

PARISH NEWS

**EASTER SUNDAY
20 APRIL 2014**

He is risen!

RTE recently showed a documentary called 'Somebody to Love', which explored the romantic lives of people with physical or intellectual disabilities. The honest style of the programme struck a chord with many viewers, and Twitter was immediately awash with positive comments – 'inspiring without being patronising'; 'in depth and thought provoking'; 'a beautiful, positive documentary' – just some of the compliments. It was heartening to see such praise for a well-made programme, and even more so to hear the stories of the people who took part and the obstacles they had overcome in their search for love.

Easter is a time to celebrate life and love. We are Easter people, but what does this mean? We use the word 'Alleluia' (Praise the Lord) a lot at Easter, and the Exsultet or Easter Proclamation tells us to rejoice! Exult! All the things we associate with Easter – chicks, bunnies, lambs, flowers – are signs of spring and new beginnings. Easter brings new life and hope. Are we positive about life, recognising the dignity of every person? Are our parishes and communities places of welcome, joy and love?

'He is risen! And because He is risen, we too shall rise... The anticipation of eternal life is the source and reason for our hope. If cultivated and protected, it illuminates our lives as persons and communities.'

Pope Francis

Collections: 13th April 2014 Envelopes €443 Baskets €622

No. Of Direct Debits 6 Number of Envelopes Returned : 60

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

Mass schedule :

No Mass on Monday 21st & Tues 22nd April

Mass Wed 23rd & Thurs 24th at 9.00am

Mass on Fri 25th at 7.30pm

Please see overleaf for Timetable of Ceremonies for Holy Week

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan website www.kandle.ie

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

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 **Easter Closing** Centre closed from **Mon. 21st April to Fri 25th April (Incl.)** Re-opening **Mon. 28th April.**

Timetable of Ceremonies for Holy Week

Holy Thursday 17th April No morning Mass. Solemn Mass of the Last Supper at 7.30pm in Borris.
Good Friday 18th April Day of Fast & Abstinence. Celebration of the Lord's Passion **3.00pm in Borris 7.00pm in Rathanna**

Holy Saturday 19th 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 20th April Mass in Ballymurphy at 8.30am, Rathanna at 9.30am and Borris at 11am

Chrism Mass A special thank you to all the people who attended the Chrism Mass in Carlow Cathedral last Monday. Bishop Denis was very impressed with the attendance and we were all very proud when we saw our banner being carried up with all the other banners. It was a very uplifting occasion for our diocese. I would just like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Happy & Blessed Easter and once again thank you for all your moral, spiritual and economic support.

The collections on Easter Sunday are for the Priests of the Parish. There is a special envelope in you box of envelopes for this collection. We would ask you all to be as generous as possible.

Fr. John O'Brien

Polish Mass Mass will be celebrated in Polish on **Saturday 26th April** at 7.30pm in The Sacred Heart, Borris.

It's The Real McCoy !

Come and see this wonderful play performed by Rathanna Drama Club in Rathanna Hall
Performances : Easter Monday 21st, Wednesday 23rd -Fundraiser for Repairs to Rathanna Church, Friday 25th & Sunday 27th. Starts at 8pm Admission €8.

Carlow Older Person's Network is holding a Summer Dance on **Thursday May 1st in the Seven Oaks Hotel.** The event will run from **2.00 to 4.30pm** and the tickets are **€5** Music is by "The Ramblers". For more information and to purchase your **TICKETS** please contact Olive Fanning on 087 6165690 **as this is a ticket only event.**

Carlow County Development Partnership Ltd Care and Repair Programme

Are You 65+ years of age? Do you have a small repair job that you would like us to help you with? CCDP in partnership with Age Action Ireland can help you through the Care & Repair Programme. How do I arrange to have a Job Done? Phone 059 9720733

Email us At: careadmin@carlowdevelopment.ie or Go on line to: www.carlowdevelopment.ie

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

Awaken Me

Risen One, come, meet me in the garden of life.
Risen One, send me forth a disciple of your unwavering love,
Resurrected One, may I become ever more convinced
That you presence lives on, and on, and on.
Awaken me !

Joyce Rupp

HAVE A WONDERFUL EASTER