

PARISH NEWS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th February 2020

This little light of mine ...

I'm gonna let it shine! Perhaps you are familiar with this popular hymn. It is often used in children's liturgies, and was in fact written as a gospel song for children in the 1920s. It later became something of an anthem for the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 60s, associated in particular with civil rights leader Fannie Lou Hamer. The song was seen as a way of expressing unity, as people fought for equal rights and freedom.

'This Little Light of Mine' is based on the words of Matthew's Gospel that we hear today: 'No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub... your light must shine in the sight of men.' Without the light of those who were part of the civil rights movement, our world would be a very different place. There are good people everywhere who continue to fight for justice and freedom, who use their 'light' to help others and make sure people are treated fairly and with dignity – both those who campaign and speak out about injustice, and the people on the ground who support the sick, the homeless, refugees and others experiencing difficulties. Witnessing so much suffering, it might be tempting for these 'people of light' to become disheartened, but they carry on, using their compassion and skills to bring about change, shining their light in the darkness. As followers of Christ, we are called to light up the world. Take some time this week to think about how you can let your light shine.

'A community of Jesus which seeks to hide itself has ceased to follow him.'

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Collections:

2 nd February		Envelopes €415	Baskets €570
No of Envelopes	73	Direct Debits 4	

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

Mass Schedule:

Mass on Monday 10th & Friday 14th February at 7.30pm
Mass Tuesday 11th – Thursday 13th at 10.00 am

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

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie **Diocesan Website:** www.kandle.ie

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

Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

Visiting the Sick Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 6th February in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and on Friday 7th February in the Borris area.

Dates for your Diary

CONFIRMATION BORRIS SATURDAY 25TH APRIL AT 11AM BORRIS CHURCH

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION BALLYMURPHY SATURDAY 16TH MAY 12 NOON

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION BORRIS SATURDAY 23RD MAY 11AM

Carlow College Book Fair

Takes place from 1am – 5pm Wednesday 12th February 2020 at Carlow College, St Patricks, College Street, Carlow. All are welcome to browse, buy or sell.

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

As spring returns across the land,

And sparkles on the sea,

It brings new hope to wake the earth,

Lord, wake new hope in me.

As more green shoots and buds appear

And winds blow fresh and free,

Spring touches all with healing hands,

Lord, touch the soul in me.

Iris Hesselden

Have a Wonderful Week

