# PARISH NEWS

## Third Sunday of Easter

10<sup>th</sup> April 2016

#### 'Come and have breakfast'

During these Easter weeks we read from St. John's Gospel. The passages are very deep and in today's text there are many things going on. Perhaps we might focus on Peter and the journey he has made.

We all have experience of friendships and relationships that break down. When that happens it feels like a death – we grieve, we get angry, we have regrets, we wonder 'what if?' Three times Peter denied Jesus and today we hear Peter express his love for Jesus three times. Jesus welcomes Peter back into community with him. Peter experiences Resurrection; he is given new life. There is no situation, no matter how terrible, that Jesus cannot transform, forgive, welcome back, restore. Peter says to Jesus – 'Lord you know everything' and we too must remember that Jesus knows our hearts, as He knew Peter's heart. The questioning here is perhaps so that Peter can hear it for himself. The relationship is restored and we, like Peter, are once more invited in to 'Follow me!'

Lord, we thank you for people who have forgiven us, not a mean, calculating forgiveness, not harping on the ways in which we wronged them, but forgiving with the forgiveness of Jesus, so that it was like coming back from a hard night's work, and seeing some bread there and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it and the very person we had hurt saying 'Come and have breakfast.' And we not having to ask any questions because we knew that everything was forgiven.

Michel de Verteuil

Collections: 27th March & 3rd AprilEnvelopes €1170Baskets €405No of EnvelopesDirect Debits 7Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

Mass Schedule: Mass on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> & Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm

Confirmation on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 11am in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris

Mass at 9am Wed 13<sup>th</sup> –& Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> April at 9am

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Fr. John's new email address is frjohn51@gmail.com

Kildare & Leighlin Diocese Faith Development Services have produced a pocket-sized practical guide to Celebrating the Sacrament 'How to Go to Confession' which is available at the back of the Churches from Easter Weekend.

**Confirmation Day** Confirmation in Borris is on 12<sup>th</sup> April at 11am in the Sacred Heart Church.

**Parish Centre:** The Parish Centre is open as usual Mon. – Fri. from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Phone 059 9773128; email <a href="mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com">borrisparish@gmail.com</a> Closed Bank Holidays.

The Parish Centre will be closed from Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> April to Mon 18<sup>th</sup> April –back open on Tues 19<sup>th</sup> April

**Visiting The Sick** Fr. John will visit the sick on his list on Wednesday **13**<sup>th</sup> April in the morning in Borris and in the afternoon in Ballymurphy & Rathanna.

Just a reminder to return your Trocaire Boxes – you can drop them into the Parish Centre or give them to Fr. John but do not leave in the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

**EIST Cancer Support Centre** provides emotional and practical support to people affected by cancer including those who care for them, from the time of diagnosis, through treatment and afterwards. The Eist Cancer Support Centre opens at 10.00 am to 4 pm Monday to Thursday and 10.00 am to 1.00 pm of Fridays. Telephone Number **059 9139684**. Or you can have a look at some of our services on our website at <a href="https://www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie">www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie</a> — where you can also fill in a contact form if you have any queries.

**Permanent Diaconate** Following on from the successful introduction of the first permanent deacons into our diocese, and recognizing the tremendous work which they have accomplished, Bishop Denis is again inviting men who feel a call to this ordained ministry to make application. If you would like to explore a call to Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin please make contact with your Parish Priest who will forward your name and details to the Director for the Permanent Diaconate.

#### Pilgrimage to Medjugorje & Dubrovnik from the 14th. September – 21st. September.

If you are interested in taking part in the pilgrimage we would appreciate if you could let Tully's know as soon as possible as they need to make reservations in the hotels etc. *Phone Donna (059-9136100) in Tully's Travel Carlow.* 

**Carlow Cathedral 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> April** Pilgrim Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help – Pilgrimage to the Cathedrals of Ireland Celebrating 150 Years with the Redemptorists. Please check <a href="www.FollowThelcon.ie">www.FollowThelcon.ie</a> for details.

#### **Peace Concert in Knock Basilica**

Mayo International Choral Festival is hosting a Peace Concert with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra, in the beautiful surrounds of the fully refurbished Knock Basilica on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. This Peace Concert will commemorate the 1916 Rising and World War One. The RTÉ Concert Orchestra will be conducted by David Brophy. The orchestra will perform with a 120 member choir and soloists Anne Marie Gibbons and Owen Gilhooly. For information and tickets, visit www.mayochoral.com.

#### **NOTICE FOR PARISH NEWSLETTERS**

St Luke's Hospital will be holding it's the annual remembrance ceremony for families who have been bereaved by the death of their child through miscarriage, still-birth or early infancy death. This ceremony will take place on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy, Kilkenny at 7.30pm. While we issue a special invitation to families who have been bereaved during the past year, this ceremony is for all families who have been bereaved, regardless of how long ago. Refreshments will be available for everyone after the ceremony.

#### **Pre-Marriage Courses**

ACCORD Carlow have places available on the May 6th &7th Course and June 10th & 11th Course. All couples getting married in Church are obliged to attend a Pre-marriage Course.

There are no Courses in June or July so any couple getting married this summer or early autumn should book a place now.

Booking can be made on www.accord.ie or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

#### Paddy's Dilemma

Paddy is on holiday in Jerusalem with his wife and mother-in-law. Sadly, the mother-in-law dies. He goes to the local undertaker to make arrangements. The undertaker explains that he can fly the body home to Ireland for €5000 or have her buried in Jerusalem for €500. Paddy thought about it for a moment and then said to the undertaker that he would fly her home.

The undertaker expressed shock that the young man did not go for the cheaper option but Paddy said: 'It's just that I know of a case here in Jerusalem many years ago and on the third day he rose from the dead. I just don't want to take that chance!'

### HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK