

# PARISH NEWS

## The Ascension of the Lord

1 JUNE 2014

### Glimpses of Heaven

At various points in the Gospels, we are treated to a brief glimpse of heaven – the baptism of Jesus by John, when the heavens opened and God's voice is heard; the Transfiguration where Jesus is transformed in the presence of Peter, James and John; and the Ascension, when Jesus is lifted up into heaven before the disciples' very eyes.

There are times when we get the sense that we have been treated to a glimpse of heaven – like when we are moved by a 'heavenly' experience, piece of music, sunset or breath-taking scenery. But today's feast of the Ascension reminds us that where Jesus has gone, we hope to follow. Elsewhere he tells us that he is going to prepare a place for us. We cannot imagine what lies in store in the life everlasting, the life beyond this life, which we hope to share with God. We can only see a reflection in this world of the splendour and beauty that awaits: 'The world is charged with the grandeur of God' (Gerard Manley Hopkins).

'Oh I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth of sun-split clouds  
.... and done a hundred things you have not dreamed of...  
Wheeled and soared and swung high in the sunlit silence....  
And while with silent, lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space....  
...put out my hand, and touched the face of God.'

'High Flight' by John Gillespie Magee Jr.

**Collections:** 25<sup>th</sup> May 2014 Envelopes €721 Baskets €505

No. Of Envelopes Returned 69 Direct Debits 7

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

**Mass schedule :** Mass at 7.30pm on Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> June & Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Mass at 9.00 am Tues to Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June

**Parish Centre:** The Parish Centre is open as usual Mon. – Fri. from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.  
Phone 9773128; email [borrisparish@gmail.com](mailto:borrisparish@gmail.com) **Closed Bank holidays.**

**Borris Parish Website :** [www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie) Diocesan website [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

*If you wish to follow Fr. John on Twitter, you can do so @Frjohn51*

**Visitation Of The Sick** Fr. John will visit the sick people on his list on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June in the Rathanna & Ballymurphy areas and on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June in the Borris area.

**Eist Cancer Support Centre**, The Waterfront, Mill Lane Carlow Tel: 059 91 39684 Opens Tuesdays, Weds, Thurs from 9.30 to 4pm offering support and practical help to anyone coping with a cancer diagnosis, their families and carers. The centre is currently running a drop in relaxation & meditation programme each Tuesday morning at 11am. Counselling and Reflexology are by appointment only. Our pottery class will commence shortly, please contact the centre for more information. [www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie](http://www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie) Visit us on facebook

**Final Opportunity – last chance !** : Camino de Santiago Walk :The Camino which takes place on 16<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 – **is now fully booked**. Anyone who wishes to go on standby( in case of cancellations) for the trip should contact Tully's Office in Carlow 059-9136100

**Tax Refund for the Parish** Please return your CHY3 forms to the Parish Centre in order for us to reclaim from Revenue the tax paid on your donations.

**Hospice Sunflower Days** take place on June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. Please support your local hospice service by buying a sunflower. All funds raised locally, stay locally. For more information and to volunteer with your local hospice service for Hospice Sunflower Days visit [www.sunflowerdays.ie](http://www.sunflowerdays.ie)

**Bus to Knock from St. Mullins & Borris on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June** – which is the Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Day in Knock. Further Details for this day trip are available from John Coady 051-424628 or Loughlin Doyle 059-9724242. The cost is €20 and the bus is leaving Borris at 7am (Ballymurphy at 6.45am) on Sunday morning.

**Annual Mass for the Sick** – Please note that the date of this Mass has been **changed** from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July

Carlow Choral Society director Niall Kinsella presents Durufle Requiem in Carlow Cathedral on Sunday June 8th at 8.15pm. Tickets £15.

**County Carlow Women's Network** with the support of Carlow Local Sports Partnership is offering Taster Sessions for Women in Rowing, Rafting, Dragon Boat Racing and Kayaking. No experience necessary. It's a chance to have fun and try something new. For further information on dates and costs please contact Fiona on (059) 9179376.

### **Barrowline Charity Walk**

A beautiful walk along the River Barrow from St. Mullins to Graignamanagh (and back again-optional) is being organised in aid of Éist Cancer Support and Carlow Kilkenny Homecare on Bank Holiday Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The walk will begin on the Quay in St. Mullins @ 11 am. Your support on the day would be greatly appreciated! Let's make it a great success again this year! Sponsorship cards are available from Mary Ellen Doyle, Cathy Kehoe, Mary Coady or donations are also welcome on the day!

### ***THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK***

#### ***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 or not 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.

***HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK***