

PARISH NEWS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
23 MARCH 2014

Thirst for Living Water

Today's Gospel is a beautiful story of Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. It is full of metaphor and you can approach it from many positions: the woman having an encounter, a spiritual guide, a teacher, a comforter, challenging. Jesus meets her where she is at. He shouldn't even have acknowledged her as she is clearly an outcast, a Samaritan woman with a reputation. This woman experiences conversion and growth at this well, not just physical quenching of thirst, but a spiritual one.

Today we can think of the millions of women of women and girls who make the hazardous journey to wells every day in search of water. According to the UN 1.1 billion people are 'water insecure'. Trocaire is working in Malawi with their local partners to provide water security for many communities. By 2020 it is estimated that water available for agriculture in the region will drop by 50%. We all have a part to play in this with climate change - one of the biggest contributors to water shortage. This is a problem that requires more than charity giving to solve. We need to be more conscious of how much we use; how we recycle; how we can walk or cycle more instead of driving. The woman in today's Gospel experiences conversion at the well; we too are in need of conversion so that we live more in solidarity with those who are suffering and thirsting for justice.

'Give me this water so that I may not be thirsty.'

John 4:15

Collections: 16th March 2014 Envelopes TBC Baskets €1021

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

Mass schedule :

Mass Mon 24th Mar & Fri 28th Mar at 7.30pm
Mass Tues 25th to Thurs 27th Incl. at 9.00am

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 Please visit our website www.carlowys.ie for the March edition of Carlow Regional Youth Services Monthly Newsletter. Within it you will find details of projects being done and forthcoming activities and events we will be launching.

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 Bank Holidays.

Music Generation Carlow will hold it's next Trad Orchestra Day for young people on Sunday 30th March in Borris Vocational School from 10am-3pm. This workshop event is open to all young people from 8-18 years interested in playing Trad music. All beginners to advanced levels are welcome! Please contact Music Generation Carlow for more information by emailing abyrne@kcetb.ie or phoning 059-9138532"

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE - Arles Parish Mission 22nd – 28th of March 2014. Given by THE EMBER TEAM please join us for " Living Our Faith in The 21st Century" We open on Sunday 23rd of March with a Free Concert for Family Day in Arles Church at 7pm with special guest appearance by Fr. Liam Lawton. Everybody is very welcome. Follow us on twitter @ArlesParish

Spanish Cycle in aid of the Irish Hospice Foundation Get on your bike for the Irish Hospice Foundation this summer and help raise funds for the vital Nurses for Night Care Service. This year's IHF Kingspan Cycle Challenge sees cyclists take on a route from San San Sebastian to Barcelona. Register before April 4th by logging on to hospicefoundation.ie or calling 01 679 3188

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

To ease another's heartache is to forget one's own

Abraham Lincoln

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK