

PARISH NEWS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

6 APRIL 2014

Out of the depths

Little miracles happen all the time. Those magical words 'It's a miracle' can be exclaimed at anything from a friend showing up on time to a loved one getting the all-clear from an illness; from an out-of-the-ordinary, happy event to something which cannot be explained by logic or science. We often pray for miracles. Sometimes we pray for a specific thing- for a sick person to get better, for example. One prayer to St. Anthony acknowledges: 'The answer to my prayer may require a miracle; even so, you are the Saint of Miracles.' Other times we try to surrender our needs and worries to the will of God - every time we pray the Our Father we say 'Thy will be done'.

We know what it is like to hope for a miracle. So we understand the worry of Mary and Martha in today's gospel when they send for Jesus with the message that Lazarus is ill. We feel the pain in their accusation after Jesus arrives: 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died.' Today's Gospel recounts a big miracle, and it tells us that everything is possible to God. It calls us to a deeper faith, both in what God can do for us, and in his promise of eternal life. The name Lazarus comes from the Hebrew El'azar, meaning 'God has helped'. If we are in need, we can turn to God with the words of today's Psalm:

'Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.'

Collections: 30th March 2014 Envelopes €563 Baskets €655

Number of Envelopes Returned : 49

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

Mass schedule :

Mass Mon 7th Apr & Fri 11th Apr at 7.30pm

Confessions in The Sacred Heart on Friday 11th at 8.00pm

Mass Tues 8th to Thurs 10th 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.

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.

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.

Parish Finance Committee There will be a meeting of the Parish Finance Committee in the Parochial House on Wednesday 9th April at 8.30pm.

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.

Talk and discussion on the life and works of - soon to be Saint - John Paul II. Dominicans, Newbridge College, Sunday April 6th, @4pm. All welcome. Admission free.

Love Life Festival, Fri 11th April @ 8-11pm, St. Catherine's, Thomas St. Dublin 8. A fun & vibrant evening of talks, music & entertainment Guest Speakers include MTV's Catelynn & Tyler! For Young people Age 14+. Register for Free Tickets: www.lovelifefestival.org or phone Karen on 0894558086

National Convention For Life, Sat 12th April, Dublin Castle. A day of Renewal to Bring Ireland Back to Life and move the pro-life movement forward. Hear exciting speakers on the day. For Tickets Register: www.nationalconventionforlife.org or phone: 018730465

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Monday 7th April will mark the 20th anniversary of the start of one of the most horrific events in modern history. Over the course of just 100 days in 1994, around one million people were killed in the Rwandan genocide - more than a fifth of Ireland's population. Irish people donated £6m to Trócaire's emergency appeal for Rwanda. This was, at the time, the largest public donation in the history of the organisation. Trócaire continues to work in Rwanda on your behalf, helping to improve the lives of the most vulnerable people. Thank you for continuing to support Trócaire's work, particularly during this Lenten season. www.trocaire.org

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK