

# PARISH NEWS

## *Second Sunday of Lent*

8<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### **'Listen to him'**

On this second Sunday of Lent, we hear the story of the Transfiguration. It is an account of a significant spiritual experience for the disciples. We can recall in our own lives times when we received a new spiritual insight, moments when we came to know Jesus in a more profound way. These moments change us, they are powerful and can sustain us in difficult times.

During Lent we are invited into a new way of seeing. As our world faces enormous environmental challenges, faith communities have a huge role to play in protecting God's creation for generations to come. The roots of the environmental crisis are deeply spiritual, for we have become disconnected from nature and forgotten how deeply interconnected everything is. This calls for a deep conversion, a reconnection; to be filled again with a childlike sense of awe and wonder where our relationship with the natural world is concerned. This Lent, let us spend more time in nature, being aware of God's presence in every created thing. Let us stand awestruck before the beauty of the world.

'The entire material universe speaks of God's love ... Soil, water, mountains: everything is a caress of God ...

From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe. It is also a continuing revelation of the divine. Alongside revelation in sacred Scripture, there is a divine manifestation in the blaze of the sun and the fall of night'.

(Laudato Si, 84-85)

### **Collections:**

1<sup>st</sup> March  
Envelopes €418      Baskets €662  
No of Envelopes      58      Direct Debits 4

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

### **Mass Schedule:**

Mass on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> & Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm  
Mass Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am

***Rosary will be recited every Thursday morning before 10 o'clock mass.***

**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, email – [dlp@kandle.ie](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie)

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

**Parish Centre:** Mon/Wed/Fri 9.30 – 12.30, Tues & Thurs 1pm – 4pm

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

## *Dates for your Diary*

**CONFIRMATION BORRIS SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AT 11AM BORRIS CHURCH**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION BALLYMURPHY SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 12 NOON**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION BORRIS SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 11AM**

### **Carlow Family Support Group - You Are Not Alone**

Drugs and Alcohol abuse effects families regardless of status in life. You did not cause it, you can't control it and you can't cure it. Help is available for those who live with this dreadful disease call 085 7872730.

### **Carlow COPD Support Group**

Weekly exercise sessions resume Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 12 – 1pm in O'Hanrahans GFC, Dublin Rd., Carlow. For more information contact Anna Corcoran 086-3794613

## ***THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK***

### **Advice from the Diocese on CORONA VIRUS**

We have received from the HSE guidance in relation to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) which is now attached. I would appreciate if you would review same and take on as much of the relevant suggestions as possible.

In particular the following should be noted:-

Suspend the sign of peace with immediate effect.

Holy water fonts should be emptied and not used.

Holy Communion should be administered into the HAND ONLY. Advise mass goers of this before communion is distributed.

Everyone administering Holy Communion should wash their hands or use alcohol based hand gel before beginning.

The practice of shaking hands on greeting and departure should be suspended.

## ***Have a Wonderful Week***



