

PARISH NEWS

Second Sunday of Lent

17th March 2019

St Patrick

Happy St Patrick's Day! – a day when we remember the roots of the Christian faith in Ireland. There is no doubt that to be a Christian in Ireland today is difficult. Often it is easier to hide our faith, to avoid ridicule, arguments and debates which can wear us down. However, today we should take example and energy from St Patrick. His story was not a walk in the park either. We celebrate our Christian identity today and celebrate the Gospel message that a courageous Patrick brought to us, a message that was preserved and passed on; a message that is very relevant to today's world and which continues to nourish and sustain us.

Take heart from the parable of the Mustard Seed in the Gospel today. The mustard seed plant is sometimes wild and out of control. Author and activist, Shane Claiborne, compares it to kudzu, a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas, smother trees, even crack stone buildings and footpaths. The shrub was banned in certain areas of Palestine because of how it could completely take over gardens. When we are struggling with being a Christian in modern Ireland, feeling excluded in a world that wants to forget God, we can take courage from the parable of the mustard seed. It grew in places where it was not wanted. You might recall the people in your own life who nourished your faith and who guided you along your spiritual path.

'I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's shield to protect me.' (St Patrick's Breastplate)

Collections:	10th March	Envelopes €545	Baskets €650
	No of Envelopes 52		Direct Debits 4

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

Mass Schedule

No Mass on Bank Holiday Monday 18th March 2019

Mass Friday 22nd Mar. at 7.30pm

Mass on Tuesday 19th – Thursday 21st Mar. at 10am

St. Patrick's Weekend – Saturday/Sunday Masses at usual times.

First Confessions for First Communion Children will take place on Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Parish Centre:

New Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday, Wednesday & Friday

1.00pm to 4.00pm Tuesday & Thursday

Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

Safeguarding: If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP)** – Ms. Joan Treacy Mob: 085-8021633, e-mail – dlp@kandle.ie

The Eist Cancer Support Centre provides emotional support and practical help to anyone affected by cancer, their families and friends. The centre is currently running a variety of programmes including nutrition and mindfulness - please contact Eist at the Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow on 059 9139684 for further details.

Eist Cancer Support Centre, in conjunction with Brain Tumour Ireland, are hosting a Brain Tumour Support Group on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 from 7 to 9 pm. in their Centre at The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow. This Support Group is for those diagnosed with a Brain Tumour and their families. For further details please call Eist on 059 9139684.

Also the Women's Breast Cancer Support Group is held at the Centre every 2nd Tuesday from 7.30 - 9 pm. (12th and 26th March, 9th April).

Towards Peace

Towards Peace is a service offering spiritual support to those who have experienced abuse perpetrated by Church personnel, individually or institutionally. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space for people and their families, whose spiritual life has been damaged by abuse. It is also a response to the continually growing understanding of the spiritual impact of the trauma of abuse. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion.

If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God and spirituality, Towards Peace is here for you. www.towardspeace.ie

Tel: 01 505 3028. Mobile: 086 7710533

Up to twelve sessions are available and there is no fee.

Borris Hall



will be open for Teas/Coffees on
St. Patrick's Day Sunday 17th March from 1pm to 3pm
This is a fundraiser for Borris Hall. Please Support

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



HAVE A WONDERFUL ST. PATRICK'S DAY