

PARISH NEWS

Fifth Sunday of Easter

14th May 2017

Do not let your hearts be troubled

'Worrying is carrying tomorrow's load with today's strength – carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. Worrying doesn't empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength.'

Corrie ten Boom had plenty of cause for worry over the course of her lifetime. During World War 11, she, along with her father and sister, provide a refuge in their home for a number of Jewish friends, playing a pivotal role in the Dutch 'underground' who sheltered Jews. Their home was eventually raided and the entire family arrested, her father dying in prison and her sister in a concentration camp. Corrie was sent to a series of camps but was released, and afterwards told her story in a book called ***The Hiding Place***.

Corrie's heart must have been troubled, often, but her strong faith sustained her and became the lens through which she viewed her life story: 'every experience God gives us, every person he puts in our lives is the perfect preparation for the future that only he can see.'

The majority of us will never have to deal with as desperate a situation as Corrie's. But we have our own anxieties, whether big or small. None of us knows how the future is going to turn out, and that is precisely why we tend to worry. In today's Gospel Thomas frets: 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way? But Jesus has reassuring words. 'I am the way.' Hand in hand with Jesus, we can walk the road ahead.

Collections: 7thMay Envelopes €902 Baskets €680
No of Envelopes 63 Direct Debits 5

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

Mass Schedule: Mass on Monday 15th May & Fri 19th May at 7.30pm
Tues 16th – Thurs 18th May at 9am

Dates for Your Diary

Prayers In Cemeteries 2017

Kiltennel Cemetery: Sunday 18th June Rosary & Blessing of graves after 11am Mass in Borris

Sacred Heart Cemetery: Mass on Friday 30th June at 7.30pm

Clonagoose Cemetery: Mass on Sunday 2nd July at 3pm

Rathanna: Sunday August 6th 3pm

Ballymurphy: Sunday August 27th 3pm

Annual Mass of the Sick Friday 7th July 7.30pm Borris

Confessions in Sacred Heart, Borris from 11.30 – 12 noon every Saturday morning. All welcome.

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Parish Centre: Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday

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

Lough Derg 2017:- Season opens for One Day Retreats on Monday 1st May. Retreats continue on May 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 16, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 & 29. Advance booking is essential. Tel. 071 9861518 (from NI 0035371 9861518) or email info@loughderg.org. The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Thursday 1st June, pre-booking not required. You are invited to walk in the spiritual footsteps of your ancestors and be part of the unbroken link of Lough Derg as a place of continuous prayer for over 50 generations (1,500 years).

Carlow Choral Society's Summer Concert takes place on Sunday 21st May, at 8.15pm, in Carlow Cathedral. This special performance will include music by three composers including Beethoven's Mass in C Major and performances of Monteverdi's Beatus Vir and Bach's Air on a G String. We will be joined by the Marlborough Baroque Orchestra and conducted by our Musical Director, Blánaid Murphy. Tickets are €20 and are available on www.eventbrite.ie & www.carlowchoralsociety.net and also at Hosey's Post Office (Staplestown Road, Carlow) and from choir members

**Bus to Knock on Sunday 4th June – departing Borris at 7am. Adults €20, Children €10
Return approx. 10pm
For further Details Contact Loughlin Doyle 085-8089125, John Coady 051-424628**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE AT EXAM TIME

Holy Spirit. Be with me at this time of examinations and grant me your counsel, so that I may prepare wisely. Grant me understanding, so that I may grasp the knowledge I am trying to learn. Grant me fortitude so that I may have courage at the time of examination to face the challenge. May I pray to you with faith for what I need. Grant me your wisdom so that I may see the examinations are but a part of life and whether I do well or not is part of a bigger picture, part of a greater plan you have for me and for all the world. I make this prayer through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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The Workers Prayer

Lord, I thank you for this job and the blessings it provides.

May you watch over me this day and keep me safe from harm.

Create in me a willing spirit and happy heart.

Grant me the ambition to work hard and give me the strength to finish what I have started.

May my hands always be prepared
to help lighten another's load.

And finally, Lord, remind me that the quality of my work is a reflection of you and those around me.

Amen

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK