

Towards Peace is a new spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to nine sessions are offered and there is no cost. For more information, please visit www.towardspeace.ie, phone 01 505 3028 or email towardspeace@iecon.ie

“Feedback from abuse survivors in Ireland has highlighted the damage done to their own spirituality, particularly because they were abused by Catholic Church personnel. Within this context, spiritual direction might provide a space for exploring the spiritual impact of the abuse such as: the impact on a person’s own sense of goodness; connection to God and connection to others; beliefs, theology and faith; relationship with Church and religion. Spiritual direction might also provide a space to gain clarity about what one’s spiritual needs and hopes for healing are today.”

Towards Peace Diocesan Leaflet

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.

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

THE PEOPLE’S CLIMATE MARCH will take place in Dublin, Cork and Belfast on Sunday 29th November at 2pm. Hundreds of thousands of us will be marching in cities around the world on November 29th, in what we hope will be the largest climate change mobilisation in history, just before our leaders travel to Paris for the climate summit. Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Sí*, encourages us all to take action like this for Climate Justice. He says, “Let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God’s plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment.”

- 1pm - Climate justice ecumenical service at St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast
- 2pm - People's Climate Rally, Belfast, Writer's Square, Belfast
- 2pm – People’s Climate Rally, Dublin - Custom’s House Quay, Dublin
- 2pm – People’s Climate Rally, Cork - Grand Parade, Cork



Note to Parish from Trócaire re Lent 2016 & Jubilee Year of Mercy:

The year-long Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy will begin on **8th December 2015**. Throughout this Jubilee year, Parishes and individuals will be invited to become “*Merciful like the Father*” through joining in the celebration of specific highlights in the church calendar in communion with Pope Francis and Catholic communities across the world. Alongside these celebrations, efforts will be made to offer concrete signs of God’s Love and Mercy to our neighbours in need, both locally and globally.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

THAT NOVEMBER FEELING

The year quickens to a close; nature slows down its activity. Traditionally November is a time when we remember the dead in a special way. Gravestones, Memorial cards, Cemeteries, Anniversary Masses, are really about the same thing – keeping our dead alive. These are simple ways in which we continue the regard that we held for our family members in life. It. Our memory of them is a kind one, which like our God who is more anxious to search out what is good, than to condemn.

‘Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again. Bring them into the light of your presence’.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK