

PARISH NEWS

First Sunday of Advent
27th November 2016
Living transparently

How many of us can truly say that our lives are an open book? 'Transparency' is a bit of a buzz word in the media these days. With every scandal that hits the headlines uncovering the corrupt practices of some public figure or another, our trust is shaken. When it is a person from whom we would have expected better, or whose actions have hurt countless others, we are left to ponder the whys and hows of it all – How could they live a double life for so long? Why did they feel the need? And how on earth did they think they would get away with it?

But when we think about it, how many of us are living truly transparent lives? Do our outside selves always match our inner selves? We may be harbouring grudges or nasty thoughts about family members, friends, colleagues or acquaintances. Maybe we are cheating or being dishonest in some small way, or cutting corners in our work. It is likely that we have built up some habits or practices that we would rather no one knew about.

In our second reading today, Paul talks about the 'things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark', and urges us to 'arm ourselves and appear in the light'. As we enter into Advent, it is the ideal time to examine our own lives – to come out into the light.

Collections: 20th Nov Envelopes €737 Baskets €605
No of Envelopes 66 Direct Debits 4
Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

Mass Schedule: Mass on Monday 28th Nov & Friday 2nd Dec at 7.30pm
Mass Tuesday 29th Nov - Thurs 1st November 9am
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 19th Nov Group 3

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Parish Centre: Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday
Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

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 2016.

Polish Mass on Saturday 26th November at 7.30pm in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris.
All welcome.

WINTER MARKET IN SUPPORT OF FAMILY CARERS CARLOW ON SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2016,
IN THE YOUTH CENTRE GREEN LANE, CARLOW FROM 10am -5pm.
ADMISSION: ADULTS E2 CHILDREN FREE ...FUN FAMILY DAY OUT. ALL WELCOME.

CEART – Grow, Barrack Street, Kilkenny: Fridays 11am – 1pm:

Is your life restricted and compromised by chronic illness? Join our support group to break the cycle and take control of your life. Our meetings have been running since 2005 – We are a mutual help group providing ongoing support, information and encouragement to people managing chronic illness. Much research around the world has shown that mutual help of this kind is a crucial ingredient in tackling illness. The mutual help group not only provides understanding and encouragement but it taps into each person's unique experience of learning to live above and in spite of illness. Contact Mary on 087 284 3424 or visit www.grow.ie

Are you interested in **Irish wildflowers** and encouraging nature back into your garden, village, School or Business?

The Environment Department of Carlow County Council are hosting a free Workshop on Wednesday 23rd November 7.30pm -9.30pm in the Town hall Carlow.

The workshop is called Wildflowers and biodiversity, The Irish experience.

Places are limited and offered on a first come basis. Please call Jannette O'Brien on 059-9136232 to book your place.

"The Cuisse Cancer Support Centre are hosting a "Carol & Candle Twilight Event" on Sunday 27th November from 5pm. All Welcome.

This is an evening acknowledging everyone who has been touched by cancer.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Lord God,

Your Church joyfully awaits the coming of it's Savior,

Who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.

Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath;

May their light reflect the splendour of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever.

Amen



HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK