

PARISH NEWS

Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection 1st April 2018

Today we celebrate the highpoint of the Christian calendar, Easter. The gospel tells us that Mary Magdalen is the first witness to the Resurrection. 'It was still dark....' When Mary went to the tomb but it was also the 'first day of the week', a new beginning. We might recall those situations in our lives which seemed so dark, where we felt that there was no light at the end of the tunnel.

Whatever our 'death' experiences may be, we revisit them, going to the tomb as usual. And then we realise that something has changed, the stone has rolled away. Let the stone and linen wrappings in this text today represent all that keeps us from being free; all that keeps us captive, emotionally, physically, spiritually, in our broken relationships and struggling communities. However big that stone appears to be, our faith in the resurrection of Jesus tells us that this stone can be moved. Think of all the situations in our world which need transformation, the homelessness crisis, the violence on our streets, our own sorrow. The Easter gospel shows us that these situations can be transformed, even though it is often a painful journey. Once we experience the resurrection we are called to radical change and to share this transformative joy with others.

'Jesus you are with us. Keep us ever mindful of how you are part of our lives in a deep and profound way. Surprise us with a touch of your love in places where we never thought that we would find you.'
Joyce Rupp

Collections: 25th Mar Envelopes €581 Baskets €1159
No of Envelopes 75 Direct Debits 5

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

Timetable of Ceremonies for Holy Week

Holy Thursday 29th March **No** morning Mass, Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm in Borris
Good Friday 30th March Day of Fast & Abstinence. Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm in Borris & 7.00pm in Rathanna.

Holy Saturday 31st March. 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 1st April Mass in Ballymurphy at **10am**, 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.

Ballymurphy Servers Sun 1st Apr **Group 1**

Mass on Monday 2nd April & Friday 6th April 7.30pm

Mass on Tues 3rd April at 10am

No Mass on Wed 4th & Thurs 5th April

Visiting the Sick Fr. Rory will visit the sick on his list on Thursday 5th April in the Ballymurphy & Rathanna areas and on Friday 6th April in the Borris area.

Borris Parish Website: www.borrisparish.ie

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

Parish Centre: Opening hours from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Monday - Friday

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

The Parish Centre will be closed on Good Friday 30th March and also Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th April as well as Bank Holiday Monday 2nd April.

Safeguarding: If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Ms. Joan Treacy**

Mob: 085-8021633, e-mail – dlp@kandle.ie

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes: The Parish Pilgrimage this year 5 night package starting on **Tuesday 07 August 2018**. The cost would be EUR 755.00 per person sharing a twin / double room and EUR 155.00 for the single room supplement. The cost would include the following;

Transport & Accommodation

- Flight from Dublin to Lourdes
- Transfer on arrival from the airport to the hotel with guide assistance
- Accommodation in the Hotel Paradis
- Breakfast, lunch and evening meal served each day at hotel
- Transfer to Lourdes Airport for return flight
- Luxury air-conditioned coach for all transfers and tours

Tours & Religious Programme

- Introductory tour of the Grotto Domain, visiting the Grotto, Baths, Basilicas and the Stations of the Cross
- Guided walking tour of Lourdes visiting places associated with the life of St. Bernadette
- Religious processions in Lourdes led by Spiritual Director: Blessing of the Sick, Blessed Sacrament and Torchlight Marian Procession
- Full services of guides and representatives throughout the pilgrimage and at airports

For booking forms please call to the Parish Centre.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

This Is the Time

In the spring, it is my job to envision fruitfulness and commit to it.

It is my task to breathe in the air and perceive the earth and ripe, vulnerable seed,

To grasp the possibility.

In spring my work is to imagine and to dig and dig and feel and listen and smell and taste.

It is time to learn my desires and put them to work.

Spring is the time to test my strength and stretch my thoughts,

To raise my arms, open my heart, invite sunlight, wind, downpour, silence, night, to participate, then, in the world waking up.

Vinita Hampton, in Sacred Space: The Prayer Book 2018 (from www.sacredspace.ie)

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK

