

PARISH NEWS

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
9 MARCH 2014

Thirst for Wilderness

Our first stop on this Lenten journey is the 'wilderness'. Why? We need to remove ourselves from our hectic lives in order to BE STILL, to STOP, to BREATHE. It's a bit like a stock-take. What's here? What's here that shouldn't be here? What's missing? And so we journey today with Jesus into the 'wilderness'. We should not be afraid of this.. It is a 'Spirit led' wilderness; God is in control here. Lent calls each of us to transform our lives and our relationships with those we love and cherish; our relationship with the planet; with the global community; our relationship with God. This Lent we are asked to think especially about water. How we use water; what we waste; how we can live in solidarity with those who have no access to clean water. This is an urgent call. The wars of the future will be fought over water and it is hard for us to imagine. This coming week, as we journey more deeply into the wilderness, focus on how you use water. How many times a day? How much? What is wasted? What is shared? What do you use water for? Where water is concerned how can you serve God more fully? (www.taptips.ie)

Lent has begun! We won't automatically wake up on Easter morning transformed. But we are building, transforming; working in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who thirst for justice in so many parts of the world.

Collections: 2nd March 2014 Envelopes €497 Baskets €429

Number of Weekly Envelopes Returned : 59

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

Mass schedule : Mass at 7.30pm on Mon. 10th March & Fri. 14th March
Mass at 9.00am Tue 11th & Thurs 13th March

St Patrick's Day 17th March : Mass will be celebrated in Borris at 9.00am in order to facilitate those travelling to Croke Park for the match, as decided by the Pastoral Council. We wish the very best of luck to Mount Leinster Rangers on the Day.

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.

Visitation of the Sick Fr. John will visit the sick on his list in Ballymurphy & Rathanna on the *morning* of **Tuesday 11th Mar** and those in the Borris area in the *afternoon* on **Tuesday 11th Mar**.

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

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

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 €2 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>

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.

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.

Dominican Contemplative Nuns in Drogheda, are hosting Discernment weekends for young women (between 20- 40 yrs of age) from the 14th – 16th March; and 9th – 11th of May.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Lent is.....

**A time to struggle with our selfishness, A time to improve,
A time to struggle with insensitivity in our dealings with family, teachers & friends,
A time to struggle with attitudes that are negative,
A time to struggle with our compulsions – to eat too much, to waste time, to talk too much, to talk too little**

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK