

PARISH NEWS

Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion 29th March 2015

Palm Sunday

Today we read Mark's account of Jesus' Passion; yes it is a long Gospel but we should not miss out on the journey that this account offers us. A good question to ask is 'Where do I stand' in this Gospel? Are you looking on as a bystander, are you in the group of disciples, are you closer to the Roman Soldier who confesses Jesus's identity after his death – an unlikely hero?

Perhaps it is a more difficult journey as you relate to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, a Jesus who is 'distressed' and 'agitated' because of many things: isolation, the disappointment he must feel because of the abandonment of his closest friends, betrayal, loneliness, mocking, torture? Mark has Jesus die in total isolation.

The cry of abandonment on the cross has to be one of the most frightening aspects of this account: 'Eloi, Eloi Lema Sabbachtani?' My God, my God, why have you deserted me? At the crucial moment, even God is silent. This is not an easy journey. We know the story does not end there, but for this week we enter into the rawness of Mark's cross. We can remember those today who stand for justice, who fight for human rights, those who are countercultural, who stand against oppressive systems even though the path is dangerous and lonely. And we can continue to ask ourselves: 'Where do I stand?'

Collections: 17th & 22nd March 2015 Envelopes: €696 Baskets €1146

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No Mass on Monday 30th March (Chrism Mass in Carlow Cathedral)

Mass Schedule: Mass at 9am Tues 31st March & Wed 1st April

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 28th March – Group 5

Easter Station Masses are for Borris on Friday 27th March, Ballymurphy on Sat. 28th March & Rathanna on Sun. 29th March. There is a Special Envelope in your box of envelopes for this.

Timetable of Ceremonies for Holy Week

Holy Thursday 2nd April No morning Mass, Solemn Mass of the Last Supper at 7.30pm in Borris

Good Friday 3rd April Day of Fast & Abstinence. **Stations of the Cross Community Event** at 11am in Borris. Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm in Borris & 7.00pm in Ballymurphy.

Holy Saturday 4th April **Easter Confessions** in Borris from 11.30am to 12noon

Vigil Mass at 9.00pm in Sacred Heart Church Borris. We will have the *Blessing of the Easter Fire* at the back of the Church. At 8.30pm we will have the *Blessing of Food for the Polish Community*.

Easter Sunday 5th April Mass in Ballymurphy at 8.30am, Rathanna at 9.30am and Borris at 11am.

Stations of the Cross for Our Time Good Friday morning @ 11.00am we will have a Community Stations of The Cross for our time. We will congregate in the Sacred Heart Church at 11.00am, we will then walk to the different localities and in each area we will have a different Station. We would encourage you to come along and join us in this community event.

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
The Parish Centre will be closed from Friday 3rd April until Friday 10th April (Incl). Back open on Monday 13th April.

Visitation of the Sick Fr. John will visit the sick on his list in Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas on Tuesday 31st March and in the Borris area on Wednesday 1st April.

Dates for Your Diary Weekend Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick & Knock Sat 27th -

Sunday 28th June 2015 €100 per person, includes bus, dinner & bed & breakfast in hotel. **Please book as soon as possible if you are interested in this pilgrimage as we need to finalise details. The deposit is €20 per person.**

Copies of the Audit of the Accounts for 2014 are available in the back of the Churches this weekend.

*Priesthood - Could it be for you?
a Come & See afternoon
will take place in the
Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow Town
on the 12th April from 2.00pm - 5.00pm
for anyone who may be interested in exploring
a vocation to the priesthood.
During the afternoon there will be some input
from students for the priesthood,
some of the priests of the Diocese, and also,
an opportunity to meet, pray and chat with others
who are also considering this calling.
For further information contact
Fr. Ruairí Ó Domhnaill, 045 897470,
vocations@kandle.ie or visit the kandle.ie website.*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Don't Forget!

You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis for the annual celebration of the **Chrism Mass** in the Cathedral, Carlow on Monday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. followed by a cuppa in Carlow College. Come early to get a seat!

Parking available in Carlow College; entrance opposite Court House on the Old Dublin Road. If needed, extra seating and live streaming will be available in the Cathedral Parish Centre.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK