

# PARISH NEWS

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
9 FEBRUARY 2014

## Fractured presence

Where would we be without technology? But there are downsides – I have been known to catch myself, for example, carrying out a task on my laptop, with the TV on in the background, and of course my phone beside me alerting me to various things. Talk about zoned out.

It brings to mind a documentary I saw recently about teenager's use of social media. In it, a mother described her son's interaction with her while he was also using his phone or laptop as 'fractured presence', though she admitted to being guilty of the same thing when on her own computer. Try talking to anyone who is texting or scrolling through Facebook as you're speaking to them. At best you are getting about half of their full attention.

Our world is full of new ways of communicating. But what about allowing our own light to really shine for others? Jesus warns against hiding our light under a tub. We can have a tendency to hide behind our computer or smartphone screen. How real are our interactions with others online? And when we are spending time with family or friends, are we really present?

Patrick Kavanagh once wrote: 'We have tested and tasted too much, lover-through a chink too wide there comes in no wonder'. Are we allowing ourselves the time and space to let the light of the world in, and to allow our own light to shine out? A new way to think about Jesus' instruction about not hiding our light!

**Collections:** 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2014 Envelopes €592 Baskets €458

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

**Mass schedule :** Mass at 7.30pm on Mon.10<sup>th</sup> & Fri. 14<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Mass at 9.00 am Tues to Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Anniversary Mass** The Anniversary Mass of James Fleming, Bog Lane, Borris, will take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm

**Visitation Of The Sick** Fr. John will visit the sick on his list in Ballymurphy & Rathanna on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February and in Borris on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

**Parish Centre:** The Parish Centre is open as usual Mon. – Fri. from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Phone 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com) Closed Bank holidays.

**Borris Parish Website :** [www.borris.myparish.eu](http://www.borris.myparish.eu) Diocesan website [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)  
We are currently rebuilding our website – the work should be finished in 2 weeks.

**Eist Cancer Support Centre,** The Waterfront, Mill Lane Carlow Tel: 059 91 39684 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. [www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie](http://www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie) Visit us on facebook

**MABS** Carlow MABS Ltd (Money Advice & Budgeting Service), 72d Tullow St., Carlow, Tel: 076-1072070  
Free & Confidential Money Management and Advice Service – assisting people in dealing with their existing debts and helping them to begin to manage their own resources.  
Community Education Programmes provided.

**The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver** will be in our Parish on the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> February. They will speak at all the Masses about their work for the missions. There will be a collection to help the Sisters in their work.

*Date for Your Diary :* Camino de Santiago Walk : We are organising a group to partake in this walk which takes place on 16<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> September 2014. Should you require further details please contact the Parish Centre or Fr. John.

**Irish Wheelchair Association** The Annual General Meeting of the Co. Carlow Branch of the Irish Wheelchair Association will take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm in the Irish Wheelchair Association, Teach Failte, Kilkenny Road, Carlow.

**The Irish Society for Colitis and Crohn's Disease** is an all-volunteer patient support group for sufferers of Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. We are holding a public meeting for patients, their family and friends, in The Woodlands Hotel, Waterford on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2014 between 2pm and 5pm. All welcome.

**"Does your spouse have dementia?** A new study in Trinity College Dublin is looking to gain an insight into the health and wellbeing of those who care for their spouse/partner with dementia. If you are caregiver aged over 50 years and living with a partner who has Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia you may be interested in taking part. For more information please phone Alan Galvin or Maria Pertl on 01 896 8414"

### *THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*

#### **One Little Act**

A story about a busy airport, where a line of travellers were waiting to buy tickets. The line grew so long and moved so slow that patience was wearing thin. At the worst possible moment, two boisterous women carrying large suitcases started elbowing their way to the front. A man near the head of the line saw that the two women were being pushed and shoved and feared that the situation was getting out of control. Consequently he offered them his own position. This response took everyone, including the two women, by surprise. And a great quiet came over the entire scene. The man then picked up his own luggage and walked to the back of the line.

One little act of counter-intelligence turned a disaster into a magical moment.... all because of one act of genuine humility!

*HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK*