

PARISH NEWS

Second Sunday of Advent

4th December 2016

This second Sunday of Advent we are called to make straight paths for the coming of our Lord. How we prepare is important. We are waiting, and yes waiting can be frustrating. But waiting can also be a time of growth, of inspiration, of dreaming big dreams and imagining the endless possibilities that might come. We should try not to let go of that hope and inspiration.

John appeals to the community who have gathered to open their eyes, to take the opportunity that is at hand and deal with the spiritual crisis which surrounds them. John is calling for a radical change of heart. The decisive moment is coming where people must take a new path. What can we do to help build communities where leaders produce good fruit? What can we do to respectfully challenge those who do not? Today we pray that God's Spirit enlivens our heart, our work and our world.

Collections: 27th Nov Envelopes €509 Baskets €586
No of Envelopes 64 Direct Debits 3

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Monday 5th & Fri 9th Dec at 7.30pm
The Mass on Friday 9th Dec is for Past & Deceased Members of Borris I.C.A.
Mass Tuesday 6th - Thurs 8th Dec 9am
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 3rd Dec Group 1

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.

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

Pre-Marriage Courses

Couples getting married in 2017 should book one of the following courses at Accord Carlow Jan 6th & 7th, Jan 27th & 28th, Feb 10th & 11th. Bookings can be made on line at www.accord.ie
For further information please phone Mary at 059 9138738

A pre-Christmas treat - 'An Aspiro Christmas' Sunday 11th December, St Mary's Church, Castle Hill, Carlow at 4pm. Tickets €10 available, at the door. Children Free

BORRIS CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2016

STATION MASSES	BORRIS	16 TH DECEMBER	7.30PM
	BALLYMURPHY	17 TH DECEMBER	7.30PM
	RATHANNA	18 TH DECEMBER	9.30AM

CAROL SERVICE:

ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE WITH KILLEDMOND CHURCH IN ST. FORTCHERN'S CHURCH, RATHANNA THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER AT 7.30PM

PENITENTIAL SERVICE:

SACRED HEART CHURCH BORRIS MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER 7.30PM

CONFESSION TIME:

SACRED HEART CHURCH SAT 24TH DECEMBER 11.30AM – 12 NOON

MASS TIMES:

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS SACRED HEART BORRIS 7.30PM

CHRISTMAS DAY ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH BALLYMURPHY 9.00AM

ST. FORTCHERN'S RATHANNA 9.30AM

SACRED HEART CHURCH BORRIS 11.00AM

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY

NO MASS

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

VIGIL MASS THURSDAY 5TH JAN 2017 ST. PATRICK'S BALLYMURPHY 7.30PM

FRIDAY 6TH RATHANNA 9.30AM

BORRIS 11.00AM

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Are you called to be "A herald's voice in the desert" preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people?

If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood contact: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill
vocations@kandle.ie www.kandlepriest.com

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Bless us, Lord, this Christmas with quietness of mind. Teach us to be patient and always to be kind. Give us reassurance when everything goes wrong, so our faith remains unfaltering and our hope and courage strong. Show us that in quietness we can feel your presence near filling us with joy and peace all seasons of the year.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK