PARISH NEWS

Fourth Sunday of Easter Day of Prayer for Vocations

17th April 2016

'I know them and they Follow Me'

During this Easter season we are celebrating the presence of the Risen Jesus in our lives and in our world. Jesus tells us that he knows his flock and because of this 'knowing', they follow him.

As Christians, we are called towards 'knowing' God more intimately and more deeply. Each of us, on our own journeys and paths, vocations and ministries, are part of this 'flock' because of the deep desire to 'know' God more deeply. It is a very special thing. No matter what our role is in our community, parish, church and so on, it is important to remember what it is that brings us together – the desire to know God, to know God's love and to share that 'knowledge' with others, especially those who are lost and at the margins.

Very often, those most 'lost' in our communities do not experience the presence of the Christian community as they should, they can be cast aside and excluded. Jesus tells us here, no one can snatch them out of His hand. This week can you try to recognise that deep desire within you to know God more fully? What does that mean for you? What does that mean for those you meet in your day to day life?

'If you have come to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound with mine, then let us go together.'

Aboriginal Woman, Anonymous

Collections: 10th April Envelopes €262 Baskets €495

No of Envelopes Direct Debits 7

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

Mass Schedule: No Mass Monday 18th to Thurs 21st April (Incl.)

Mass on Friday 22nd April at 7.30pm

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.

The Parish Centre will be closed from Thurs 14th April to Mon 18th April – back open on Tues 19th

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EIST Cancer Support Centre provides emotional and practical support to people affected by cancer including those who care for them, from the time of diagnosis, through treatment and afterwards. The Eist Cancer Support Centre opens at 10.00 am to 4 pm Monday to Thursday and 10.00 am to 1.00 pm of Fridays. Telephone Number **059 9139684**. Or you can have a look at some of our services on our website at www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie — where you can also fill in a contact form if you have any queries.

Carlow branch of the M.S. Society would like to thank all who supported them in the recent church gate collection in Borris Parish. The sun of €190-00 was collected from the 3 Churches. THANK YOU

Permanent Diaconate Following on from the successful introduction of the first permanent deacons into our diocese, and recognizing the tremendous work which they have accomplished, Bishop Denis is again inviting men who feel a call to this ordained ministry to make application. If you would like to explore a call to Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin please make contact with your Parish Priest who will forward your name and details to the Director for the Permanent Diaconate.

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

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.*

Peace Concert in Knock Basilica

Mayo International Choral Festival is hosting a Peace Concert with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra, in the beautiful surrounds of the fully refurbished Knock Basilica on Saturday, May 14th. This Peace Concert will commemorate the 1916 Rising and World War One. The RTÉ Concert Orchestra will be conducted by David Brophy. The orchestra will perform with a 120 member choir and soloists Anne Marie Gibbons and Owen Gilhooly. For information and tickets, visit www.mayochoral.com.

Pre-Marriage Courses

ACCORD Carlow have places available on the May 6th &7th Course and June 10th & 11th Course. All couples getting married in Church are obliged to attend a Pre-marriage Course.

There are no Courses in June or July so any couple getting married this summer or early autumn should book a place now.

Booking can be made on www.accord.ie or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information

Are you a reader in the parish or would like to become one?

"Entrusted with the Word" is a three night training course for parish readers offered by Kildare and Leighlin Faith Development Services. Open to new and existing parish readers, the next course will take place in **Bagenalstown Community Centre**, **Church St.**,

Wednesday, April 27, May 4 & May 11 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. All who attend will receive the Diocesan Guide for Readers, as well as a certificate of participation.

<u>Booking is essential</u>. If you would like to explore this ministry for the first time or if would like to renew your training please contact the parish office.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Prayer for Vocations

LORD of the Harvest,

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.

Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of you disciples to mutual love and giving -

for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace.

Amen.

Pope Francis Adapted from the Message on the 51st World Day of Prayer for Vocation

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK