

PARISH NEWS

Sixth Sunday of Easter 10th May 2015

Fruit that will last

Friendship is a beautiful thing, where people share their dreams and hopes, their desires, plans and worries. It is an intimate relationship. What does it mean for you today to hear that Jesus is calling you his friend? That you are loved by him? These are questions worth thinking about. He is telling us these things so that we may also go and love others and share this joy with them. To abide in Jesus we are called to live out the love that he has taught us, the love that he shares with the Father, the love that he has shared with us. This love brings great joy and demands that we share it with others. This love that he speaks about is no ordinary love, it is agape love, that is, unconditional love, regardless of who you are, where you are from or what your circumstances might be. It is the love we, as Christian communities, are called to share. It is the greatest commandment of all. If the world is wondering what God is like, our Christian communities are called to be witnesses to that love. It should be so recognisable from the 'outside' that people should be able to say, look at them Christians loving everyone. It is a radical love, one that does not judge or condemn, a love that is inclusive of all. Is it recognisable in our own Christian communities?

Collections: 3rd May Envelopes €481 Baskets €612

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

Mass Schedule: Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 11th & Fri 15th May
 Mass Tues 12th - Thurs 14th May at 9am
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 9th May – Group 1

Bishop's Statement You will find a copy of the Bishop's Statement on the upcoming referendum in this newsletter. Copies of this statement will be available at the back of the churches this weekend.

The First Holy Communion will take place this weekend on Sunday 10th May in Ballymurphy at 12.30 Mass and next Sunday 17th May in Borris at 11am Mass.

Polish Mass Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 23rd May in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris at 7.30pm

Gluten –Free Hosts We have gluten-free hosts if anyone would like to receive them for Communion please contact the Parish Centre or Fr. John.

The Little White Book, a book of 6 minute reflections on the Resurrection Narrative according to John, is available at the back of the Churches or the Parish Office. Cost €3

Visiting The Sick Fr. John will visit the sick on his list on Tuesday 12th May in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and on Wednesday 13th May in the Borris area.

Parish Centre: The Parish Centre is open as usual Mon. – Fri. from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays

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

Accord Pre-marriage Courses Couples getting married this Summer or Autumn 2015 should now book a place on June 12th & 13th **There are no courses in July or August.** Bookings can be made on www.accord.ie or phone 059 9138738

The Eist Cancer Support Centre, Carlow is open Tues to Thurs from 9.30am to 4pm
059 91 39684 **Website:** www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie

Sisters from the Convent of St. Elizabeth in Belarus will be visiting the Parish on the weekend of 9th/10th May. They will be displaying Crafts and Religious Objects, the proceeds from which go to their work in Belarus. ***‘The Convent has been supporting more than 200 orphans with special needs. Our assistance stretches from purchasing diapers for the bedridden children to their rehabilitation and socialization. Another big project started about ten years ago when the Convent established a rehab center where socially vulnerable and disadvantaged people may find support, spiritual care and protection. There are about 200 people undergoing rehabilitation at the center’.***

Fibromyalgia Support Group Carlow Are having a purple balloon release at The Pier, Carlow Town Park, Graiguecullen at 10.30a.m on Tuesday 12th may to celebrate International Fibromyalgia Awareness Day. All are welcome to attend.

Dates for Your Diary Weekend Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick & Knock Sat 27th - Sunday 28th June 2015 €100 per person, includes bus, dinner & bed & breakfast in hotel. **Please book as soon as possible if you are interested in this pilgrimage as we need to finalise details. The deposit is €20 per person.**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A PARENTS PRAYER

Lord help us always to trust in you, even when everything seems hopeless, when all our best efforts have failed and we don't know what to do anymore. Help us to remember Lord that all our hope lies in You and You alone. Help us to love our children and to remember that you, who created them, love them more than we ever could. Lord if we as parents have failed our children, we ask your forgiveness and theirs also. Please give to them all that we failed to give. If they have failed us in any way, help us always to be loving and forgiving, just like you are to all who go astray. Lord bless all our families, bind us together in love, heal divisions, and bring all who have strayed home. Help us to remember, Lord, that none of us is perfect, that we are all sinners in need of your grace. Help us Lord, to hand over to You all our loved ones, to place all our children under your protection. Lord, protect all our families and deliver all from evil. We ask all this in Jesus name and we give to You, Father Son and Holy Spirit. All glory, honour and praise and thanks forever and ever Amen.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK