

# PARISH NEWS

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Catholic Schools Week begins today 25<sup>th</sup> January 2015

### Now is the time

Over fifty years ago, in his famous 'I have a dream' speech, Martin Luther King Jnr talked about 'the fierce urgency of now'.

'This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilising drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children... The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges,' he said. That same sense of 'fierce urgency' seems to grab the disciples in today's Gospel. The time has come, says Jesus- and Simon, Andrew, James and John are certainly ready. So ready, in fact, that they are prepared to leave behind their livelihoods, and even their families, to attend to the urgent task of spreading the Good News.

We can all be experts at procrastination at times. We put off making positive changes in our lives or taking steps to help others, convinced we will get around to it another day. Sometimes the sacrifices can seem like too much. But Jesus calls us, and he calls us urgently.

'And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back.'

Martin Luther King Jnr

**Collections:** 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015   Envelopes €547   Baskets €696

No. Of Envelopes Returned   65   Direct Debits   5

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### Mass Schedule:

Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Jan & Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Jan

Mass at 9am Tues 27<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Jan

Mass at **10am** on Wed 28<sup>th</sup> January for Catholic Schools Week

**Catholic Schools Week** has been celebrated in Ireland for the last 5 years. This annual event calls on Catholic schools to give expression in a special way to a particular aspect of Catholic education. This year the theme '**Catholic Schools: Called to Serve**' lends itself to examine what we understand by service and who it is our schools serve. To this end, Catholic education is called to self-reflect and refresh its mission. We extend a **Special Invitation to Grandparents, Gran-Aunts & Gran-Uncles** to come to the Catholic Schools Week Mass on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 10am in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris.**

**Polish Christmas Carols Evening** on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris. All welcome.

The **Eist Carlow Cancer Support Centre** is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 9.30a.m. - 4.00p.m. daily. Please contact the Centre for further information at (059) 9139684 or e-mail [eistcarlowcancersupport.ie](http://eistcarlowcancersupport.ie)

**Variety Concert in Ballinkillen Lorum Community Centre Club on Friday 6th, February 2015.**  
Doors open at 8pm - Admission €10

**Borris Parish Website :** [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie) Diocesan website [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)  
**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 Foróige Club Pizza Night**

A Registration Night for members for the new Foróige Club (12-17 year olds) in Borris will take place on Friday Night the 23rd January from 8.15pm – 9.00pm in the Community Hall. The meeting will offer those interested in joining Foróige the opportunity to meet the volunteer leaders, find out what Foróige is all about and enjoy a slice or two of pizza. For further information, contact Rosie O'Brien, Foróige Regional Youth Officer on 086 2997677.

**Social Dancing in Rathanna Hall** on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January in aid of Carlow/Kilkenny Hospice Homecare. Music by The Shannons. Admission €8, Door Prize & Refreshments Served. Dancing 9.30pm to 12 midnight.

**Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Andrew's Church, Bagenalstown** starting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February for 9 Tuesdays commencing with Mass each night at 7.30pm. The Rosary will be recited at 7.10pm.

**Solemn Evening Prayer** - Celebrating the Year for Consecrated Life in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, at 4 p.m. on the Feast of St. Brigid, February 1, 2015. Refreshments afterwards in Carlow College.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

**Pilgrimage to Rome & Tuscany** 15<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> (9 nights) September 2015 €1295 Bed & Breakfast Basis, includes Flights & All Transfers.

**Weekend Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick & Knock** Sat 27<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015 €100 per person, includes bus, dinner & bed & breakfast in hotel. If you are interested you book your place with a deposit of €20 in the Parish Centre for this pilgrimage.

### *THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*

#### **A SURE WAY TO A HAPPY DAY**

Happiness is something we create in our minds, it's not something you search for and so seldom find. It's just waking up and beginning the day by counting our blessings and kneeling to pray. It's giving up thoughts that breed discontent and accepting what comes as a gift 'heaven-sent'. It's giving up wishing for things we have not and making the best of whatever we've got. It's knowing that life is determined for us, and pursuing our tasks without fret, fume or fuss. For it's by completing what God gives us to do that we find real contentment and happiness, too.

### *HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*