

PARISH NEWS

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
2 MARCH 2014

See ye first the Kingdom of God

'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God'. It is one of those iconic verses we know so well that it whispers to us again and again. The only danger is it can lose its power and meaning. We no longer let it shock or surprise us. Seek first the Kingdom of God is Jesus' ongoing whisper to us. This invitation has an enticing incentive: to be free from all worry; to be free from worldly things; to have complete trust in God. The stunning imagery in this passage of the lilies in the field and how adorned and beautiful they are, are meant to entice us away from worrying about the 'stuff' of the world: money, clothes, gadgets, cars. We need the basics of course, but there is a great freedom in putting the 'stuff' second and focusing on God's Kingdom in everything we do: families, friends; looking after our planet; being in solidarity with those who are struggling; standing up for those who experience injustice; loving neighbour and loving God. Today, allow this particular iconic verse to whisper to you again and again; God's alternative reality.

'The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a revolution of the heart, a revolution which has to start with each one of us?'

Dorothy Day

Collections: 23rd February 2014 Envelopes €513 Baskets €969

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

Mass schedule : Mass at 7.30pm on Mon. 3rd March & Fri. 7th March

Mass at 9.00am Tue 4th & Thurs 6th March

Ash Wednesday 5th March : Mass at 9.00am in Borris, 10.15am in Rathanna & 7.30pm in Ballymurphy. This is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

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

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.

Trocaire Trocaire boxes will be available in all the churches this coming weekend. Please take one and have it in a prominent place in your house during Lent. Family members and visitors might like to make a once-off, weekly or daily donation and this will be greatly appreciated.

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 *The Eist Cancer Support Centre invites all cancer survivors to join their 'Strides for Life' walking programme which takes place each Thursday morning at 11am at the St. Lawrence O'Toole Track Carlow. Please contact the centre for further details.*

Early Childhood Ireland's National Pyjama Day 2014

Pyjamas at the ready! National Pyjama Day takes place on March 7th this year. Over 40,000 children across Ireland are set to wear their pj's into their childcare service to raise vital funds for the Irish Hospice Foundation's *Hospice Home Care for Children* service. Register now at www.earlychildhoodireland.ie or call Fiona on 01 405 7100

Coffee Morning to celebrate International Women's Day: County Carlow Women's Network are hosting a Coffee Morning to celebrate International Women's Day on Thursday 6th March 2014 from 10 am to 12 noon in Askea Parish Centre. All men & women are welcome to come join us on the morning for the celebration. For further information contact Catherine Delaney at 086 3757137

The Irish Cancer Society's Care to Drive Service is currently seeking volunteer drivers in Carlow to drive local patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments in St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin; St. James's Hospital, Dublin & Waterford Regional Hospital. A driver picks a patient up at their home, drives them to the door of the hospital, picks them up again when they are finished their treatment and brings them home. The service is free to the patient and all drivers expenses are paid. For an application form telephone Gail on 01 2310 566 or email transport@irishcancer.ie

Daffodil Day March 28th. Launch of Daffodil Day in Carlow takes place on Monday 3rd March 2014 at 8pm in the Graiguecullen Parish Centre, and anyone interested in helping out on the day is invited to attend. Also anyone with baskets, medium to small suitable for floral displays are asked to leave them in the Graiguecullen Parish Centre for collection.

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 Bank holidays.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Fast & Feast

Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling within them

Fast from emphasis on differences, feast on the unity of all life

Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light

Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify

Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude

Fast from anger; feast on patience

William Arthur Ward

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK