PARISH NEWS

Fifth Sunday of Easter 19th May 2019

Love one another

'Love one another' is the basic principle of Christianity, to love as Jesus loved. It is simple, yet we can make it so complicated. Jesus' love was controversial for some people, because it was love without exclusion. To love as Jesus loved is to love those it is hard to love. This love ultimately led to Jesus' death. Jesus loved sinners, tax collectors, prostitutes, people of other religions, the poor, the unwanted, the sick, the beggar, the leper. This love is too much for some Christians today also. It is hard to love the sinner or to love family members or friends who have hurt us. Yet this is the love that we are called to. Once we begin to accept that we are infinitely loved by God, it is like a domino effect where that love is poured outwards in our lives. We are part of this outpouring of God's creative love and are called to bring this into places where there is none. In this way we are helping to heal, sustain and nourish this world.

Let us hear those words of the Gospel more clearly today: 'Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples.' Let us dream of, and work towards, a world where this is a reality.

'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

Borris Pilgrimage to Lourdes - Fr. Rory

 $19^{th} July - 25^{th} July 2019$

Duration: 6 Nights in Hotel Solitude, Lourdes, Full Board Basis

Cost: €839 p.p.s. Includes transfers, taxes & travel insurance

Deposit €200 required by 26th April

To Book: Contact Tully's Travel, Carlow 059-9136100

Booking forms also available in The Parish Centre

Collections: 12th May Envelopes € Baskets €

No of Envelopes Direct Debits

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

Mass Schedule:

Mass on Mon 20th & Friday 24th May at 7.30pm Mass Tuesday 21st – Thursday 23rd May at 10am

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

St. Patrick Missionary Society wish to thank all our parishioners for their great generosity on the weekend of May 4/5

Parish Centre:

Phone 059 9773128; email borrisparish@gmail.com Closed Bank Holidays.

Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 2nd June – departing Borris at 7am. Adults €20, Children €10 Return approx. 10pm.For further Details Contact Loughlin Doyle 085-8089125, John Coady 051-424628

Pilgrimage to Santiago
Including Walking the Camino
'The Portuguese Way'
August 20th - 27th 2019
Fr. John O'Brien
Cost €890 p.p.s. Incl Transfers & Taxes
Fr. John O'Brien
Contact Tully's Travel 059-9136100

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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*

Blood Donation Clinic Lord Bagenal Hotel Tuesday 21st May 2019 Wednesday 22nd May 2019 From 4.30pm to 8.00pm

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK