

PARISH NEWS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
16 MARCH 2014

It is wonderful for us to be here

We can sympathise with Peter in today's Gospel as he wants to remain on the mountain in this amazing, euphoric experience. We can recall those events in our own lives - we didn't want them to end. But Jesus' way involves coming down from the mountain top. Often we can be content in assuming that our serving God is sufficient at a Sunday Mass. We must awaken that call within each of us to be active in our Gospel living; to listen to the cry of the poor and the oppressed and the challenges that they face in this world.

In a special way this Lent we think about water, we think about Enestina from Malawi who journeys 2km with 20 litres of water every morning before school. What do we have to say to that situation? What do we have to say to our governments about Enestina? Who has the power in these situations? What can we do about it? Wash clothes at 30 degrees; spend less time in the shower; fix those dripping taps; reduce the amount of bottled water we buy. How can such small acts make a difference? They raise consciousness, restore relationship and help us to live more fully in communion together.

'Transformation ... begins with the people of God who start turning the things of death into things of life. And the kings and presidents and nations will follow.'

Shane Claiborne

Collections: 9th March 2014 Envelopes €850 Baskets €618

Number of Weekly Envelopes Returned : 71

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

Mass schedule : **St Patrick's Day 17th March** : Mass in Borris at 9.00am
There will be No Mass Tues 18th March to Thurs 20th March Incl.
Mass on Fri 21st March at 7.30pm

St Patrick's Day 17th March 2014 : *The Very Best of luck to Mount Leinster Rangers on this Historic Occasion on behalf of the Parish Community*

Polish Mass Mass will be celebrated in Polish in The Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 22nd March at 7.30pm.

Catholicism Journey Around the World and Deep into the Faith – Join us every **Monday** night during Lent for this incredible Journey on DVD in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris after the 7.30pm Mass.

Masses during Lent will be at 7.30pm on Mondays & Fridays and at 9.00am from Tuesday to Thursday. There are many positive ways of marking Lent as special. Some possible ways are:

- For those who travel to work, to make the effort to get up half an hour earlier to attend Mass
- For those who are retired or unemployed, to make an effort and make a daily visit to the Blessed Sacrament
- For families, to say the Rosary together daily or even a decade a day.

New Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie Diocesan website www.kandle.ie
Our new website is up and running should you wish to have a browse

Accord Pre-Marriage Courses

There are places available on our last two courses before the summer, May 9th & 10th, June 6th & 7th

There will be no courses in July & August, so couples getting married this summer or early autumn, need to book one of the above courses. Booking can be made on line at www.accord.ie

For further information contact Mary at 059 9138738.

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 Visit us on facebook

Carlow Regional Youth Service in the build up to the *Cycle Against Suicide*, are organising cycling training sessions for Teenagers who wish to participate in the Carlow to Kilkenny leg of the cycle on Tuesday April 29th. Road cycle spins are taking place every Saturday morning at 9.30am, meeting in The Vault on Burrin Street, with the support of Carlow Road Cycling Club. In addition we are doing spinning classes at Eire Og Gym on Wednesdays from 4.30-5.30pm. Each Session costs € for Teenagers. All those interested should contact Tracey at Carlow Regional Youth Service on 085 7897288 or check out the full route on <http://www.cycleagainstsucide.com>

Scripture Sharing Lent 2014 There are Scripture Sharing Lent Booklets available at the Parish Centre should anyone wish to form a Scripture Group during Lent, they may call in to get some.

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 Closed on Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th March

St Vincent de Paul have a new phone number 086-0579532. Please contact us, we are there to help in a confidential, non-judgemental way.

Carlow Historical & Archaeological Society.

Illustrated lecture by Author Fergus Mulligan; "William Dargan: An Honourable Life"- Ireland's greatest railway engineer. Seven Oaks hotel ,8pm Wednesday 19th March. Admission Free.

Old Irish Blessing



May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK