

PARISH NEWS

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

14th April 2019

Towards the cross

We know where Jesus is going to end up, and Jesus knows it too. At the beginning of today's Mass, we hear of Jesus' spectacular entry into Jerusalem. The crowds who greet him cry out and praise God – the King has come! It is similar to how victorious army generals were welcomed home. These people have set their hopes on Jesus. They are waiting for a Messiah and King, and have heard so much about this preacher – is he the one they've been waiting for?

But Jesus is not the hero they've been expecting. He has not come to raise up an army or become a great political leader. Quite the opposite: Jesus has come to Jerusalem to die. The story takes a dark and dramatic turn, and we are plunged into a tale of arrest, trial, torture and death. Before long, the crowds are shouting 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' and taunting him on the cross to 'save himself if he is the Christ of God'. Jesus' triumphant entrance into the city is also his entry into his betrayal, suffering, and death.

We play our part in the unfolding drama today, as we first hold up our palm branches and later join the crowds condemning Jesus. In his Palm Sunday homily to young people last year, Pope Francis said the changing reactions of the crowds 'expresses the contradictory feelings that we too, the men and women of today, experience: the capacity for great love, but also for great hatred; the capacity for courageous self-sacrifice, but also the ability to 'wash our hands'.' Today we place ourselves in the Passion of Jesus, and we look to the Cross as our consolation and our challenge.

Collections:	7 th April	Envelopes €472	Baskets €586
	No of Envelopes 56		Direct Debits 3

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

Timetable of Ceremonies for Easter Week

Mass on Monday 15th April 2019 at 7.30pm

Mass on Tuesday 16th & Wed. 17th April

Easter Penance Service on Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris
Holy Thursday 18th April **No** morning Mass, Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris.

Good Friday 19th April Day of Fast & Abstinence. Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm in Borris & 7.00pm in Ballymurphy.

Holy Saturday 20th April. At 11am we will have the *Blessing of Food for the Polish Community*.
Easter Confessions in Borris from 11.30am to 12 noon. Vigil Mass at 9.00pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris

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Rathanna 9am, Ballymurphy 10.30am, Borris 12 noon

No Mass Mon 22nd – Thurs 25th April. Mass on Friday 26th April at 7.30pm

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Parish Centre:

**New Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday, Wednesday & Friday
1.00pm to 4.00pm Tuesday & Thursday**

Phone 059 9773128; email 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) – Mr. Mick Daly** Mob: 085-8021633, e-mail – dlp@kandle.ie

The Eist Cancer Support Centre provides emotional support and practical help to anyone affected by cancer, their families and friends. The centre is currently running a variety of programmes including nutrition and mindfulness - please contact Eist at the Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow on 059 9139684 for further details.

Also the Women's Breast Cancer Support Group is held at the Centre every 2nd Tuesday from 7.30 - 9 pm. (12th and 26th March, 9th April).

Towards Peace: Towards Peace is a service offering spiritual support to those who have experienced abuse perpetrated by Church personnel, individually or institutionally. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space for people and their families, whose spiritual life has been damaged by abuse. It is also a response to the continually growing understanding of the spiritual impact of the trauma of abuse. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God and spirituality, Towards Peace is here for you. www.towardspeace.ie Tel: 01 505 3028. Mobile: 086 7710533 Up to twelve sessions are available and there is no fee.

Call for Volunteers

Are you a tradesperson aged between 20 and 68 years. If so, The Ray of Sunshine Foundation is seeking your help. A group of volunteers will travel to Kenya in January, 2020 to build classrooms in Mombasa. Duration of stay 11 days. Cost €3000 which covers flights, accommodation, insurance and all the materials for the build. Visit www.rayofsunshine.ie or contact Olive on 087/6994599 for more information.

• An Invitation to you from Bishop Denis - Chrism Mass 2019

Having journeyed together, 'Digging Deeper' into our Sunday Mass this Lent, I warmly invite each of you to join me for our annual diocesan **Chrism Mass on Monday, April 15 at 7:30pm in Carlow Cathedral.**

The diocese is a family of parishes and on this night, we get to gather as a family, priests and people from our 56 parishes. This is a wonderful celebration of the Mass, rich in music and ritual.

Come early to get a seat and stay for a cuppa afterwards!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK