

# PARISH NEWS

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014**

## **Christ the King**

The Feast of Christ the King is the final Sunday in the liturgical calendar. To understand more fully what this feast means we need to lay aside a lot of the cultural baggage about Kings and Kingdoms. Jesus' Kingship is very different to the kind we are familiar with. There are no trappings, no palaces, no pomp and ceremony. The picture painted by today's Gospel shows us Jesus as a King who is found in those considered to be on the fringes of society. This passage comes at the end of the Gospel of Mathew and it is a challenge, a call to *be* Christ to others and to see Christ in others.

With so much brokenness in the world, so much unrest, so much war and displacement, the Christian community are called to him by giving our own lives in service to those around us; we are called to be transformative through radical solidarity. There are no shortage of causes, whether it be Gaza, Iraq, Syria, climate justice, austerity, local poverty, visiting the sick or those in prison, community initiatives....Jesus' Kingdom is built on a different kind of foundation.

*'If now we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten how to see God in one another. If each person saw God in his neighbour, do you think we would need guns and bombs?'*

**Mother Teresa**

**Collections:** 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014 Envelopes €971 Baskets €607

No. Of Envelopes Returned 83 Direct Debits 5

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> & Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
Mass at 9am Tues 25<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
No Mass on Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Polish Mass** Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris.

**Pro-Life Collection** The Church Gate Collection of the 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> November in this Parish amounted to €433. The Pro-Life Trust wish to thank the Parishioners of Borris, Ballymurphy & Rathanna for their generosity.

**Borris Foróige Juniors and Borris Foróige Club Registration Night**

A Registration Night for members for the new Foróige Junior Club (10-11 year olds) and Foróige Club (12-17 year olds) in Borris will take place on Friday Night the 21st November from 7.00pm – 7.30pm in the Community Hall. Young people interested in joining must be accompanied by a parent or guardian on the night. For further information, contact Rosie O'Brien, Foróige Regional Youth Officer on 086 2997677.

**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.

Carlow Winter Market in support of **The Carers Association** returns on Sunday 30th November from 10am to 5pm in the Youth Centre Green Lane Carlow. If you're interested in setting up a stall you can contact Lorraine on 087-9912249 or email Gina at [gdelaney@carersireland.com](mailto:gdelaney@carersireland.com)

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

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

**Carlow Choral Society** present Choral Classics and Broadway hits in St Mary's Church Carlow on Sat 29th Nov. at 8pm. Tickets 15 euro. Info 0857119334

**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.

**Carlow Historical & Archaeological Society** :the 63rd Journal "Carloviana 2015 "will be launched on Thursday 27th November 2014 at 8pm in the Seven Oaks Hotel, by Ragnall O'Flóinn, Director National Museum of Ireland .Refreshments served. Admission free. All welcome.

***THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*****Did God Create Evil?**

At a certain college there was a professor with a reputation for being tough on Christians. At the first class, every semester, he asked if anyone was a Christian and proceeded to degrade them and to mock their statement of faith. One semester, he asked the question and a young man raised his hand. The professor asked, "Did God make everything young man?" He replied "Yes sir he did!" The professor responded, "IF God made everything, then he made evil." The student didn't have a response and the professor was happy to once again prove the Christian faith to be a myth. Then another man raised his hand and asked, "May I ask you something, sir?" "Yes, you may," responded the professor. The young man stood up and said, "Sir, is there such a thing as cold?" "Of course there is, what kind of a question is that? Haven't you ever been cold?" The young man replied, "Actually, sir, cold doesn't exist. What we consider to be cold, is really an absence of heat. Absolute zero is when there is absolutely no heat, but cold does not really exist. We have only created that term to describe how we feel when heat is not there." The young man continued, "Sir, is there such a thing as dark?" Once again the professor responded, "Of course there is." And once again, the student replied, "Actually, sir, darkness does not exist. Darkness is really only the absence of light. Darkness is only a term developed to describe what happens when there is no light present." Finally, the young man asked, "Sir, is there such a thing as evil?" The professor responded, "Of course, we have rapes, murders and violence everywhere in the world. Those things are evil." The student replied, "Actually, sir, evil does not exist. Evil is simply the absence of God. Evil is a term developed to describe the absence of God. God did not create evil. It isn't like truth, or love which exist as virtues like heat or light. Evil is simply the state where God is not present, like cold without heat, or darkness without light." The professor had nothing to say.

***HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK***