

# PARISH NEWS

## *The Presentation of the Lord*

World Day for Consecrated Life

**2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020**

### **Unexpected moments**

It was an important day for this little family, when Mary and Joseph brought little Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Did they expect everything to go smoothly, or had they already had to let go of some of their dreams and plans? After all, the story of Jesus' birth had already been unusual, not to mention the shepherds turning up to visit the newborn Messiah.

Still, they could not have expected two elderly people to suddenly appear in the Temple with a message about their child – that he was going to do great things but also would be rejected and cause great pain to his mother. Was it at this moment that they realised life would never be the same again?

The most important messages can come from unexpected sources. Anna and Simeon were advanced in years, wise and devout people who had lived well, and still hoped and trusted in God's plan. This encounter was unexpected for them too, taking place close to the end of their lives; but they were ready, willing and able to recognise its significance. Their call was to be among the first people to encounter the Messiah and to share the Good News. What is our call? The story of Anna and Simeon shows us the value of being open to an encounter with Jesus. Despite what we have been through, or what stage we are at in life, there are good things to come. Each of us has something unique to offer. We pray that we will recognise the unexpected opportunities to encounter God that come our way.

### **Collections:**

26 <sup>th</sup> January		Envelopes €556	Baskets €649
No of Envelopes	73	Direct Debits	4

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

### **Mass Schedule:**

Mass on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm

Mass Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am

**Safeguarding:** If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Mr. Mick Daly** Mob: 085-8021633, email – [dlp@kandle.ie](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie)

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

**Parish Centre: Mon/Wed/Fri 9.30 – 12.30, Tues & Thurs 1pm – 4pm**

Phone 059 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com) Closed Bank Holidays.

**Visiting the Sick** Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February in the Borris area.

**AGM of Borris Town Hall** will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 9pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome especially those interested in joining the hall committee.

## *Dates for your Diary*

**CONFIRMATION BORRIS SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AT 11AM BORRIS CHURCH**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION BALLYMURPHY SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 12 NOON**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION BORRIS SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 11AM**

### **Carlow College Book Fair**

Takes place from 1am – 5pm Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Carlow College, St Patricks, College Street, Carlow. All are welcome to browse, buy or sell.

**Family Carers Ireland** will be holding their first Carers Support Group of 2020 on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 11am in The Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow. All welcome. For more info please call 056 7721424.

### **Carlow Family Support Group - You Are Not Alone**

Drugs and Alcohol abuse effects families regardless of status in life. You did not cause it, you can't control it and you can't cure it. Help is available for those who live with this dreadful disease call 085 7872730.

## ***THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK***

***As spring returns across the land,***

***And sparkles on the sea,***

***It brings new hope to wake the earth,***

***Lord, wake new hope in me.***

***As more green shoots and buds appear***

***And winds blow fresh and free,***

***Spring touches all with healing hands,***

***Lord, touch the soul in me.***

***Iris Hesselden***

***Have a Wonderful Week***



