

PARISH NEWS

Pentecost Sunday

15th May 2016

Catching fire

Unless the eye catch fire,
The God will not be seen.

Unless the ear catch fire
The God will not be heard.

Unless the tongue catch fire
The God will not be named.

Unless the heart catch fire,
The God will not be loved.

Unless the mind catch fire,
The God will not be known.

From 'Pentecost' by William Blake

The arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was by no means a quiet or gentle event. First there was a powerful wind from heaven – so loud it filled not just the room the apostles were in, but the whole house. Tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, and they suddenly began to speak in foreign languages as they were 'filled with the Holy Spirit'. It must have been a chaotic, intense scene.

The poem 'Pentecost' by 19th century poet William Blake captures some of the power of the scene, with its repetition of the phrase 'catch fire'. When a piece of news or gossip gets around quickly, we say it 'spreads like wildfire'. By its very nature, fire jumps from one thing to another, burning more intensely the more it spreads.

The symbol of tongues of fire is apt, then. The arrival of the Holy Spirit propels the apostles from the room where they were huddled out into the street. They simply cannot contain themselves as they begin to preach and to spread the Good News far and wide – like wildfire.

Collections: 1st & 8th May Envelopes €1534 Baskets €1322

No of Envelopes 130 Direct Debits 5

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

Mass Schedule : Mass Monday 16th & Friday 20th May at 7.30pm

Mass on Tues 17th – Thurs 19th May at 9am

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Fr. John's new email address is frjohn51@gmail.com

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.

Shannon Bombing Commemorative Mass

In January 1941 three members of the Shannon family from Knockroe were killed when a German plane dropped bombs on the mountainside. One of the bombs hit their house killing Mary Ellen, Bridget and Kathleen. Michael died three years later from injuries sustained in the bombing.

To mark the 75th anniversary of the tragedy this year, a commemorative mass will take place in Rathanna Church on Friday May 13th at 7:30 pm. This will be followed by graveside prayers and a blessing. Everybody is welcome to attend.

FIRST COMMUNION is in BORRIS on SUNDAY 15TH MAY at 11am Mass and in BALLYMURPHY on SUNDAY 22ND MAY at 12.30

Rathanna Drama Group
presents
'Marriage of Convenience'

3 Act Comedy By Michael J. Ginnelly
on the following dates:

Wednesday 11th May, Friday 13th, Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th May. Saturday night's performance is in aid of Clonagoose Graveyard Restoration Fund and Sunday night's performance is a fundraiser for Rathanna Church so your support would be greatly appreciated.

Time: 8pm, Entry : €10

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje & Dubrovnik from the 14th. September – 21st. September.

We have a good group of people signed up already but we would need more people to make it viable. If you are interested in taking part in the pilgrimage we would appreciate if you could let Tully's know as soon as possible as they need to make reservations in the hotels etc.

Phone Donna (059-9136100) in Tully's Travel Carlow.

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese in this jubilee Year of Mercy at the Shrine of Our Lady in Knock. Sunday 5th June 2016 with the Diocesan Choir directed by Fr. Liam Lawton

Ceremonies in the Basilica begin at 2.30pm

- Buses travelling from various parishes around the diocese will arrive in Knock between 11am and 12.30pm depending on time of departure.
- Upon arrival : Pilgrims may use this time for lunch, shopping , availing of Confession, visiting the Chapel of Adoration or making the Way of the Cross
- 2.30pm Ceremonies begin in the Basilica with the anointing of the Sick
- 3.00 Pilgrimage Mass followed by Rosary Procession and concluding with Benediction (outdoors weather permitting)
- Ceremonies are usually concluded by 5pm
- You are invited to bring your Parish Banner and assign someone to carry it in the Rosary Procession. This person with the banner should make their way to the Basilica sacristy by 2.15pm for instructions.

Bus To Knock Sunday 5th June. Departing from Borris at 7am. Adults €20, Children €10

Contact Loughlin Doyle 059-9724242 & 085-8089125 or John Coady 051-424628

We can also collect people in Bagenalstown & Leighlinbridge

Can you spare One Hour each week?

If you could spare ONE HOUR to honour Jesus Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament please leave your name, telephone number and the time you would be available with Ann in the Parish Office.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Morning Prayer

May my horizon this day, Lord, not be so foreshortened that I notice little. Instead, open my eyes that I may see afar and above as well as in front and beneath me. Lead me to keep my life in perspective and balance and discover that the thread of your presence is interwoven through the events and people of this day.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK