

PARISH NEWS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
30 MARCH 2014

'I want to see, really see'

The man in the Gospel story today has had his sight restored. Notice how his sight grows more clearly throughout the account until he finally worships Jesus. We can be blind in many ways through our refusal to believe that we can contribute to positive change in the world. Too often we dismiss these realities by thinking we can do nothing about situations such as the global water crisis. This is blindness. We sometimes hide from the evidence before us and take refuge in prayer. Prayer is important but we must also be open to action. What we do, what we buy, how we use the plentiful resources at our disposal; these all affect the wider global community. Words attributed to Oscar Romero read: 'We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realising that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.'

How can we as parish communities work for justice for our brothers and sisters who are in need? We need to see them, to see their struggle, to see the systems which contribute to this crisis. This week can you gather a small group in your parish and tell the stories used in this year's Trocaire resource? This is one small way in which we can open the eyes of others. It is not simply about giving money. We must open our eyes. Today we pray that we can have our sight restored so that, like the man in the Gospel, we can truly worship Jesus.

'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world.

Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.'

Margaret Mead

Collections: 23rd March 2014 Envelopes 16th/17th €605

Envelopes 23rd €338 Baskets €679

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

Mass schedule :

Mass Mon 31st Mar & Fri 4th Apr at 7.30pm

Mass Tues 1st to Thurs 3rd Incl. at 9.00am

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.

'24 Hours for the Lord' – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession on Friday 28th March at 5pm to Saturday 29th March at 5pm in St. Andrew's Church, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan website www.kandle.ie

Borris Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick & Knock takes place on July 26th-27th 2014. Full details are available in the Parish Centre.

First Confessions – First Confessions for First Communion Classes will take place on Tuesday 1st April in St Patrick's Church, Ballymurphy at 7.30pm and on Wednesday 2nd April in The Sacred Heart, Borris at 7.00pm

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 Irish Cancer Society's Care to Drive service is currently seeking volunteer drivers to drive patients in Carlow to and from their chemotherapy treatments in the Dublin hospitals. We are looking for volunteers to pick patients up at their homes, drive them to the door of the hospital, pick them up again when they are finished their treatment and bring them home. The service is free to the patient and all drivers expenses are paid. For more information, telephone Gail on 01 2310 566 or email transport@irishcancer.ie

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

Date for Your Diary : Camino de Santiago Walk : We are organising a group to partake in this walk which takes place on 16th – 25th September 2014. Further information is available in the Parish Centre or from Fr. John.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Those who dwell among the beauties and mysteries of the earth are never alone or weary of life

Rachel Carson

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK