

# PARISH NEWS

## Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

16<sup>th</sup> April 2017

In today's Gospel Mary Magdalen is highlighted as the woman who is the first witness of the resurrection. Mary and the two disciples must have been very confused and upset as they tried to understand what had happened to Jesus' body. Reading this story can bring many emotions for us: fear and confusion at death, or even a feeling of euphoria and joy at the realisation that death is not the end. If we have lost a loved one, we might feel comforted in the knowledge that we will be reunited with them once more. Jesus comes into situations of despair, disappointment and doubt and, as with Mary after this incident, comes in the form of a stranger, gently calling her name. The Risen Lord seems to meet us in familiar territory, where we least expect it.

We might ask the Lord today for the strength and courage to allow him to break into our lives once more, to help us to be free of whatever it is that causes 'death' in our lives, to help us to let go, to be open to recognising him in our most familiar places.

'God of openness, of life and of resurrection, come into this Easter season and bless me. Look around at the tight, dead spaces of my heart. Bring your gentle but firm love...

Open me. Open me. Open me. For it is only then I will grow and change, for it is only then that I will be transformed. For it is only then that I will know how it is. To be in the moment of rising from the dead.'

*Joyce Rupp*

**Collections:** 9<sup>th</sup> Apr Envelopes €915 Baskets €675  
No of Envelopes 64 Direct Debits 5

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

**Mass Schedule:** Mass on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Apr & Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Apr at 7.30pm  
Tues 18<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am

### Timetable of Ceremonies for Holy Week

**Easter Penance Service** on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church

**Holy Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April** No morning Mass, Solemn Mass of the Last Supper at 7.30pm in Borris

**Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April** Day of Fast & Abstinence. Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm in Borris & 7.00pm in Ballymurphy.

**Holy Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April.** At 11am we will have the *Blessing of Food for the Polish Community.*

Easter **Confessions** in Borris from 11.30am to 12noon. **Vigil Mass** at 9.00pm in Sacred Heart Church Borris

**Easter Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April** Mass in Ballymurphy at **9.30am**, Rathanna at **9.30am** and Borris at **11am.**

**Stations of the Cross for Our Time** Good Friday morning @ 11.00am we will have a Community Stations of The Cross for our time. We will congregate in the Sacred Heart Church at 11.00am, we will then walk to the different localities and in each area we will have a different Station. We would encourage you to come along and join us in this community event.

*Date for Your Diary* First Holy Communion Borris Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> May 11am

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

**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.

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

**Closings:** The Parish Centre will be closed on Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April, also on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> & Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

**Polish Mass** Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Borris. All welcome.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

### Outrageous Hope

As I reflect on the Passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus, one of the images that comes to mind is that of stillness. In the midst of all the noise and clamour of Holy Week, the only point of stillness is found in Jesus himself. On the Friday, it is silence on the cross that speaks louder than words for all eternity. On Easter Day in the radiance of a spring morning, the stillness vibrates with his aliveness. Nothing can ever be the same, as past, present and future are infused with outrageous hope.

Central to Jesus' life was his communion with God. It is this abiding to which he also invites humankind; we are invited to dwell in him and he in us. We are invited – though the invitation may come as a mere whisper – to the place of abiding. Here we discover that still place in our day and, in the midst of all that is happening, we are found again by outrageous hope.

*Ruth Patterson, from The Gaze of Love, Veritas*



**Sunset on Holy Saturday April 15 at 8.27 p.m.**  
**Sunrise on Easter Sunday April 16 6.27 a.m.**

**WISHING EVERYBODY A VERY HAPPY & PEACEFUL EASTER**