

# PARISH NEWS

## *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

7<sup>th</sup> April 2019

### **Don't look back**

'No need to recall the past,  
No need to think about what was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed....'

(Isaiah 43:18-19)

'All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead....'

(Phil 3:13)

These poignant words taken from today's first and second readings provide the perfect preamble to our dramatic Gospel reading. Perhaps the line that is most often quoted from the story of the woman caught in adultery is Jesus' challenge to the crowd who bring her before them:

'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' It is a challenge to all of us to look inward before we 'cast stones' to judge others.

But there is another equally powerful statement here by Jesus, this time to the woman herself. It is delivered quietly, when she is left alone with Jesus after all her accusers have drifted away: 'Neither do I condemn you. Go away, and don't sin any more. We notice that Jesus doesn't rake over the woman's past. He doesn't ask her about the claims of her accusers. He does not condemn or criticise her. Instead he accepts her, loves her, treats her with the respect and dignity that was so lacking in the mob, and gently nudges her forward into a new way of living.

**Collections:** 31<sup>st</sup> March Envelopes €800 Baskets €620  
No of Envelopes 60 Direct Debits 4

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

### **Mass Schedule**

Mass on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> & Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Mass on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> - Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup> Apr. at 10am

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

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

**Parish Centre:**

**New Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
1.00pm to 4.00pm Tuesday & Thursday**

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

**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, e-mail – [dlp@kandle.ie](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie)

**Visiting the Sick:** Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April in the Borris area.

**The Eist Cancer Support Centre** provides emotional support and practical help to anyone affected by cancer, their families and friends. The centre is currently running a variety of programmes including nutrition and mindfulness - please contact Eist at the Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow on 059 9139684 for further details.

Also the Women's Breast Cancer Support Group is held at the Centre every 2nd Tuesday from 7.30 - 9 pm. (12th and 26th March, 9th April).

**Towards Peace:** Towards Peace is a service offering spiritual support to those who have experienced abuse perpetrated by Church personnel, individually or institutionally. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space for people and their families, whose spiritual life has been damaged by abuse. It is also a response to the continually growing understanding of the spiritual impact of the trauma of abuse. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God and spirituality, Towards Peace is here for you. [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie) Tel: 01 505 3028. Mobile: 086 7710533 Up to twelve sessions are available and there is no fee.

#### Call for Volunteers

Are you a tradesperson aged between 20 and 68 years. If so, The Ray of Sunshine Foundation is seeking your help. A group of volunteers will travel to Kenya in January, 2020 to build classrooms in Mombasa. Duration of stay 11 days. Cost €3000 which covers flights, accommodation, insurance and all the materials for the build. Visit [www.rayofsunshine.ie](http://www.rayofsunshine.ie) or contact Olive on 087/6994599 for more information.

#### • An Invitation to you from Bishop Denis - Chrism Mass 2019

Having journeyed together, 'Digging Deeper' into our Sunday Mass this Lent, I warmly invite each of you to join me for our annual diocesan **Chrism Mass on Monday, April 15 at 7:30pm in Carlow Cathedral.**

The diocese is a family of parishes and on this night, we get to gather as a family, priests and people from our 56 parishes. This is a wonderful celebration of the Mass, rich in music and ritual.

*Come early to get a seat and stay for a cuppa afterwards!*

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

##### Water

*Disagreements cause ripples;*

*Difficulties whip up a storm;*

*Crises stir troubled waters.*

*Peace is like a river;*

*Contentment a stream;*

*Tranquillity a pond.*

*Wisdom is like a wellspring;*

*Longing is a thirst;*

*Deprivation a drought.*

*Catastrophe is like a cataclysm;*

*Disaster is a deluge;*

*Tragedy is now a tsunami.*

*Beauty is like a fountain;*

*Majesty is a waterfall;*

*Mystery a deep pool.*

*Mgr Liam Bergin, Diocese of Ossory, Intercom*

**HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK**