

PARISH NEWS

Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday 12th April 2015

Our true selves

'How can I explain? I wasn't me and you weren't you. From the very beginning to the very end, we didn't see things. What we did - we made each other up.'

Nazneen, the lead character in Monica Ali's novel *Brick Lane* is ending an affair with her lover Karim and attempting to explain to him why it was never going to work out. Neither party were being their true selves with each other, she concludes. The experience they thought they were having together was never really real; their judgement had somehow been clouded. They had 'made each other up'. It is sometimes easier not to be our true selves. We can offer all sorts of 'false' versions of ourselves in different situations and sometimes even in entire relationships.

Thomas had had an authentic experience of Jesus during the time he spent as his disciple. But in the story recounted in today's Gospel, he is not convinced that the experience the other disciples recount is real. Could they really have encountered the real Jesus, after his death? Surely they had imagined him, or 'made him up'!

What about us? Unlike Thomas, we cannot depend on a physical experience of Christ, but he is truly present to us nonetheless - in the sacraments and in our community. It is the real and authentic Jesus we experience. Do we in turn offer him our true selves?

Mass Schedule: Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 13th & Fri 17th April
Mass at 9am Tues 14th to Thurs 16th April
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 11th April – Group 2

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
The Parish Centre will be closed from Friday 3rd April until Friday 10th April (Incl). Back open on Monday 13th April.

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.**

Visiting the Sick Fr. John will visit the sick on his list on Tuesday 14th April in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and in Borris on Wednesday 15th April.

Polish Mass A Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 25th April at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris. All welcome

Confirmation Day Confirmation in Borris will be on Thursday 30th April at 11.30am

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.

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

The Carers Association Carlow/Kilkenny will be having their 11th Annual Mini Marathon on the May Bank Holiday in Kilkenny on **May 4th 2015**. We welcome people who have participated in the Mini Marathon as well as any new participants. If you want more information or to take part please contact us here at the Carers Association, Springhill Medical Centre, Kilkenny. Phone us on 056-7721424 or email us at Kilkenny2@carersireland.com. You can also register online : <https://endurancecui.active.com/event-req/select-r...>

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

THE ISLAND OF FEELINGS

Once upon a time, there was an island where all the feelings lived; Happiness, Sadness, Knowledge, and all others including Love. One day it was announced to all of the feelings that the island was going to sink to the bottom of the ocean. So all the feelings prepared their boats to leave. Love was the only one who stayed. She wanted to preserve the island paradise until the last possible moment. When the island was almost totally under, Love decided it was time to leave. She began looking for someone to ask for help. Just then, Richness was passing by in a grand boat. Love asked, 'Richness, can I come with you on your boat?' Richness answered, 'I'm sorry, but there is a lot of silver and gold on my boat and there would be no room for your anywhere.' Then love decided to ask Vanity who was passing in a beautiful vessel for help. Love cried out, 'Vanity, help me please.' 'I can't help you', Vanity said, 'you are all wet and you will damage my beautiful boat.' Next, Love saw Sadness passing by. Love said, 'Sadness, please let me go with you'. Sadness answered, 'Love, I'm sorry, but I just need to be alone now.' Then, Love saw Happiness. Love cried out, 'Happiness, please take me with you.' But Happiness was so overjoyed that he didn't hear love calling him. Love began to cry. Then, she heard a voice say, 'Come, Love I will take you with me'. It was an elder. Love felt so blessed and overjoyed that she forgot to ask the elder his name. When they arrived on land the elder went on his way. Love realised how much she owed the elder. Love then found Knowledge and asked, 'who was it that helped me?' 'It was Time', Knowledge answered. 'But why did Time help me when no one else would? Love asked. Knowledge smiled and with deep wisdom and sincerity answered, 'because only Time is capable of understanding how great Love is.'

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK