

PARISH NEWS

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Day of Prayer for Vocations

12th May 2019

I know them

John's Gospel is sometimes referred to as the 'spiritual Gospel,' as it has beautiful, reflective passages. During the Easter season, we read and hear mostly from John. It is a lovely opportunity to meditate more deeply on the Word. Today, we are given the image of Jesus as the Shepherd and of his people as the flock. We hear the words 'I know them.' Jesus knows each person intimately. He knows our deepest desires, our worries and fears, our insecurities and pain. Jesus is as close to us as our own breathing. Nobody can interfere with this intimate friendship, even though at times we may feel differently. We may experience discrimination because of our faith, or be attacked in some way. When things are not going so well, we may feel as if Jesus has abandoned us; sometimes we simply want to give up on the whole thing. We become distant. Let this passage be a reminder to us that Jesus is always very close to us and knows our struggles. We simply need to share those struggles and fears with Him, for 'no one will snatch them [you] out of my hand.' We may forget this from time to time. This week, can you spend five minutes each day meditating on this passage? Focus on the breath. A phrase to repeat might be: 'Jesus, I know that you are as close to me as my own breathing.'

FIRST COMMUNION WILL TAKE PLACE IN BORRIS ON SATURDAY 18TH MAY AT 11 am

Borris Pilgrimage to Lourdes – Fr. Rory

19th July – 25th July 2019

Duration: 6 Nights in Hotel Solitude, Lourdes, Full Board Basis

Cost: €839 p.p.s. Includes transfers, taxes & travel insurance

Deposit €200 required by 26th April

To Book: Contact Tully's Travel, Carlow 059-9136100

Booking forms also available in The Parish Centre

Collections: 5th May Envelopes €679 Baskets €771

No of Envelopes 62

Direct Debits 3

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

Mass Schedule:

Mass on Mon 13th & Friday 17th May at 7.30pm

Mass Tuesday 14th – Thursday 16th May at 10am

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

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

Parish Centre:

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

The Parish Centre will be closed from Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th May – back open on Thursday 16th at 1pm

Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 2nd June – departing Borris at 7am. Adults €20, Children €10
Return approx. 10pm. For further Details Contact Loughlin Doyle 085-8089125, John Coady 051-424628

Pilgrimage to Santiago

Including Walking the Camino

‘The Portuguese Way’

August 20th - 27th 2019

Fr. John O’Brien

Cost €890 p.p.s. Incl Transfers & Taxes

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Contact Tully’s Travel 059-9136100

Carlow Choral Society - Summer Concert - Haydn & Mozart

Carlow Choral Society presents its Summer Concert in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, on Saturday May 18th at 8.00pm. The programme includes Haydn's dramatic Nelson Mass which is one of Haydn's finest works. The concert will also feature Haydn's dramatic 'Te Deum' and three of Mozart's most beautiful works, Lacrimosa from Requiem, Ave Verum and Laudate

Dominum. Conducted by our Musical Director, Blanaid Murphy, with the Irish Choral Sinfonia Orchestra and organist Yvonne Collier and Soloists - Soprano: Aisling Kenny, Alto: Leanne Fitzgerald, Tenor: Jacek Wislocki and Bass: Eoghan Desmond. This promises to be an unforgettable and uplifting performance. Tickets are €20.00 and the concert is free for accompanied children. Tickets are available on www.eventbrite.ie and www.carlowchoralsociety.net and from choir members. For further information contact: Miriam Kelly, Secretary at 087-9422608 or carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Sacred Heart Church 2020 Celebrations

In 2020 our Parish Church in Borris, the Sacred Heart, celebrates its 200th 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 **Fr. Rory**

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK