

PARISH NEWS

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 9th November 2014

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Today we celebrate the dedication of the Basilica of St John Lateran, historically the oldest church in Rome. It was the residence of the Pope for centuries and remains his cathedral. It is considered the mother of all churches! Our Gospel passage for this feast almost seems to be in contradiction as it recalls Jesus cleansing the Temple in Jerusalem. The theology of the Temple was such that to get to God you had to qualify culturally, socially and in terms of 'purity'. The goods sold in the Temple markets were used in sacrifices so that people could meet the requirements to be 'closer' to God. You can understand why Jesus was angry and challenged this model. He tells people early on in John's Gospel that HE is God's Temple. God cannot be confined. Jesus' words are too controversial for his listeners and challenging such powerful structures comes at a price. We can take away many reflections from today's feast: we celebrate the Church as a place of encounter with God; we are also reminded that God is not confined to one building or the structures placed around it. We gather as community in prayer and worship in our churches united with Christians all over the world, yet we remember that it is the people who gather there in Jesus' name who are the real Church. The Temple of God is the Christian community, the body of Christ with Jesus as its foundation. This is *pre-echoed* in the second reading today from St. Paul when he says: 'For the Temple of God is holy and you are that Temple'.

Collections: 1st & 2nd Nov 2014 Envelopes €402 Baskets €956

No. Of Envelopes Returned 65 Direct Debits 5

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

Mass Schedule: Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 10th & Fri. 14th Nov.
Mass for Those Who Died During the Year on Wednesday 12th at 7.30 pm
No Morning Mass Tues 11th - Thurs 13th Nov.

Mass for Those who Died during the Year, from 1st November 2013 to 31st October 2014, will be celebrated on Wednesday 12th November at 7.30pm in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris. If there is someone (not necessarily from this parish) you would like remembered in this Mass, who died during the year, please write their names on the list which is at the back of all the churches.

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.

Eist Cancer Support Centre opens each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30a.m. - 4.00p.m. The Centre operates a drop in service during these times. Autumn Schedule now up and running, Yoga each Wednesday at 11.30a.m. Pottery each Thursday at 10.30a.m. Our 15 week walking programme "Strides for Life" continues each Thursday morning in Eire Og GAA Grounds starting at 11.00a.m. New Members Welcome.

November List of the Dead November is the month of the Holy Souls and you will find a blue envelope in your box of envelopes in which to place your list of the Dead and donation for 2014-15. Throughout the coming year a Mass will be offered in each of the churches for the deceased on this List.

Would you like to be a Parish Reader? Are you already a parish reader who would like a refresher course? "Entrusted with the Word" is a three night training course for parish readers offered by Kildare & Leighlin Faith Development Services. The next course will take place in the Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow, on Tuesdays - November 4, 11 & 18 at 8-9:30 p.m.

Polish Charismatic Meeting will take place on Tuesday 18th November at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris. All welcome.

The Pro-Life Trust will hold a Church Gate Collection in Borris this weekend (9th). The Pro-Life Trust was established in 1985 to fundraise for legal and educational initiatives which support the right to life of the unborn child.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Extract from the Pastoral Letter for November from Bishop Denis Nulty "... beginning a conversation around how we celebrate Funerals

Death brings us face to face with the colder side of life. The month of November usually sees a dip in temperatures from the milder weather of October and this resonates with the coldness we can experience when the one we love has died. Death affects everyone in a community, in a parish and especially in a family. I am particularly conscious of those who have experienced bereavement in the past year; you are in my prayers and those of the parish community in this month of November.

Of course death doesn't have to be cold and often it isn't. There is warmth in death in the assuring knowledge that the one we mourn, the one we miss, the one we will never forget is already gone to the Father's house. The consolation and support that our faith brings to us at the time of the death of a loved one, through the prayers of the funeral rites and indeed the care of the faith community, helps enormously. In recent years, parishes have organized special liturgies and Masses around remembering those who have died, candles are carried forward, names are read aloud, daffodil bulbs are planted – these celebrations are to be encouraged as they mean so much to those who are left behind to grieve.

It is because this is such an important moment in the life of a family that the Commission for Liturgical Formation in Kildare & Leighlin Diocese is very interested in commencing a conversation around how we celebrate the liturgies in the Diocese for the funerals of loved ones. In a recent survey carried out by our Diocesan Commission funeral ministry emerged as a top priority for the Commission to work on over the coming year. This pastoral is seen as the beginning of a diocesan wide conversation on the rite and the rituals around death. We propose in the coming months to offer a Saturday gathering in each of the new deanery areas to broaden this conversation. In November 2015, in a year's time, the Diocese through the Commission for Liturgical Formation hopes to offer a definitive set of norms and guidelines around best practice in funeral liturgies. "

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK