

PARISH NEWS

The Most Holy Trinity

16th June 2019

A mystery to me

'It is a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma.'

This expression, originally used in 1939 by Winston Churchill, is typically used to describe something that is immensely puzzling or too complex to understand. The word 'mystery' is often used in everyday speech. When we can't wrap our heads around something, we shrug and say: 'It's a mystery to me,' or: 'It's another of life's great mysteries.'

As a child, I used to wonder about the religious meaning of 'mystery'. I remember someone telling me that if something is a mystery, it can never be fully understood, though that does not mean we should stop trying – like Jesus being fully human and fully divine (the incarnation), Jesus' death and resurrection (the Paschal mystery), and three persons in one God (the Trinity). It is this last mystery that we celebrate today.

One of the most poignant attempts to explain the Trinity came from C.S. Lewis, who reasoned that if God is love, then God must contain more than one person: 'God is not a static thing – not even a person – but a dynamic, pulsating activity, a life, almost a kind of drama.

Almost, if you will not think me irreverent, a kind of dance.' The idea of the Trinity as a sort of divine dance is a good place to begin reflecting on this great mystery of God as a communion of love. In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus is comfortable with an element of mystery. He does not reveal everything to his disciples at once, as it 'would be too much for you now.' The full truth will be revealed later, when the Spirit comes. The more we reflect, the more we pray, the more we are open to the Spirit, the more we will understand about the great mystery of God as love.

Collections: 9th June Envelopes €760 Baskets €550

No of Envelopes 68

Direct Debits 3

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

Mass Schedule:

Mass on Mon 17th & Friday 21st June at 7.30pm

Mass Tuesday 18th – Thursday 20th June at 10am

Graveyard Masses/Prayers in June

Kiltennel Cemetery Sunday 23rd June Rosary & Blessing of Graves

Sacred Heart Cemetery Mass on Friday 28th June at 7.30pm

Clonagoose Cemetery Mass on Sunday 30th June at 3pm

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

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

Parish Centre: Mon/Wed/Fri 9.30 – 12.30, Tues & Thurs 1pm – 4pm
Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

Accord Carlow
Pre – Marriage Courses 2019

September 6th & 7th Friday Night & Saturday
October 4th & 5th Friday Night & Saturday

Please note there are no Pre-marriage courses in July or August.

To reserve a place book on line at www.accord.ie

For further information please contact:

Mary at Accord Carlow phone no 059 9138738

St Catherine's Community Service Centre, St Joseph's Road, Carlow

Email: accordcarlow@eircom.net

Counselling Service

Accord offers low cost confidential counselling to couples experiencing challenges or difficulties in their relationship.

For further information contact Mary at 059 9138738

Sacred Heart Church 2020 Celebrations

In 2020 our Parish Church in Borris, the Sacred Heart, celebrates its 200th 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 **Fr. Rory**

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A Father's Day Blessing

***Lord God, you are our Father
and the source of all fatherhood.***

Bless all fathers

especially those gathered her.

May their fatherhood reflect yours.

May they offer wise guidance

and sound example to their children.

May they be patient and kind.

Bless them in times of difficulty or uncertainty.

Give them a strong and lively faith

and help them to share that faith with their children.

Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK