

# PARISH NEWS

**Pentecost Sunday**

**8 JUNE 2014**

## **Wind and Fire**

Last winter offered us a taste of how powerful the wind can be. The west coast of Ireland bore the brunt of weeks of storm force winds that decimated beaches, uprooted trees and tore up coastal walls and roads. Many other countries have suffered a great deal more at the hands of hurricanes, tornados and severe winds.

Fire, when it burns out of control, can destroy homes and belongings, and can injure and kill. Forest or bush fires can cause widespread damage. Yet these powerful elements can be benevolent forces too. A breeze can soothe on a hot day, a gentle wind can aid an athlete, while more powerful gusts can even generate electricity. In this country we certainly appreciate the value of a day when there's 'good drying out!' And fire is a great source of heat and comfort. Why does the Holy Spirit manifest as these elements? Wind and fire are signs of both the power of God and of strength for the task ahead. The well-known Irish Blessing goes: 'May the wind be always at your back'. I like to think of the Holy Spirit as both the wind at our backs, and the fire within us – the love within, and the impetus to love others. Is your heart on fire with the love of God? What is the force that spurs you on?

**Collections:** 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014 Envelopes €915 Baskets €542

No. Of Envelopes Returned 73 Direct Debits 5

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

**Mass schedule :** Mass at 7.30pm on Mon. 9<sup>th</sup> June & Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> June  
Mass at 9.00 am Tues to Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June

**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](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com) Closed Bank holidays.

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

**Visitation Of The Sick** Fr. John will visit the sick people on his list on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June in the Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas and on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June in the Borris area.

**A Charismatic Meeting** run by the Polish Community will take place in the Sacred Heart Church in Borris on Tues. 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm . All welcome.

*If you wish to follow Fr. John on Twitter, you can do so @ Frjohn51*

**Eist Cancer Support Centre**, The Waterfront, Mill Lane Carlow - Opens Tuesdays, Weds, Thurs from 9.30 to 4pm offering support and practical help to anyone coping with a cancer diagnosis, their families and carers. "**Can-Thrive**" - the new young person's support group at the Eist Cancer Support Centre welcomes all young people coping with a cancer diagnosis. The group is holding a Pampering evening for anyone coping with cancer on Thurs 19th of June from 5pm - 9pm at the centre Please Contact us on 059 91 39684 to book a place as places are limited.  
[www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie](http://www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie) Visit us on facebook

**Tax Refund for the Parish** Please return your CHY3 forms to the Parish Centre in order for us to reclaim from Revenue the tax paid on your donations.

**Sensory Cinema** will take place on Sunday 8th June 2014 at 11am in Carlow Cineplex. Movie is Rio 2. Lights will be left on and noise reduced. All children with sensory issues are welcome to attend, including siblings & friends. ASD friendly. Cost is €2.50 per person. Carlow ASD Support

**Lough Derg** God's healing grace is experienced on Lough Derg in an intensity seldom encountered elsewhere; through spiritual exercise, companionship of fellow pilgrims and the sheer holiness of the place. Daily boats to the Island from 10.30am until 3:00pm, 7 days a week until 13<sup>th</sup> August. No booking necessary.  
For further information contact Maureen or Sharon 071 9861518  
email: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)  
**Kildare / Lough Derg Pilgrimage** 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July. Contact Michael Sammon 087 6697902

**Hospice Sunflower Days** take place on June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. Please support your local hospice service by buying a sunflower. All funds raised locally, stay locally. For more information and to volunteer with your local hospice service for Hospice Sunflower Days visit [www.sunflowerdays.ie](http://www.sunflowerdays.ie)

**Annual Mass for the Sick** – Please note that the date of this Mass has been **changed** from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July

Carlow Choral Society director Niall Kinsella presents Durufle Requiem in Carlow Cathedral on Sunday June 8th at 8.15pm. Tickets £15.

**County Carlow Women's Network** with the support of Carlow Local Sports Partnership is offering Taster Sessions for Women in Rowing, Rafting, Dragon Boat Racing and Kayaking. No experience necessary. It's a chance to have fun and try something new. For further information on dates and costs please contact Fiona on (059) 9179376.

**National Carers Week Pop-Up Care Cafe** will open on Monday, June 9th - Friday June 13th from 10am until 5pm at Bagenal Court, Carlow town (opposite the Court House). Family carers and indeed the wider public, are invited to come together for a cuppa and a chat. Information will also be available about rights, entitlements and services available to family carers. We will be offering other supports during the week such as one-to-one counselling, relaxation therapies and expert advice from nutritionists as well as health and legal professionals free of charge. All welcome.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

#### **Prayer for Guidance at Exam Time**

Holy Spirit. Be with me at this time of examinations and grant me your counsel, so that I may prepare wisely. Grant me understanding, so that I may grasp the knowledge I am trying to learn. Grant me fortitude so that I may have courage at the time of examination to face the challenge. May I pray to you with faith for what I need. Grant me your wisdom so that I may see the examinations are but a part of life and whether or not I do well or not is part of a bigger picture, part of a greater plan you have for me and for all the world. I make this prayer through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

**HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK**