

# PARISH NEWS

## PALM SUNDAY

13 APRIL 2014

### Not I, Lord, surely?

'We adore you O Christ and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.' You may have heard these words during Lent if you prayed the Stations of the Cross. The Stations, also known as the Via Dolorosa or the Way of the Cross, are a traditional way of reflecting on the journey of Jesus to his crucifixion. As far back as the fourth century, pilgrims flocked to the Holy Land to walk the route he had carried the cross. The Stations offer a way to immerse ourselves in this familiar story. Palm Sunday and Good Friday afford us another opportunity to reflect on the Passion and death of Jesus. They are the only two occasions when the congregation is invited to take part in the reading of the Gospel. What strikes you today as you play your part? Do you feel uncomfortable when you answer 'Not I, Lord, surely?' to Jesus' assertion that someone will betray him? What about when you join in with the crowd calling for Jesus to be crucified, or mocking him on the cross?

We begin Holy Week today with an account of the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, but it is a short-lived triumph. In a few short days we will celebrate the Lord's passion and death. There is a lot to reflect on in these days of Holy Week. By Easter Sunday, will we be able to recognise, like the crowd at the end of today's Passion, 'In truth this was a son of God'?

**Collections:** 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014 Envelopes €514 Baskets €571

Number of Envelopes Returned : 58

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

#### **Mass schedule :**

No Mass on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Mass Tues 15<sup>th</sup> & Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Incl. at 9.00am

Holy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April No Mass at 9.00am

***Please see overleaf for Timetable of Ceremonies for Holy Week***

**Visitation of the Sick** Fr. John will visit the sick on his list in Ballymurphy & Rathanna on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April and those in the Borris area on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

**Borris Parish Website :** [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie)

Diocesan website [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

*If you wish to follow Fr. John on Twitter, you can do so @Frjohn51*

***Timetable of Ceremonies for Holy Week***

**Holy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April** No morning Mass. Solemn Mass of the Last Supper at 7.30pm in Borris.  
**Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April** Day of Fast & Abstinence. Celebration of the Lord's Passion **3.00pm in Borris 7.00pm in Rathanna**  
Holy Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April Easter **Confessions** in Borris from 11.30am to 12 noon  
**Vigil Mass at 9.00pm in Sacred Heart Church Borris.** We will have the Blessing of the Easter Fire at the back of the Church. At 8.30pm we will have Blessing of Food for the Polish Community.  
**Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April** Mass in Ballymurphy at 8.30am, Rathanna at 9.30am and Borris at 11am

**Chrism Mass** Parishioners from across the diocese are invited to join in celebrating the **Chrism Mass in the Cathedral in Carlow on Monday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m.** At this Mass Bishop Denis will bless the holy oils to be used in our parishes in the coming year. The priests of the diocese will also renew their vows and receive the support of the congregation. The diocesan choir will lead the music at this celebration which promises to be a beautiful occasion. Bishop Denis is looking forward to meeting and greeting as many people as possible over a cuppa afterwards.

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

**Eist Cancer Support Centre** is now looking for:

Walkers/joggers/runners to participate in this years Flora Mini Marathon on June 2nd next  
If you would be interested in taking part for Eist we would like to hear from you.  
Please phone Mary on 0851440510 or Elaine on 0851641811 or contact the centre on 059 91 39684 Bus and T-Shirts provided, we would ask only that you register yourself online at [www.florawomensminimarathon.ie](http://www.florawomensminimarathon.ie)

**Carlow Older Person's Network** is holding a Summer Dance on **Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup> in the Seven Oaks Hotel.** The event will run from **2.00 to 4.30pm** and the tickets are **€5** – which are being sold on a first come first served basis as only have room for 200 safely. Music is by "The Ramblers". There will be dancing, spot prizes, raffle, afternoon tea and lots of fun! So why not come along and bring a friend or your whole group. For more information and to purchase your **TICKETS** please contact Olive Fanning on 087 6165690 **as this is a ticket only event.**

**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](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com) **Easter Closing** Centre closed from **Mon. 21<sup>st</sup> April to Fri 25<sup>th</sup> April (Incl.)** Re-opening **Mon. 28<sup>th</sup> April.**

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

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

**TAKE TIME**

Take time to pray, it is the source of power.  
Take time to play, it is the secret of perpetual youth.  
Take time to read, it is the foundation of wisdom.  
Take time to love and be loved, it is a God-given privilege.  
Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.  
Take time to give, it is too short a day to be selfish  
Take time to do charity, it is the key to Heaven.

**HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK**