

PARISH NEWS

Third Sunday of Lent
8 March 2015

'Zeal for your house will consume me'

Jesus is overcome with fierce love and passion in today's Gospel because of the injustice he sees before him. The goods sold in the Temple markets were used in sacrifices so that people could meet the requirements to be closer to God. This model needed challenging. They have turned what should be a place of sacredness into a place where what is important is monetary value.

What temples have we turned into market places today? Our world is driven by consumerism and profit at the expense of our environment and at the expense of the resources of the world's poorest people. The Book of Creation is now speaking to us to stop making this house a market place. Climate change is having adverse effects on our weather systems here in Ireland and in the poorest regions of the world. Let us pray this Sunday that 'zeal for Your house will consume' us, that we will take the necessary steps to ensure a more sustainable world for all. World leaders are working towards a global treaty on climate change but they are not agreed on how to cut emissions to sufficient levels. They need encouragement.

'May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace....And may God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness to all.'

Franciscan Blessing

Collections: 22nd Feb 2015 Envelopes : €555 Baskets €657

1st Mar 2015 Envelopes : €289 Baskets €331

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

Mass Schedule:

Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 9th & Fri 13th March

Mass at 9am Tues 10th to Thurs 12th March Incl.

Ballymurphy Servers Sat 7th March – Group 2

St. Patrick's Day 17th March – Mass will be celebrated at 9.30pm in Rathanna and 1pm in Borris
Vigil Mass in Ballymurphy on Monday 16th @ 7.30pm

Attending the Sick Fr. John will visit the sick on his list on Tuesday 10th March in the Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas, and in Borris on Wednesday 11th March

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

Trocaire “She must be a woman known for her good works, whether she has brought up her children, been hospitable to strangers and washed the feet of God's holy people, helped people in hardship or been active in all kinds of good work.” *1 Timothy 5:10.* 8th March is International Women's Day and we remember the countless women who are supported by Trócaire in the developing world who work tirelessly to improve their communities, often at great personal risk.
Visit trocaire.org/lent

Masses during Lent will be at 7.30pm on Mondays & Fridays and at 9.00am from Tuesday to Thursday. There are many positive ways of marking Lent special. Some possible ways are:

- ❖ For those who travel to work, to make the effort to get up half an hour earlier to attend Mass
- ❖ For those who are retired or unemployed, to make an effort and make a daily visit to the Blessed Sacrament
- ❖ For families, to say the Rosary together daily or even a decade a day.

Polish Mass A mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 21st March at 7.30pm in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris.

Dates for Your Diary

Weekend Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick & Knock Sat 27th - Sunday 28th June 2015 €100 per person, includes bus, dinner & bed & breakfast in hotel. **If you are not interested in climbing Croagh Patrick you will have the opportunity to visit Westport on the Saturday, and Knock on the Sunday.**

24 HOURS ADORATION - in Carlow Cathedral “God is rich in mercy “, at the request of Pope Francis starting on Friday 13th. March at 6pm and ending with the 6.15pm Mass on Saturday 14th. March. Please come and spend some time with us in prayer.

International Women's Day A Coffee Morning to celebrate International Women's Day will be hosted by County Carlow Women's Network on Monday 9th March 2015 in Askea Parish Centre from 10.00 am to 12 noon. All men and women are welcome to come and join us for the celebration.

Thought for the Week

Conversations on Funeral Practices

In his November pastoral letter Bishop Dennis stated his intention, along with the Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation, to hold deanery conversations in relation to funeral practices in the diocese. These conversations will give people the opportunity to discuss and explore how we celebrate the rites and rituals around the time of death and the meaning these rituals have for people. It will also give people the chance to name the reality of the changing circumstances of our time and how this has impacted on parish celebrations of funerals and other accompanying rites in recent years. The fruits of these conversations will be invaluable in helping to support parishes to build on good practice in ways appropriate to the needs of the people and in keeping with the Christian message of hope and consolation.

The Kildare & Leighlin South Deanery Conversation will take place on Saturday 7th March 2.30 to 5.00 in the Parish Centre, Leighlinbridge.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK