

# PARISH NEWS

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**18<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

## *The Stranger at the Door*

*I saw a stranger yesterday,  
I put food in the eating place,  
Drink in the drinking place,  
Music in the listening place....*

*And the lark said in her song,*

*Often often often*

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### *Celtic Rune of Hospitality*

*We often forget that Patrick was an immigrant – in modern terms we might call him an undocumented migrant or a slave. In his Confession he is described himself as a refugee: 'I am first of all a simple country person, a refugee and unlearned. I do not know how to provide for the future.' But through the grace of God, Patrick's fortunes were turned around and he embarked on a mission in his adopted homeland that would earn him the title 'Apostle of Ireland'.*

*Today we remember all migrants. In his message for the 104<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees in January, Pope Francis said: 'Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age. 'May St. Patrick guide us to be true disciples, with the courage to welcome every stranger as Christ in our midst.*

#### **Collections:**

4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Mar Envelopes €616

Baskets €1314

No of Envelopes 94

Direct Debits 7

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

**Vigil Mass on Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Mar. in Ballymurphy – No Friday night Mass in Borris  
St. Patrick's Day Masses – Rathanna 9.30am & Borris at 1pm (to accommodate the parade)**

#### **Mass Schedule:**

Mass on Mon 19<sup>th</sup> & Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm

Mass Tues 20<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar. at 10am

Ballymurphy Servers Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Mar **Group 3**

**Confessions** in Sacred Heart, Borris from 11.30 – 12 noon every Saturday morning. All welcome.

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

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

**Parish Centre:** Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday

Phone 059 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie)

### [Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes](#)

The Parish Pilgrimage this year 5 night package starting on **Tuesday 07 August 2018**.

The cost would be EUR 755.00 per person sharing a twin / double room and EUR 155.00 for the single room supplement. The cost would include the following;

#### **Transport & Accommodation**

- Flight from Dublin to Lourdes
- Transfer on arrival from the airport to the hotel with guide assistance
- Accommodation in the Hotel Paradis
- Breakfast, lunch and evening meal served each day at hotel
- Transfer to Lourdes Airport for return flight
- Luxury air-conditioned coach for all transfers and tours

#### **Tours & Religious Programme**

- Introductory tour of the Grotto Domain, visiting the Grotto, Baths, Basilicas and the Stations of the Cross
- Guided walking tour of Lourdes visiting places associated with the life of St. Bernadette
- Religious processions in Lourdes led by Spiritual Director: Blessing of the Sick, Blessed Sacrament and Torchlight Marian Procession
- Full services of guides and representatives throughout the pilgrimage and at airports

**For booking forms please call to the Parish Centre.**

**Liturgy Meeting** on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in The Parish Centre

### **Sacred Heart Church 2020 Celebrations**

In 2020 our Parish Church in Borris, the Sacred Heart, celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are looking for ideas on how to celebrate this as a Parish. We would welcome also old photos and stories about the Church which we can integrate into our celebrations. All of these can be emailed to a special email address [borris2020@gmail.com](mailto:borris2020@gmail.com)

**Fr. Rory**

## **HAPPY ST PATRICK'S WEEKEND**

### **CHRISM MASS 2018 – Save the Date!**

You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese in the Cathedral, Carlow at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 26 to celebrate the Chrism Mass. In this year of the World Meeting of Families we gather as a family of parishes from across the diocese for one of the highlights of the diocesan calendar. All are welcome!

- ❖ The visit of the Icon of the Holy Family has been extended and it will now be visiting the Diocese between 27th April and 7th May.
- ❖ Diocesan Family Fun Day, Carlow College Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>, details soon.



**HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK**

