishes and funeral directors and to identify with participants any other supports that may be needed.

Parishes are asked to invite their local funeral directors to this meeting and to let FDS know the numbers of those who will attend from the parish (including funeral directors) before Wednesday, November 25th.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Blessing

*Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing stream to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.*

Songs of the Gaels, Alexander Carmichael

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK