

# PARISH NEWS

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**23<sup>rd</sup> August 2015**

## **Bodies**

John's lengthy episode in the synagogue at Capernaum operates like a press conference that does not end well. Many of Jesus' followers abandon him, scandalised at his Eucharistic tones. 'This is intolerable language,' they muse. Alone with his disciples, Jesus asks them if they wish to leave too. Like the synoptic accounts, Peter takes the opportunity to profess his faith. Here, however, he does not get rewarded with the keys to the kingdom. There are a few twists and turns to go in his story. The remnant of Jesus' followers have serious questions: what could the miracle of loaves mean? And how could one possibly eat this man's flesh? Perhaps it is only in the Eucharistic body of the community that these scenes make sense.

Theologian Graham Ward calls this expansion the 'displaced body of Jesus Christ' and Gerard Loughlin explains it in this way: 'Jesus' body is gradually lost to sight with its crucifixion, resurrection and ascension. But leaves only in order to return, infinitely transposed in the Eucharistic body that feeds the body of the Church, which becomes Christ's body, not metaphorically, but actually, as its non-identical, analogical repetition.' In the body of believers, this 'intolerable' body of Christ expands and lives most fully in the bodies of others as they share his table.

Paul Clogher, WIT

**Collections:** 16<sup>th</sup> Aug.      Envelopes €402      Baskets €633

No of Envelopes 55      Direct Debits 4

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

**Mass Schedule:**      Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Aug & Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> Aug.  
Mass at 9am Tues 25<sup>th</sup> & Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Aug.  
**No Mass on Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Aug**

**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](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com)    Closed Bank Holidays

**Borris Parish Website :** [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie)

**Diocesan Website:** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

**The Eist Cancer Support Centre**, The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow provides practical help and emotional support to anyone affected by cancer in County Carlow and the surrounding areas opens Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Have you lost someone close to you through cancer? This experience can be especially difficult when someone close to us dies. Making sense of the loss and learning to live without that person is the work of grieving. The EIST Cancer Support Centre has a New Bereavement Support Group starting on Wednesday 12th August 2015 at 7.30 pm at the Eist centre

You are free to contact us at 059-9139684 or drop-in during our opening hours.

Website: [www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie](http://www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie)

### **National Dawn Walk for Cancer**

'The National Dawn Walk for Cancer is a new nationwide initiative which seeks to honour all of those who battle or who have battled cancer on a day to day basis, by means of a dawn challenge on Mount Leinster. The walk takes place on the **22nd of August at 5.45am** and will take participants on a 10km journey over Mount Leinster, from The Nine Stones to the picturesque village of Myshall, Co Carlow. Bishop Denis Nulty as well as Ms Elma Walsh, mother of the late Donal Walsh will be joining us on the walk. . On the morning of the walk we will be gathering at the Presentation De La Salle College, Bagenalstown or Myshall Community Centre (for those coming from the Bunclody side of the mountain) from 4am onwards with all buses due to depart at 5.15am in order to ensure that participants reach the mountain before the break of dawn. The walk will end at about 8am in Myshall where tea, coffee and refreshments will be served. At this point, a special ceremony will be held and the Remembrance Balloons will be released to soar upwards on the breeze in the direction of Mount Leinster. If parishes wish to bring a bus of participants to the event please contact us at 085 7473522. **You can now register online at our website—[www.nationaldawnwalkforcancer.com](http://www.nationaldawnwalkforcancer.com). Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. The cost to participate is €10 for adults and €5 for children.** You may also register at the number above and 089 2296620”

### **Carlow Historical & Archaeological Society**

Three mini- lectures on local businesses:

- 1)Millets of Borris,Coachbuilders:Ned Moran
- 2)Reflections on Keenan's of Bagenalstown:Michael Keenan
- 3)Carlow Blue Limestone:Phil Meaney.

Leighlinbridge Parish Centre,Wednesday 26th August,8pm.Admission Free.All welcome.

### **Family Day.Carlow-A Journey to the Past.**

Saturday 22nd August,Carlow Town Park,Graigucullen.12 noon to 5pm.All Free.

Join the Historical Society for a display of medieval armour & weaponry, children's archaeological excavation,falconry,prehistoric tool production,ancient music,roasted pig on a spit & much more.

Guided Walking Tours of Carlow Town: 12.30,14.00 & 15.30 Tel:085 123 5432.Find us on

Facebook or Heritage Week Events Page.Email: [seimi.o.murchu@gmail.com](mailto:seimi.o.murchu@gmail.com) All

welcome.Admission Free.

## *THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*

### **REFLECTION**

God weaves patiently and persistently with the rushes of our lives. He invites us to keep offering him the shreds of our suffering and the stuff of our dreams and to take our place beside him to weave the shape of new creation.

To welcome the new with faith and courage.  
To cherish all that has gone before,  
To become an example of justice and peace.

Weaver God, accept, please do,  
The offering of ourselves, our separate trends,  
To be woven in and out, over, under and through.  
Grant us eyes to see the whole, of which we are a part,  
To see the tapestry you weave,  
Calling us beyond our aloneness and security,  
To be surprised by miracles.  
Oh, if we could but perceive  
Out of parts we weave the whole.

## *HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*