

# PARISH NEWS

## Third Sunday of Easter

15<sup>th</sup> April 2018

*'You are Witnesses of these things'*

Today's gospel is one of the resurrection accounts from St. Luke's Gospel. It begins with the disciples recalling their experience on the road to Emmaus and how they recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The gospel continues into another account of the risen Jesus with his disciples. Jesus interrupts the disciple's story and greets them with 'peace' (shalom) yet, in this account, they are terrified by this. Jesus shows them his wounds and Luke tells us that they are full of joy, but they still can't believe it and think it is a ghost. Jesus then journeys with them back through the scriptures in order to open their minds. He speaks to them compassionately.

Jesus tells the disciples that 'you are witnesses of these things'. Luke wants to establish an important point, that these disciples are witnesses to the resurrection, they ate with Jesus after his death and he opened their minds. The resurrection accounts in the gospels are not fantasy, they are the actual experiences of Jesus' disciples. Our Easter faith is based on their testimony. Once Jesus has opened their minds to understand the scriptures, he tells them to go out and preach them in his name.

***'Every year the dull and dead in us meets our Easter challenge: to be open to the unexpected, to believe beyond our security, to welcome God in every form, and trust in our own greening.'***

*Joyce Rupp*

<b>Collections:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	Envelopes €840	Baskets €1320
	8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Envelopes €475	Baskets €1113
		No of Envelopes	Direct Debits

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

**Mass Schedule;** Mass on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April & Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm  
Mass Tues 17<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> April at 10am  
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Apr **Group 3**

**Confirmation will take place in Borris Church on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 11am. Congratulations to all those who receive their confirmation.**

### Dates for the Diary:

The visit of the Icon of the Holy Family has been extended and it will now be visiting the Diocese between 27<sup>th</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Diocesan Family Fun Day, Carlow College Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>, details soon.

### Sacred Heart Church 2020 Celebrations

In 2020 our Parish Church in Borris, the Sacred Heart, celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:borris2020@gmail.com)

**Fr. Rory**

**Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** The Parish Pilgrimage this year 5 night package starting on **Tuesday 07 August 2018**. The cost would be EUR 755.00 per person sharing a twin / double room and EUR 155.00 for the single room supplement. **For booking forms please call to the Parish Centre.**

The cost would include the following;

**Transport & Accommodation**

- Flight from Dublin to Lourdes
- Transfer on arrival from the airport to the hotel with guide assistance
- Accommodation in the Hotel Paradis
- Breakfast, lunch and evening meal served each day at hotel
- Transfer to Lourdes Airport for return flight
- Luxury air-conditioned coach for all transfers and tours

**Tours & Religious Programme**

- Introductory tour of the Grotto Domain, visiting the Grotto, Baths, Basilicas and the Stations of the Cross
- Guided walking tour of Lourdes visiting places associated with the life of St. Bernadette
- Religious processions in Lourdes led by Spiritual Director: Blessing of the Sick, Blessed Sacrament and Torchlight Marian Procession
- Full services of guides and representatives throughout the pilgrimage and at airports

**Borris Parish Website:** [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie)

**Diocesan Website:** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

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

Phone 059 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto: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) – Ms. Joan Treacy**

Mob: 085-8021633, e-mail – [dlp@kandle.ie](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie)

**Solemn Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help:-** Our 13th Solemn Novena continues on this Monday 16th April. We invite people to place their petitions in the petition boxes in St Clare's Church, Graiguecullen. During our Novena, through the prayers of our Faith Community and the intercession of Our Lady we will ask Jesus to relieve whatever burdens we carry.

The theme for this year's Novena is 'Witnessing the message of Jesus in the Ireland of Today'

Our guest speaker this week is:- Mgr Eoin Thynne - Parish priest Mulhuddart, Dublin & former Army Chaplain (25 years)

***THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK***

**Indian Poet Rabindranath Tagore**

Let me not pray to be sheltered from dangers but to be fearless in facing them.

Let me not pray for the stilling of my pain but for the heart to conquer it.

Let me not look for allies in life's battlefield but to my own strength.

Let me not crave in anxious fear to be saved but hope for the patience to win my freedom.

Grant me that I may not be a coward, feeling your mercy in my success alone;

But let me find the grasp of your hand in my failure.

***HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK***

