

PARISH NEWS

The Ascension of the Lord
World Communications day
17th May 2015

And the lord worked with them....

The fear experienced by the women and the disciples at the end of the Gospel of Mark shows us that even when we have profound spiritual experiences, fear can often force us into silence. The account of the ascension in Mark which we read today urges us not to be afraid but to go out. The Gospel of Mark is a Gospel for hard times, for those who are struggling. This ending aims to empower us and give us courage even when the world around us tells us otherwise. It urges us to 'Go' and tell.

The disciples 'went out'; bringing 'good news' everywhere. We too are called to be Easter People because we live with an assurance that pain, death and grief will not have the last word and we dare to shine the light of hope and wholeness into the empty womb. Where have you encountered Easter People in your own life? How do you communicate this risen Jesus to others? How can we be Easter People to others? This is the challenge of the Gospel today. To bring Christ's love and assurance to all we meet.

'God has given us the power to create beauty, to make another smile, to be a healing presence in someone's sorrow, to bring justice to the oppressed, to console those in difficulty, to bring peace and joy to others, to help those in need, to laugh and enjoy life, to do good and turn from evil, to forgive those who have hurt us, and, most of all, to love.' *Iris Perez*

Collections: 10th May Envelopes €353 Baskets €587

No of Envelopes 61 Direct Debits 5

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

Mass Schedule: Mass at 7.30pm on Mon 18th & Fri 22nd May
 Mass Tues 19th – Thurs 21st May at 9am
Ballymurphy Servers Sat 16th May – Group 2

Bishop's Statement A copy of the Bishop's Statement on the upcoming referendum will be available at the back of all the churches this weekend.

The First Holy Communion will take place this weekend on Sunday 17th May in Borris at 11am Mass.

Polish Mass Mass will be celebrated in Polish on Saturday 23rd May in The Sacred Heart Church, Borris at 7.30pm

Gluten –Free Hosts We have gluten-free hosts if anyone would like to receive them for Communion please contact the Parish Centre or Fr. John.

The Little White Book, a book of 6 minute reflections on the Resurrection Narrative according to John, is available at the back of the Churches or the Parish Office. Cost €3

Accord Pre-marriage Courses Couples getting married this Summer or Autumn 2015 should now book a place on the course on June 12th & 13th **There are no courses in July or August.** Bookings can be made on www.accord.ie or phone 059 9138738

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

Borris Parish Website : www.borrisparish.ie Diocesan website www.kandle.ie

The Parish Centre will be closed on Friday 22nd May and Monday 25th May, back open on Tuesday 26th May

The Eist Cancer Support Centre is open: Tues to Thurs from 9.30am to 4pm 059 91 39684

The Eist Cancer Support Centre The Waterfront Mill Lane, Carlow which provides practical help and emotional support to anyone affected by cancer in County Carlow and the surrounding areas opens Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 4.30pm. You are free to contact us at 059-9139684 or drop-in during our opening hours. We are still looking for people to support us by walking/jogging/running the VHI Women's Mini Marathon on June 1st.

We are grateful for this ongoing support to Eist Cancer Support Centre.

Please contact us at: Eist Cancer Support Centre Carlow, The Waterfront ,Mill Lane, Carlow Town

Website: www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie

Dates for Your Diary Weekend Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick & Knock Sat 27th – Sunday 28th June 2015 €100 per person, includes bus, dinner & bed & breakfast in hotel. **Please book as soon as possible if you are interested in this pilgrimage as we need to finalise details. The deposit is €20 per person.**

“Music Generation Carlow will host its Encore Singing workshop for students from Borris NS, Ballymurphy NS and Garryhill NS on Thursday 21st May in Borris Church at 1.30pm. This special workshop will be conducted by Mary Amond O'Brien and will feature children from the above mentioned schools who are currently involved in the Singing classes facilitated by Music Generation Carlow on a weekly basis. Admission to this workshop is free and all parents of the children are welcome to attend.”

Day Pilgrimage To Knock Sunday 7th 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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Communications Prayer

Holy Spirit,

*You blessed the first disciples with the power to spread God's love throughout the world.
Give me a new power to proclaim your word through my own unique gifts and through the
channels of clear communication.*

Make me willing to receive that word as it enters my daily life.

Bless all who use their talents in the field of communications.

*Guide those who send out the message and those who receive it, so that all people may come to
know your truth and be renewed by your love.*

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK