

PARISH NEWS

First Sunday of Advent
30th November 2014

Waiting

You know that feeling of waiting for something or someone? It is a feeling of excitement or maybe anxiety. It can be a creative time, a time of high alert, where we may even be more aware of ourselves. Our senses are heightened especially when we are waiting for important news or results or waiting on a loved one to call or to arrive. Waiting is not always seen as a good thing but it can be a time of growth. And so, we enter into the season of waiting: Advent.

These weeks are weeks of great hope and joy and we celebrate God entering into our lives once more. This short passage from Mark reminds us to be alert, to use this time to prepare. What will our preparations be like? God is with us in many different ways, trying to catch our attention in the midst of our crazy, busy days. As we fight our way through the queues in the coming weeks, can we use 5 minutes, 7 minutes, 20 mins....to stop, be still, to ask God to enter our hearts and live once more.

Collections: 23rd Nov 2014 Envelopes €411 Baskets €549

No. Of Envelopes Returned 66 Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule: Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 1st & Fri. 5th Dec.

Mass at 9am Tues 2nd to Thurs 4th Dec (Incl.)

Borris Folk Group will be playing at Ballymurphy Mass this Saturday 29th Nov.

Visitation of the Sick Fr. John will visit the sick on his list in Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas on Tues 2nd December and in the Borris area on Wednesday 3rd December.

Safeguarding Information Meeting in Borris Parish Centre on Tuesday 2nd December at 7.30pm

The purpose of the meeting is to create an awareness of Safeguarding at parish level which includes the practicalities of safeguarding and guidance on best practice. All Church Volunteers who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults, including **Sacristans, Choir Leaders, all Group Leaders, Ministers of the Eucharist** and other individuals or groups who visit homes/nursing homes on behalf of the Church are asked to attend. We have asked a representative from the Deanery to come to speak to us on the night and so would appreciate a good attendance from the parish.

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan website 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 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 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

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

Graigecullen Monster Bingo. Tuesday 2nd December 2014 @ 8.30pm Great Prizes to be won, bring a friend.

Charismatic Meeting – A Polish Charismatic Meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th December in the Sacred Heart Church at 7.30pm. All welcome.

The **Eist Carlow Cancer Support** Centre is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 9.30a.m. - 4.00p.m. daily
The Centre offers support to people and their families who have received a cancer diagnosis including Counselling, Reflexology, Yoga etc.
The Centre also runs a walking programme 'Strides for Life' at the St. Laurence O'Toole Athletic Club each Thursday morning at 11.00a.m.
The Centre offers Yoga on Wednesdays at 11.00a.m. and Pottery on Thursdays at 11.00a.m.
Please contact the Centre for further information at (059) 9139684 or e-mail eistcarlowcancersupport.ie or drop in any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Accord Carlow There are only a few places left on the Pre-Marriage course on January 9th & 10th 2015. The next course after that is on 6th & 7th February. We would appreciate if you could advise any couple getting married in early spring to book a place on one of these courses as soon as possible. Bookings can be made on line at www.accord.ie or phone 059 9138738 for further information.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

2014 Christmas Reach Out Campaign

This year our parishes are reaching out with a gift of 'Chamomile Seeds'. Putting Christ in our hearts, being planted and rooted in Christ, is our source of peace and hope.

'And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow will he not much more look after you.' (Mt 6:28, 30)

There is a great need for peace the world over and we have seen how social media has been used and exploited as a weapon in conflict. With this in mind a twitter campaign will run from the 1st Sunday of Advent. As part of this Bishop Nulty intends to send a daily 'tweet' using Twitter during the Reach Out campaign starting on the First Sunday of Advent 30th November 2014 until 11th January 2015.

Twitter Campaign – www.twitter.com/peacekandle #PEACEKANDLE

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK