

PARISH NEWS

First Sunday of Lent

5th March 2017

Lent is a time of renewal and new beginnings. It is a time for us to enter into the suffering and death of Jesus, before celebrating the joy and hope of Easter. It is a time to reflect in a special way on God's words. Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that God's words are nourishing – man does not live on bread alone.

Our focus should not only be on earthly things. Lent reminds us that there is more to life than the physical world. We are all guilty of getting caught up in the practicalities of life; it is only natural to work and rush and plan and worry. Lent offers us an opportunity to reflect on what is really important. The sacrifices we make or the extra effort we put in to become better people this Lent are all part of that spiritual journey.

'We have everything in Christ...

He is everything for us.

If you wish to heal a wound, He is the doctor.

If you burn with fever, He is the rising spring of refreshing water.

If you have need of support, He is your strength.

If you long for heaven, He is the way.

If you seek nourishment, He is the bread.'

St. Ambrose

Collections: 26th Feb Envelopes €452 Baskets €667

No of Envelopes 67 Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Mon 6th & Fri 10th March at 7.30pm
Mass Tuesday 7th - Thurs 9th March 9am
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 4th Mar Group 1

Visiting The Sick Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list in Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas on Thursday 2nd March and in the Borris area on Friday 3rd March.

Message from Fr. John

Last Monday 3 weeks I started my chemotherapy and I got a full week of chemotherapy.

The days immediately after it I was good.

Last Thursday week I got an infection and my immune system was practically non-existent. They brought me back to Vincent's Private and I have been there ever since. Little by little they built me up. I could not have visitors, only family, I cannot receive calls, I had no energy, not eating very well. Professor McDermott told me I got a right battering because of my age, this is a young man's cancer. Thankfully they have me back up and they will let me home for a couple of days.

I have still very little energy as I have been in bed for over a week.

I need to get out now and build myself up for next session.

Once again thanks for all your prayers cards and best wishes.

May God bless each and every one of you,

Fr John

Memorial Mass for **Breda Nolan** in B.V.S. on Friday 10th March at 7.30pm in the Gym Hall.
All Welcome

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

Dates for Your Diary

Confirmation Borris Sat. 1st April 11am
First Holy Communion Borris Sat. 6th May 11am

Confirmation Preparation 2017

8th March Confirmation Preparation Mass
15th March Confirmation Penitential Service

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Inaugural Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2017

Led by the Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin Most Reverend Denis Nulty
16th July 2017 - 5 Nights €719 per person sharing, Flights, Transfers Full Board & Accommodation
included. Full details available at the Parish Office or Joe Walsh Tours
Dedicated Assisted Section for Sick Pilgrims, Pilgrimage Director Fr. Paddy Byrne

ACCORD Marriage Education Facilitator


Are you interested in becoming a Marriage Education Facilitator with Ireland's leading provider of Marriage Preparation Programs?

Would you like to meet couples preparing for Marriage, sharing part of their very special journey?
Come along to our Information Evening on Tuesday 28th February 2017 at 8pm in St. Catherine's
Community Services Centre, St. Josephs Road, Carlow. Hear about what's it like to be a facilitator
and let us answer your questions about the role, training etc.

You may also contact Mary, if you wish, on 059 9138738.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A Lenten Reflection...



There is no point in walking without a destination.
Lent is our journey with a goal. It points us to our destination.
But how do I reach you Lord and put my steps in yours?
I risk becoming self absorbed or running after distractions.
I might be tempted to go in another, less demanding direction.
Renew in me today the call of my baptism.
Orient my life towards the Easter Sun
which cuts through the fog, clearing my path.
In the Lenten season that awaits,
May your Word be a light for my footsteps.
May I enter into that still place where I may meet you on my walk...
(Author Unknown)

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK